

Your shipment will be packed with the great care and shipped via 2-3 day USPS Priority Mail. USPS Express shipping is available upon request for an additional charge. Currently USPS is the only shipping method we use. Our shipping procedures have been fine tuned over the years and in most cases all eggs will arrive intact and ready for incubation and hatching after a suitable rest period. Regardless of how carefully your eggs are packed, occasionally packages are mishandled and delicate eggs arrive broken. We always try to include an extra egg or two (room permitting) to compensate for the possibility of breakage. Please contact us within 24 hours of receipt of your shipment with any concerns you may have.

Hatch rates will vary, average hatch rates for shipped Fertile Eggs run 45% to 65%, higher and lower hatch rates are fairly common

Due to varying conditions beyond our control, critter-cages.com makes **NO GUARANTEE** of hatching success
We want you to be happy with your purchase. It helps to understand what to reasonably expect and accept the fact that from time to time hatches are unsuccessful, even for the experienced keeper. We strongly suggest you take the time to educate yourself prior to purchasing your first hatching eggs. We hope our online guide will answer your questions and help you prepare for your hatching experience **PLEASE TAKE THE TIME TO READ IT** [A Guide to Incubation \(Click Here\)](#)

Proper preparation and handling of your eggs on arrival will enhance your chances of a higher hatch rate. If you are planning to use an incubator for hatching your eggs it should be set-up a few days before your eggs are due to arrive. This allows proper temperature calibration and time for any adjustments needed. The following table may be used as a guide for hatching temperatures and humidity levels. Depending on the type of equipment you are using and your skill level, incubation times will vary. A few degrees either way can make a big difference in incubation length and success rates. The best and easiest way to incubate your eggs is under a good broody hen, she can do all this in her sleep

Incubation Length		Temp (F.)	Humidity	Humidity Last Days	
				*Stop Turning Eggs Last 3 days	
Large Fowl	21 days	99.5	45 -55%	80-85%	19th day
Bantams	21 days	99.5	45 -55%	80-85%	19th day

When your hatching eggs arrive, they should be carefully unwrapped, placed pointy end down in the carton they arrived in and stored at room temperature for twelve to twenty four hours without movement, before being placed in your preheated incubator. This will allow the air cell to stabilize and greatly improve your odds of success.

Orders are shipped in the order they are received, availability dates are ESTIMATES only. Most orders are shipped within 15 to 30 days **Please plan ahead, RESERVE YOUR YOUR SPRING 2012 HATCHING EGGS NOW!**

PLEASE NOTE SPECIAL SHIPPING RATES APPLY TO HATCHING EGGS, YOUR TOTAL AT CHECK-OUT WILL NOT BE CORRECT. WE WILL CONTACT YOU WITH AN UPDATED TOTAL WITH SHIPPING INCLUDED BEFORE YOUR ORDER IS SHIPPED.

USPS PRIORITY shipping charges per box

\$11.00 for less than 1 dozen

\$13.00 for 1 dozen

\$15.00 for more than 1 dozen

USPS EXPRESS 1-2 day shipping per box

(delivery guaranteed in 1-2 days depending on your location)

\$31.00 for less than 1 dozen

\$36.00 for 1 dozen

\$40.00 for more than 1 dozen

24 eggs is the maximum quantity shipped per box ***orders over 24 will ship in a separate box***