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# Sussex Breed

**Description:** Long, broad, flat back; a long and straight breastbone; wide shoulders; and a rectangular build. The tail is held at a 45-degree angle from the body. The eyes are red in the darker varieties but orange in the lighter ones. The comb is single. The earlobes are red and the legs and skin white in every variety.

**Colour:** The light Sussex has a white body with a black tail and black in the flight feathers and wing coverts; the neck hackles are white with black striping

**Skin colour:** White

**Egg colour:** Cream / Light brown

**Use:** Dual-purpose breed: eggs, meat

**Weights:** Cocks 4 - 4.1 kg and hens 3 - 3.2 kg

**Useful to Know:** Hardy, fast maturing, rarely go broody and are good for beginners





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## Black Australorp Breed

**Description:** Standard black plumage that often has a glossy green sheen when seen in the sunlight. They are a clean legged, 4-toed breed and their shanks are a black to dark slate in colour. The eyes are dark brown, a black beak, and red facial features.

**Colour:** Black

**Skin colour:** White

**Egg colour:** Brown

**Use:** Dual-purpose breed: eggs, meat.

**Weights:** Cocks 3.2 – 4.1 kg and hens 2.2 –3.1 kg.

**Useful to Know:** Famous for laying more than 300 eggs per year.





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# Buff Orpington Breed

**Description:** They are very large, heavy, and fluffy chickens with a U-shaped silhouette. They have a stocky build and a broad body with short backs and legs. You can usually only see a tiny bit of leg showing from underneath their loose, prolific feathering. They are loosely feathered and appear to be heavier than their true weight. They have upright, medium-sized single combs, medium-sized wattles, and red earlobes.

**Colour:** Light brown

**Egg colour:** Brown

**Use:** Dual-purpose breed: eggs, meat.

**Useful to Know:** Are a docile breed with excellent mothering skills laying eggs from 6 months of age and can lay around 200 eggs per year. They are friendly and affectionate, making them the perfect breed for children. They are cold hardy and very broody, making them a great choice for the backyard homestead. Can tolerate confinement but also have good foraging ability.





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# Koek Koek Breed

**Description:** They have a large body structure for meat production, suited to subsistence farmers

**Colour:** Black-and-white barred

**Egg colour:** Brown

**Use:** Dual-purpose breed: eggs, meat

**Weights:** Cocks 2.4+ kg and hens 1.7+ kg.

**Useful to Know:** They are happy, active and great foragers. Very hardy and easy to keep, have excellent laying capabilities and can maintain good egg production even during poor or insufficient feeding, known to lay 200 eggs per year. Chicks are sexable soon after hatching due to distinct sex markings. They reach sexual maturity between 4 to 5 months of age





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# Malay Game Breed

**Description:** A breed of game chicken, it is among the tallest breeds of chicken, and may stand over 90 cm high.

**Colour:** Black, black-red, pile, spangled and white.

**Skin colour:** White

**Egg colour:** Brown

**Use:** Meat, show

**Weights:** Cocks 5 kg and hens 4.1 kg

**Useful to Know:** Heat tolerant. Hens may lay approximately 80 eggs per year





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## Boschveld Breed

**Description:** Medium sized breed

**Colour:** Distinctive red and brown colour

**Use:** Dual-purpose breed: eggs, meat

**Weights:** Cocks 2.6 kg and hens 1.7 kg

**Useful to Know:** Cocks are strong and aggressive, hens are very fertile with strong, healthy offspring that grow well. Egg production starts at 24 weeks with production per hen per week being 4 eggs. They have the ability to resist many bacterial diseases and forage. Low input breed which is highly suitable for small-holder farming situations. They can withstand extreme heat and cold, are alert with strong survival skills and hardy in free range conditions. Cocks are ready for slaughter at 12 weeks old, depending on nutritional levels

