

Black Australorp

A calm, substantial dual-purpose bird with glossy black plumage and a beetle-green sheen.

Origin
Australia



HEN
2.75–3.10 kg



ROOSTER
3.60–4.10 kg

PURPOSE

Dual-purpose

eggs and useful body weight

STARTS LAYING

22–26 weeks

depends on strain and season

EGG

55–65 g

usually medium to large

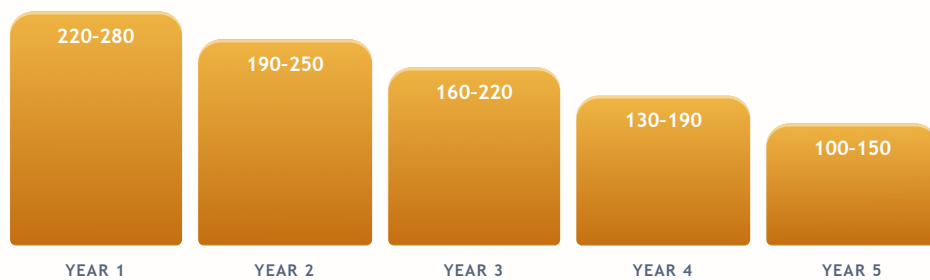
BROODINESS

Moderate

some hens make attentive mothers

ESTIMATED LAYING IN A BACKYARD FLOCK

Eggs through the first five laying years



WHAT DO THE EGGS LOOK LIKE?

Light-brown shell



Colour: light brown to cream-brown, sometimes with a soft pink tint.

TEMPERAMENT AND BEHAVIOUR

A steady bird for a mixed flock

- **Gentle and even-tempered** - most birds settle around people quite quickly.
- **A sensible beginner breed** - for a practical family flock.
- **Usually easy in a mixed flock** - but make sure quieter birds reach the feeder.
- **Heavier and less flighty** - than light Mediterranean breeds.

CONDITIONS THAT SUIT THE BREED

Dry, airy and unhurried

- **Handles cold weather well** - when the coop stays dry and free from draughts.
- **Needs shade in hot weather** - plus fresh water and good airflow.
- **Roosts should be sturdy and not too high** - because these are heavy birds.
- **Enjoys ranging** - but also settles on a well-planned permanent run.



A record is not a flock average. The famous 364 eggs in 365 days came from one exceptional hen in a controlled test. In a normal backyard flock, about 220-280 eggs in the best year is a more useful expectation.