

Re: New plan for chicken house

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Karen Woodward wrote:

- > *Jill, you asked in a previous post about our weather here. I wanted*
- > *to research a little before responding. I knew we would get some*
- > *overnight freezes and some strong wind. I now know that those storms*
- > *are called Arctic Winds of up to 100 mph! Yikes! These storms come*
- > *about every 5-10 years and can happen up to 6 times in a bad winter.*

hey – Are you sure you do not live in Argyll Scotland !!!! – your weather sounds more and more like ours all teh time :@~)))

Except we get 100 mph every year

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- > *Historically, the power has gone out for up to 6 days.*

we hope not to have it out for so long

The city

- > *(we're on the outskirts) was caught offguard without snowplows and*
- > *has them now. The lack of planning for snow plows tells me that*
- > *these storms are infrequent, but I'd rather not be caught unprepared.*

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- > *Advice given from several sources has been to put insulation and a*
- > *light bulb in the pumphouse, so that need must be common enough.*

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- > *So here's the new plan. A house within the barn. I need a space*
- > *that I can heat with a light, but how do I provide bedding without it*
- > *being a fire risk? Will a light really provide enough heat if it's*
- > *up, safely away from the bedding? If it drops well below freezing,*
- > *should I have a way to close the ventilation off if even for the*
- > *coldest hours? If I hang a light near the perches, will the nest*
- > *boxes need heat too? Or do they just go there to lay eggs, then go*
- > *to the perch under the light? If it's that cold, they may not want*
- > *to go to the next boxes, or even be laying eggs at that point. So*
- > *far they like to pile together on the floor or up in the nest boxes*
- > *because these are closer to the light I have hanging in their "ark".*

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- > *If they're used to standing on perches near a light to keep warm,*

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- > *what will they do if the power goes out? Should I provide a nice*
- > *raised floor area for them to pile on? Now were back to the bedding*
- > *being too close to the light again...*
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- > *I'm a nervous hen!*