

## Re: incubator hatched chickens

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In article <Xns96D988A12B11Fdanny@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>, diddy <diddy@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:

> in thread <news:Omelet-0EE7BF.12192922092005@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>:  
> OmManiPadmeOmelet <Omelet@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> whittled the following words:  
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>> In article <Xns96D95F45BFD57danny@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx>,  
>> diddy <diddy@xxxxxxxxxxxxxx> wrote:  
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>>> Ok I have 4 eggs peeping and wobbling. One hatched this morning.  
>>> It's been hatched for about an hour and a half, and it's not holding  
>>> it's head up yet. It's motoring and flopping around the hatcher,  
>>> peeing like mad, but not able to get it'self upright. Is this normal?  
>>> The other eggs are wobbling and peeping, but no sign of the shell  
>>> breaking yet. They were due to hatch yesterday.  
>>> Is this a bad sign?  
>>  
>> Patience... You can do more harm than good sometimes trying to "help"  
>> too much.  
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>> The chick that is flopping around is normal.  
>> I leave them in the incubator for up to 24 hours, but I have a cabinet  
>> type and put a small cardboard box in there with paper toweling.  
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>> Is yours the one with the screen bottom so the chick will have good  
>> footing? If so, just leave it be. :-) It takes them a day or two to  
>> recover their strength.  
>>  
>> Hatching is hard work!  
>>  
>> Cheers!  
>  
> How about feed and water in the incubator? (yes, it has wire footing) It's  
> now standing up peeping all over the place)

A baby chick can live off of it's yolk sac for up to 3 days.  
That is why they can be live shipped as newborns. ;-)

If it seems to be up and moving about and not falling over anymore, it's

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safe to move it to a brooder. You are using a shallow chick waterer right? Baby chicks are OH so susceptible to drowning!

If it still seems a bit unstable or the least bit wet, leave it for a few more hours. It won't hurt the other eggs.

The thing is, this is a critical time. You really don't want to be opening the incubator a lot and causing fluctuations in temperature. If you've ever watched a hen hatch, as soon as eggs start pipping, she sits TIGHT to the nest and won't even move off for food or water for a couple of days.

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Om.

"My mother never saw the irony in calling me a son-of-a-bitch." –Jack Nicholson

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