

Re: Chicken question

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"Jill." <news@REMOVETHISKintaline.co.uk> wrote in message
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> *Searcher 1 wrote:*

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>> *There are 6 Chickens, The Pen is 10' X 10' squared.*

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> *I take it you move this on to fresh ground every few months?*

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> *The Heated box is*

>> *4' X 4' Squared. the infrared lamp stays on 24 hrs. inside the box,*

>> *the temp in the box stays at 85 degrees.*

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> *Why?*

> *That is tropical – it will be like a sauna*

> *This is not comfortable for chickens*

Yes, I was wondering if the heat was too much – they seem to stay away from it most of the time.

85 degrees would be unbearable for me and I'm not covered in feathers.

Mary

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> *Only when the outside temp.*

>> *is less the 50 degrees.*

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> *50 'F is 10 degrees C -- our birds have that day in day out year around*

> *sometimes -- that is not cold at all*

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> *Birds in a secure timber house with solid walls on each, high ventilation*

> *and a non condensing roof are perfectly capable of being very comfortable*

> *in*

> *temperatures down to 23 degrees F [minus 5 degrees C] as long as its not*

> *all winter and the birds are dry.*

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> *There is a roof and three walls to the*

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>> enclosure, the front is open to the elements, the enclosure is made
>> from 4"x2" metal cage fencing.
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> Okay -- make the front a solid wall with a proper door and pophole. Have a
> ventilation strip at the top.
> They need to be OUT of the elements at night -- they also need peace away
> from any night time predators passing through
> In this building you need to put perches off the ground that are about 2-3
> inches in diameter
>
> What is a POP HOLE?
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> It is the opening that the birds move in and out of a building that you
> shut
> every night
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> If it is the opening to
>> the heated box then it is
>> the bottom 2/3rds of the heated box. Plenty big enough for them to
>> walk in yet low enough to hold the heat. The entire enclosure has a
>> dirt floor with fresh straw and hay every two weeks or so, likewise
>> the heated box. There are also six nesting boxes that the hens will
>> lay in during the warmer time of the year, they all roost on top of
>> the heated box and the nesting boxes at various times.
>> They drink hot water in the morning, We have to fill the bowl
>> three times a day with hot water and they seem to enjoy the warmer
>> water.
>
> The birds should have access to fresh water in a fountain drinker at ALL
> times
> Warm water is not necessary -- plenty of fresh water is
>
>>
>> Keep in mind this is all temporary,
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> It is what the birds are living in right now tho
>
> we are only renting this
>> property and will be buying a house this spring (God willing). I do
>> plan to build a larger permanent structure for them once we move. I
>> want at least three more hens. That will make a total of 7 after
>> culling the two present cocks.
>> Any better ideas ARE appreciated, remember this is my first foray with
>> chickens.
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> Which books have you read?
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> regards
> Jill Bowis

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