

# Chelmsford Agway



## Chicken Breeds



**Ameraucana:** Good layers, friendly and hardy. They are also known as Easter Eggers because they lay either light blue or light green eggs. They get along well with other chickens and very rarely go broody. This is a good choice for those who want a simple and easy to manage chicken. The coloring of these chickens can vary greatly from dark brown to a light golden color.



**Barred Rock:** Plymouth Rocks may just be the most popular breed in the US due to their excellent egg laying and hearty frames. They are also easy to tame and non-aggressive as they tend to get along well with other chickens.



**Black Australorpe:** The Australorpe is a hardy breed, capable of laying 5 eggs per week once they reach the age of five months. These are a calm, friendly and very easy breed to handle at any skill level, making them great for beginners.



**Buff Orpington:** Orpingtons can do it all, whether by laying 200 eggs per year or being easy to handle and show. They are friendly and get along well with other chickens. These are a good choice for first time chicken keepers.



**Frizzles:** they have unique feathers that curl outwards instead of lying flat. They are relaxed and easy-going. Very good egg layers. They lay cream colored or tinted eggs and are winter hardy. They come in a variety of colors. \*\*



**Rhode Island Red:** Excellent egg layers. They are prized for their 220 eggs per year production, are a hearty breed and popular in shows. They are normally docile, especially when kept with their own breed.



**Silkies:** Silkies are one of the most charming and sweet natured breeds you will come across. They are docile and calm. They have a fluffy silk-like plumage, with feathers also on their legs. They are winter hardy and will usually lay throughout the winter months. \*\*



**Gold Sex Link:** Very gentle birds that will be a consistent producer of large brown eggs. They are sweet, small and docile and continue to lay well in the heat and the cold. Their color as chicks is the indicator of females (pullets).

\*\* These chicks are bantams and should be purchased in groups of at least two