



Resource Guide for Owners of Small Poultry Flocks

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Many people are interested in raising small poultry or gamebird flocks for eggs, meat, hobbies, profit or 4-H projects. A small flock is usually inexpensive, requires little space and doesn't require much time. Raising a small flock is also a good way to introduce youth to food production and build a sense of responsibility.

However, as the commercial poultry industry expanded and consolidated, small flock enthusiasts have had increasing difficulty locating reliable sources of chicks and supplies.

The following list of hatcheries and supply stores may not be all inclusive, but should be a good starting point for persons interested in producing poultry and gamebirds on a small scale.

This resource guide has been made available to assist

small flock owners with locating sources of chicks, waterfowl, gamebirds, peafowl, pigeons and places to purchase equipment supplies from Kansas producers and others.

Kansas Hatcheries

Blue Line Club

2841 K-18
Solomon, KS 67480

Hatching Season: April-July

Breeds Offered: Ringneck Pheasant, Chukar Partridge, Bob-white Quail

Other Information: Blue Line Club is also a hunting preserve open to the public

Brochure Available: Yes

PH: 785-488-3785

Contact: Bernie Janssen

Blue Valley Gamebird Farm

1002 Harvest Rd.
Marysville, KS 66508

Hatching Season: April-June

Breeds Offered: Eastern Wild Turkeys, Cameo Peacocks, Yellow Golden Pheasants, Pekin Ducks

Equipment: Complete line of gamebird and poultry equipment, netting, etc.

Brochure Available: Yes

PH: 785-562-5258

Contact: Gary and Opal Tobin;
Jeannette Kloppenborg

Country Hatchery & Feed

1379 117th Rd.
Dodge City, KS 67801-6681

Hatching Season: Year-round, some breeds

Types of Breeds Offered: An assortment of: Chickens, bantams, turkeys, ducks, gamebirds, and others

PH: 316-225-03001

Contact: Rita Eichman

David White Hatchery

Rt. 1, Box 136A
Great Bend, KS 67530

Hatching Season: March-September

Breeds Offered: Ducklings, goslings, guineas, white egg layers, brown egg layers, bantams

Brochure Available: Yes

PH: 316-982-4571

Contact: David White

Friend Bird Farm

PH: 316-378-3946

Rt. 3, Box 24
Fredonia, KS 66736
Hatching Season: March–August
Breeds Offered: Peafowl

Midwest Feed Co., Inc.

PH: 316-665-8041
Contact: Mike G. Smith

14 West B
Hutchinson, KS 67501
Hatching Season: Lask week in February–first week in June.
Breeds Offered: California White, Rhode Island Red Breeding, Medium Cornish and fast growing Cornish. Geese: Embden and Toulouse; Ducks: Pekin and Roven. Turkey: White and Bronze. Guineas, pheasant, quail and bantams available
Equipment: Feeders, waterers, small incubators, heat lamps, leg bands, full line of poultry feed, medications, worms and some vaccines
Brochure Available: No, but will send out chick price lists upon request

Smith Poultry Supply

PH: 913-879-2587
FX: 913-533 2497
Contact: John or Terry Smith

14000 W. 215th St.
Bucyrus, KS 66013
Breeds Offered: (Note: Does not sell chicks or eggs)
Pheasants: Golden, D.T. Golden, Yellow Golden, Silver Golden, Pied Golden, Silver, Reeves Amherst, Cher, Swinhoe, Horsefield, Elliot, Bartail, Edwards, Mikado, Koklass, Impeyan, Blue Eared, Brown Eared, White Eared, Temminck Tragopan, Satry Tragopan, Gray Peacock, Palawan Peacock, Rothschilds Peacock, Germain Peacock, Malay Crested Fireback, Siamese Fireback, Versicolor, Malay Peacock, Scintillation Coppers
Geese: Barheaded, Greater Magellian, Ashy-Headed, Lessen White Frount, Cape Barren, Abyssinian Blue-Winged, Maned Geese
Misc.: Chilian Tinamou, Crested Tinamou, Erckel, Black, Hyderabad Francolins, Blond Bobwhite
Equipment: Has a nice supply of small flock equipment
Brochure Available: Yes

Stirtz Hatchery

PH: 785-263-2505

1400 2200 Ave.
Enterprise, KS 67441
Hatch Season: January–May
Breeds Offered: Standard White Leghorn for egg production

Thundering Wings Pheasant Farms

PH: 785-489-2411

Rt. 2, Box 178
Westphalia, KS 66093
Hatching Season: April–August 1
Types of Breeds Offered: Gamebirds, wild turkeys, flight birds and chicks

Other Hatcheries

B & D Game Farm

PH: 405-964-5235
FX: 405-964 5860
Contact: Bert and Dianne Tumey

Rt. 1, Box 812
Harrah, OK 73045
Hatching Season: April 1–October
Breeds Offered: Bobwhite Quail, Pharoah Quail, Tibetan Quail, Ringneck Pheasant, Chukar Partridge, Junglefowl (Indian Red), Pearl Guinea Fowl
Equipment: Shipping supplies for chicks and eggs, video and books on raising and cooking gamebirds
Brochure Available: Yes

Cackle Hatchery

P.O. Box 529
Lebanon, MO 65536

PH: 417-532-4581
FX: 417-588-1918

Hatching Season: February–September

Breeds Offered: Offers many rare and production type breeds of chickens along with ducks, turkeys and goslings

Equipment: Miscellaneous items

Brochure Available: Yes

Clearview Stock Farm and Hatchery

P.O. Box 399
Gratz, PA 17030

PH: 717-365-3234
FX: 717 365-3594

Hatching Season: Begins March 1

Breeds Offered: Goslings, ducklings, turkey poults, guinea/cuts, gamebirds and chicks

Brochure Available: Yes

Crow Poultry and Supply Co.

P.O. Box 106
Windsor, MO 65360

PH: 816-647-2614

Hatching Season: February–September

Breeds Offered: Has many production and rare breeds of chickens

Brochure Available: Yes

Other Info: Also sells several poultry books

G.Q.F. Mfg. Co., Inc.

2343 Louisville Rd.
Savannah, GA 31498-2701

PH: 912-236-0651
FX: 912-234 9978

Hatching Season: Quail eggs year-round

Breeds Offered: Bobwhite and Cortunix Quail eggs

Equipment: Incubators, brooders, feeders, etc.

Brochure Available: Yes

Grain Belt Hatchery

Box 125-OG
Windsor, MO 65360

PH: 660-647-2711

Hatching Season: Weekly

Breeds Offered: Rare and exotic chickens, bantams, turkeys, ducks, etc.

Brochure Available: Yes

Hoffman Hatcheries

Box 129
Gratz, PA 17030

PH: 717-365-3694

Hatching Season: February–September

Breeds Offered: Geese, ducks and chickens

Equipment: Yes

Brochure Available: Yes

Holderread's Waterfowl Farm

P.O. Box 492
Corvallis, OR 97339

Hoovers Hatchery, Inc.

205 Chickasaw St., Box 200
Rudd, IA 50471

PH: 800-247-7014
PH: 515-395-2730
FX: 515-395-2208

Hatching Season: February–September weekly; September–January monthly
Breeds Offered: Ducks, goslings, turkeys, pheasants, bantams and many others
Brochure Available: Yes

Ideal Poultry Breeding Farms, Inc.

P.O. Box 591
Cameron, TX 76520-0591
Email: lbreeding@aol.com
Website: <http://www.idealpoultry.com/index.htm>

PH: 254-697-6677
FX: 254 697-2393

Hatching Season: Year-round for some breeds
Breeds Offered: Has several breeds of chicks, bantams, guineas, turkeys, ducklings and goslings
Brochure Available: Yes

Inman Hatcheries

P.O. Box 616
Aberdeen, SD 57402-0616

PH: 800-843-1962
PH: 605-225 8122
FX: 605-225-4836

Hatching Season: February–July
Breeds Offered: Goslings, turkey poults, ducklings, chickens, chukar, guinea, pheasants
Equipment: A good assortment
Brochure Available: Yes

Marti Poultry Farm

P.O. Box 27, 603 E. Jackson
St. Windsor, MO 65360

PH: 816-647-3156

Hatching Season: Mid-February–mid-September
Breeds Offered: Chickens, bantams, ducks, pheasants, chukars, turkeys and guineas
Brochure Available: Yes

Metzer Farms

26000 Old Stage Rd.
Gonzales, CA 93926
Email: metzer@metzerfarms.com
Website: <http://www.metzerfarms.com>

PH: 800-424-7755
FX: 408-679 2711

Hatching Season: Year-round
Breeds Offered: Specializes in ducks and geese
Brochure Available: Yes

Murray McMurray Hatchery

Box 458, 191 Closz Drive
Webster City, IA 50595-0458
Website: <http://www.mcmurrayhatchery.com>

PH: 800-456-3280
FX: 515-832-2213

Hatching Season: Varies according to breed
Breeds Offered: Offers numerous standard and rare breeds of chicks, turkeys and waterfowl
Brochure Available: Yes

Ridgway Hatcheries, Inc.

615 N. High St., Box 306
LaRue, OH 43332

PH: 800-323-3825
FX: 614-499-2828

Hatching Season: All year on some breeds
Breeds Offered: Many rare breeds, production breeds, gamebirds, guineas, goslings and ducks
Equipment: All types of small equipment, books, medicines and supplies
Brochure Available: Yes

Strickland Quail Farms

PH / FX: 912-748-5769

P.O. Box 9
 Pooler, GA 31322
 Hatching Season: Year-round
 Breeds Offered: Northern bobwhite and Coturnix quail
 Brochure Available: Yes

Stromberg Chick and Gamebirds, Inc.

PH: 800-720-1134

FX: 218-587-4230

P.O. Box 400
 Pine River, MN 56474
 Hatching Season: January to August
 Breeds Offered: Peafowl, guineas
 Equipment: Books, incubators, brooders, feeders, waterers, pickers, traps and netting
 Brochure Available: Yes

Welp's Hatchery, Inc.

PH: 800-458-4473

FX: 515-885 2346

P.O. Box 77
 Bancroft, IA 50517
 Hatching Season: Year-round
 Breeds Offered: Exotic and standard chicks
 Brochure Available: Yes

Leg Bands and Identification

National Band and Tag Company

PH: 606-261-2035

FX: 606-261-8247

721 York Street, P.O. Box 430
 Newport, KY 41072-0430
 Equipment: This company offers just about every form of leg band or tag made

Other Suppliers of Equipment, Medications, Vaccines, etc.

Nasco

PH: 800-558-9595

FX: 920-563-8296

901 Jamesville Ave.
 Fort Atkinson, WI 53538-0901
 EMAIL: info@nascofa.com

Tek Supply

PH: 820-835-7877

1440 Field of Dreams Way
 Dyersville, IA 52040

Midwest Livestock Supply, Inc.

PH: 888-342-5657

3600 North Sixth Street
 Beatrice, NE 68310

Val-A Chicago, Inc.

PH: 800-552-8252

FX: 312-927-6832

700 W. Root Street
 Chicago, IL 60609

Brower

PH: 800-553-1791

FX: 319-469-4402

Highway 16 West, P.O. Box 2000
 Houghton, IA 52631

Lyon Electric Company, Inc.

PH: 619-585-9900

FX: 619 420-1426

2765 Main Street
 Chula Vista, CA 91911

Kuhl Corporation

PH: 908-782-5696

FX: 908-782-2751

P.O. Box 26
 Flemington, NJ 08822

Zeitlow Distributing Company PH: 316-241-4279
P.O. Box 424
McPherson, KS 67460-0424

Specialty Plastic Fence Netting
Nalle Plastics, Inc. PH: 800-531-5112
220 E. St. Elmo Rd.
Austin, TX 78745-1218

Tenax Corp. PH: 800-356-8495
4800 E. Monument St. FX: 410-522 7015
Baltimore, MD 21205

Books
For information about poultry breeds and standards:

The American Standard of Perfection
American Poultry Association
26363 S. Tucker Road
Estacada, OR 97023

Bantam Standard
American Bantam Association
P.O. Box 127
Augusta, NJ 07822

Watt Publishing PH: 815-734-4171
122 South Wesley Avenue FX: 815-734-7021
Mt. Morris, IL 61054
This company publishes and sells a large number of commercial and small flock publications.

Processing Equipment
Processing equipment for small flocks is becoming more difficult to locate. Also, the initial cost of new equipment may be too high to justify processing your own flock. However, some of the following companies still offer equipment to process poultry on a small scale:

- Nasco:** (see previous listing)
- Brower:** (see previous listing)
- Val-A Chicago, Inc.:** (see previous listing)
- Lyon Electric Company, Inc.:** (see previous listing)

Poultry Processors
Two packing plants in Kansas will custom-process small flocks of company under state inspection. If you have or will have birds to process, you should contact them well in advance to make reservations to have your birds processed.

Bronson Locker PH: 316-939-4575
Bronson, KS 66716

Pinkerton Poultry Processing PH: 316-532-2136
Kingman, KS 67068

Egg Cartons

Many small flock owners are able to sell excess eggs directly to consumers and need egg cartons to package their product. For more information about packing eggs on the farm, see K-State Research and Extension Publication number MF-2307. Usually, the cost of purchasing custom printed cartons is too high to justify. It may be easier to purchase generic cartons that meet all labeling requirements then add a logo or farm name with an inexpensive ink stamp. Suppliers of egg cartons on a small scale include:

Lionel Industries (see previous listing)

Adelman Fisher Packaging, Inc.

707 Walnut Street
Kansas City, MO 64106

PH: 816-842-4961

Contact: Jim

Museums

Kansans are fortunate to be able to easily reach the newly established National Poultry Museum at the National Agricultural Center in Bonner Springs, Kansas. A hatchery is exhibiting poultry industry artifacts and collections. The Poultry Museum is conducting a \$3 million campaign to add an auditorium and library. For more information, contact:

National Poultry Museum

The National Agricultural Center
and Hall of Fame
630 Hall of Fame Drive
Bonner Springs, KS 66012

PH: 913-721-1075

FX: 913-721-1201

Disease Testing

For information about the National Poultry Improvement Plan in Kansas, testing requirements, supplies, forms, etc, contact:

The Kansas Poultry Association

Dept. of AS&I, 130 Call Hall
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506-1600

PH: 785-532-1201

FX: 785-532-5681

Contact: Dr. R. Scott Beyer

Email: sbeyer@oz.oznet.ksu.edu

If you need assistance with disease diagnosis, you may contact the Veterinary Hospital at Kansas State University. They will instruct you on how to submit samples of birds displaying disease symptoms.

College of Veterinary Medicine

Veterinary Hospital
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506

PH: 785-532-5690

FX: 785-532-4309

Associations

The following associations may provide additional information about career opportunities, educational opportunities, industry statistics, product promotion, etc:

American Egg Board

1460 Renaissance Drive
Park Ridge, IL 60068

PH: 847-296-7043

FX: 847-296-7007

American Poultry Historical Society

260 Animal Science Bldg.
1675 Observatory Drive
Madison, WI 53706

PH: 608-262-9764

FX: 608-262-5157

Kansas Poultry Association

Department of AS&I, 130 Call Hall
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506-1600

PH: 785-532-1201

FX: 785-532-5681

Contact: Dr. R. Scott Beyer

Email: sbeyer@oz.oznet.ksu.edu

Kansas Turkey Federation

Department of AS&I, 130 Call Hall
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506-1600

PH: 785-532-1201
FX: 785-532-5681
Contact: Dr. R. Scott Beyer
Email: sbeyer@oz.oznet.ksu.edu

Midwest Poultry Federation

2380 Wycliff St.
St. Paul, MN 55114

PH: 612-646-4553
FX: 612-646-4554

National Broiler Council

1155 15th St., NW, Suite 614
Washington, D.C. 20005

PH: 202-296-2622
FX: 202-293-4005

National Turkey Federation

1225 New York Ave., NW, Suite 400
Washington, D.C. 20005

PH: 202-898-0100
FX: 202-898-0203

Poultry Science Association

111 N. Dunlap Ave.
Savoy, IL 61874

PH: 217-356-3182
FX: 217-398-4119

Turkey Market Development Council

1026 Poultry Science Bldg.
Purdue University
West Lafayette, IN 47906

PH: 317-494-8567
FX: 317-496-1600

U.S. Poultry & Egg Association

1530 Cooledge Rd.
Tucker, GA 30084
Internet: <http://www.poultryegg.org>

PH: 770-493-9401
FX: 770-493-9257

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