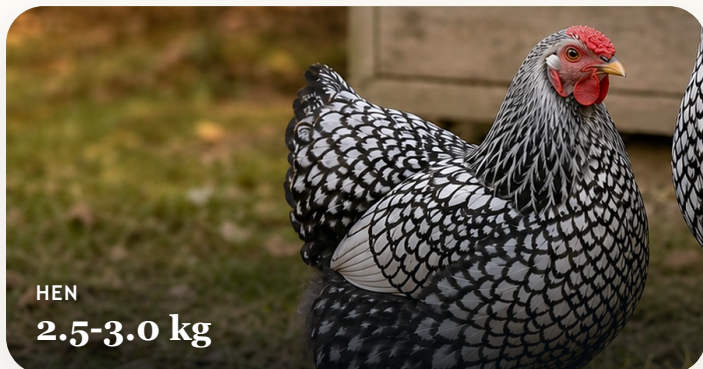


Wyandotte

A calm, broad dual-purpose chicken with a rose comb and striking laced plumage.

Origin
United States



HEN
2.5-3.0 kg



ROOSTER
3.4-3.8 kg

PURPOSE

Dual purpose

eggs, useful body weight and beauty

STARTS LAYING

22-28 weeks

depends on strain and season

EGG

53-60 g

cream to light brown

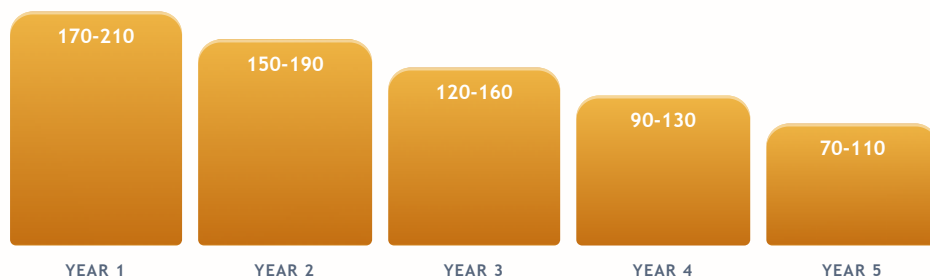
BROODINESS

Moderate

varies considerably by strain

ESTIMATED LAYING IN A BACKYARD FLOCK

Eggs through the first five laying years



WHAT DO THE EGGS LOOK LIKE?

Cream to light brown



Colour: large eggs, commonly 53-60 g; they often become larger as the hen matures.

TEMPERAMENT AND BEHAVIOUR

Calm, confident and easy to tame

- Usually comfortable around people - when handled calmly from a young age.
- Not necessarily submissive - a large hen often holds a solid place in the pecking order.
- Less flighty than light breeds - although young birds can still clear a low fence.
- Rooster temperament varies by line - aggression is not worth keeping for perfect feather colour.

CONDITIONS THAT SUIT THE BREED

Dry housing, stable perches and summer shade

- Generally cold hardy - dense plumage and the rose comb reduce frost exposure.
- Damp is harder on them than frost - ventilation and dry litter remain essential.
- Heavy bodies need lower perches - allow roughly 25-30 cm of perch for each bird.
- Heat requires active management - provide shade, fresh water and a well-ventilated coop.



Judge type before colour. Look for a broad rounded body, low rose comb, clean yellow legs and four toes. Beautiful lacing cannot correct a narrow, high-set bird.