

Eggs under a broody hen

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How long can eggs that have been under a broody hen be left without her keeping them warm?

My original broody suddenly decided enough was enough and I had to swap her with a Barnie who was still broody despite having been in the sin bin a couple of days.

Before the swap the eggs were uncovered for a couple of hours. That was yesterday. The Barnie seems ok but some of the eggs keep falling out of the nest. I need to sort something out tomorrow but I wonder if it is worth it. On both occasions the eggs are outside the pophole on the grass. And each time they had got cold before I realised.

Your help for a very novice egg hatcher is very much appreciated.

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