

Resource Guide for Owners of Small Poultry Flocks



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Many people are interested in raising small poultry or gamebird flocks for eggs, meat, hobbies, profit or 4-H projects. A small flock is usually inexpensive, requires little space and doesn't require much time. Raising a small flock is also a good way to introduce youth to food production and build a sense of responsibility.

However, as the commercial poultry industry has expanded and consolidated, small flock enthusiasts have had increasing difficulty locating reliable sources of chicks and supplies.

The following list of hatcheries and supply stores may not be all inclusive, but should be a good starting point for persons interested in producing poultry and gamebirds on a small scale. This resource guide has been made available to assist small flock owners with locating sources of chicks, waterfowl, gamebirds, peafowl, pigeons and places to purchase equipment supplies from Kansas producers and others.

Kansas Hatcheries

Ark Valley Pheasant Hatchery

9095 South Hutton Road
Ingalls, KS 67853
Phone: 620-335-5399

Beavers' Game Farm

10406 U.S. Highway 50
Pierceville, KS 67868
Phone: 620-335-5564 / 5645
E-mail: beavgame@ucom.net

Blue Valley Gamebird Farm

1002 Harvest Road
Marysville, KS 66508
Phone: 785-562-5258
Contact: Gary and Opal Tobin;
Jeannette Kloppenborg
Hatching Season: April to June
Breeds Offered: Cameo peacocks, Java Green peacocks, Red Golden pheasants, Yellow Golden pheasants, Mandarin ducks
Equipment: Complete line of gamebird and poultry equipment, netting, etc.
Brochure Available: Yes

David White Hatchery

Route 1, Box 136A
Great Bend KS 67530
Phone: 620-982-4571
Contact: David White
Hatching Season: March to September
Breeds Offered: Ducklings, goslings, guineas, white egg layers, brown egg layers, bantams.
Brochure Available: Yes

Elk Creek Gamebirds

8740 150th Road
Chanute, KS 66720
Phone: 620-432-4060
Contact: Joe Stich

Web site: www.elkcreekgamebirds.com/pages/5/
E-mail: elkcreekgamebirds@hotmail.com

Friend Bird Farm

Route 3, Box 24
Fredonia, KS 66736
Phone: 620-378-3946
Contact: Kari Friend
Hatching Season: March to August
Breeds Offered: Peafowl: white, blackshoulders, blue

Smith Poultry Supply

14000 W. 215th St.
Bucyrus, KS 66013
Phone: 913-879-2587
Fax: 913-533-2497
Contact: John or Terry Smith
Breeds Offered: Does not sell chicks or eggs.
Pheasants: Golden, D.T. Golden, Yellow Golden, Silver Golden, Pied Golden, Silver, Reeves Amherst, Cher, Swinhoe, Horsefield, Elliot, Bartail, Edwards, Mikado, Koklass, Impeyan, Blue-Eared, Brown-Eared, White-Eared, Temminck Tragopan, Satry Tragopan, Gray. Peacocks: Palawan, Rothschilds, Germain, Malay Crested Fireback, Siamese Fireback, Versicolor, Malay, Scintillation Coppers; Geese: Abyssinian Blue-Winged
Equipment: Has a nice supply of small flock equipment
Brochure Available: Yes (also a free catalogue)
Web site: www.PoultrySupplies.com

Thundering Wings Pheasant Farms

Route 2, Box 178
Westphalia, KS 66093
Phone: 785-489-2411
Hatching Season: April to August 1
Breeds Offered: Gamebirds, wild turkeys, flight birds and chicks

Other Hatcheries

B&D Game Farm

Route 1, Box 812
Harrah, OK 73045
Phone: 405-964-5235
Fax: 405-964-5860

Contact: Bert and Dianne Tumej
Hatching Season: April 1 to October
Breeds Offered: Bobwhite quail, Pharoah quail, Tibetan quail, Ringneck pheasant, Chukar partridge, Junglefowl (Indian Red), Pearl Guinea fowl
Equipment: Shipping supplies for chicks and eggs, video and books on raising and cooking gamebirds
Brochure Available: Yes
Web site: www.bdfarm.com
E-mail: sales@bdfarm.ws

Cackle Hatchery

P.O. Box 529
Lebanon, MO 65536
Phone: 417-532-4581
Fax: 417-588-1918
Contact: Nancy Smith (owner)
Hatching Season: February to September
Breeds Offered: Offers many rare and production type breeds of chickens along with ducks, turkeys and goslings
Equipment: Miscellaneous items
Brochure Available: Yes
Web site: <http://cacklehatchery.com/>

Clearview Stock Farm and Hatchery

P.O. Box 399
Gratz, PA 17030
Phone: 717-365-3234
Fax: 717-365-3594
Contact: Dave Hartman
Hatching Season: Begins March 1
Breeds Offered: Goslings, ducklings, turkey poults, guinea/cuts, gamebirds and chicks
Brochure Available: Yes

Crow Poultry and Supply Co.

P.O. Box 106
Windsor, MO 65360
Phone: 660-647-2614
Hatching Season: February to September
Breeds Offered: Has many production and rare breeds of chickens.
Brochure Available: Yes
Other Information: Also sells several poultry books.

G.Q.F. Mfg. Co., Inc.

2343 Louisville Road
Savannah, GA 31498-2701
Phone: 912-236-0652
Fax: 912-234-9978

Hatching Season: Quail eggs year round
Breeds Offered: Bobwhite and Cortunix quail eggs
Equipment: Incubators, brooders, feeders, etc.
Brochure Available: Yes

Grain Belt Hatchery

P.O. Box 125
Windsor, MO 65360
Phone: 660-647-2711
Fax: 660-647-4072
Hatching Season: Weekly
Breeds Offered: Rare and exotic chickens, bantams, turkeys, duck, etc.
Brochure Available: Yes
E-mail: gmp@iland.net

Hoffman Hatcheries

P.O. Box 129
Gratz, PA 17030
Phone: 717-365-3694
Hatching Season: February to September
Breeds Offered: Geese, ducks and chickens
Equipment: Yes
Brochure Available: Yes
Web site: www.hoffmanhatchery.com

Holderread's Waterfowl Farm

P.O. Box 492
Corvallis, OR 97339
Phone: 541-929-5338
Hatchery specializes in domestic waterfowl.

Hoovers Hatchery, Inc.

205 Chickasaw St.
P.O. Box 200
Rudd, IA 50471
Phone: 800-247-7014 / 641-395-2730
Fax: 641-395-2208
Hatching Season: Hatch yearly (some broilers), Seasonally for others
Breeds Offered: Ducks, goslings, turkeys, pheasants, bantams, broilers, and many others
Brochure Available: Yes
Web site: www.hoovershatchery.com
E-mail: hoovers@omnitel.com

Ideal Poultry Breeding Farms, Inc.

P.O. Box 591
Cameron, TX 76520-0591
Phone: 254-697-6677
Fax: 254-697-2393
Hatching Season: Year round for some breeds
Breeds Offered: Has several breeds of chicks, bantams, guineas, turkeys, ducklings and goslings
Brochure Available: Yes
Web site: www.idealpoultry.com/index.htm
E-mail: lbreeding@aol.com

Marti Poultry Farm

P.O. Box 27
603 E. Jackson St.
Windsor, MO 65360
Phone: 660-647-3156 / 660-647-3157
Fax: 660-647-3999
Hatching Season: Mid-February to Mid-September
Breeds Offered: Chickens, bantams, ducks, pheasants, chukars, turkeys and guineas
Brochure Available: Yes
Web site: www.martipoultry.com
E-mail: sales@martipoultry.com

Metzer Farms

26000 Old Stage Road
Gonzales, CA 93926
Phone: 800-424-7755
Fax: 831-679-2711
Hatching Season: Year round
Breeds Offered: Ducks: Pekin, Rouen, Khaki, Campbell, Blue Swedish, Buff, Cayuga, Indian Runners, Mallards, others; Geese: Embden, Toulouse, African, White Chereuse, Pilgrim, Buff, Canada, Sebastopoi, others; Guineas, pheasant, chukar, partridge, wild turkeys
Brochure Available: Yes
Web site: www.metzerfarms.com
E-mail: metzer@metzerfarms.com

Murray McMurray Hatchery

P.O. Box 458
191 Closz Drive
Webster City, IA 50595-0458
Phone: 800-456-3280
Fax: 515-832-2213
Hatching Season: Varies according to breed
Breeds Offered: Offers numerous standard and rare breeds of chicks, turkeys and waterfowl
Brochure Available: Yes
Web site: www.mcmurrayhatchery.com

Ridgway Hatcheries, Inc.

615 N. High Street
P.O. Box 306
LaRue, OH 43332
Phone: 800-323-3825
Fax: 740-499-2828
Hatching Season: All year on some breeds
Breeds Offered: Many rare breeds, production breeds, gamebirds, guineas, goslings and ducks
Equipment: All types of small equipment, books, medicines and supplies
Brochure Available: Yes
Web site: www.ridgwayhatchery.com

Strickland Quail Farms

P.O. Box 9
Pooler, GA 31322
Phone/Fax: 912-748-5769
Hatching Season: Year round
Breeds Offered: Northern bobwhite and Coturnix quail
Brochure Available: Yes

Stromberg Chick and Gamebirds, Inc.

P.O. Box 400
Pine River, MN 56474
Phone: 800-720-1134
Fax: 218-587-4230
Hatching Season: January to August
Breeds Offered: Peafowl, guineas
Equipment: Books, incubators, brooders, feeders, waterers, pickers, traps and netting
Brochure Available: Yes

Welp's Hatchery, Inc.

P.O. Box 77
Bancroft, IA 50517
Phone: 800-458-4473
Fax: 515-885-2346
Hatching Season: Year round
Breeds Offered: Exotic and standard chicks, Cornish Rock broilers, bantams, ducks, goslings, turkeys
Brochure Available: Yes
Web site: www.welphatchery.com

Leg Bands and Identification

National Band and Tag Company

721 York St.
P.O. Box 430
Newport, KY 41072-0430
Phone: 859-261-2035
Fax: 800-261-8247
Equipment: This company offers nearly every type of leg band or tag
Web site: www.nationalband.com
E-mail: tags@nationalband.com

Other Suppliers of Equipment, Medications, Vaccines, etc.

Nasco

901 Jamesville Avenue
Fort Atkinson, WI 53538-0901
Phone: 800-558-9595
Fax: 920-563-8296
Web site: www.enasco.com
E-mail: custserv@enasco.com

Midwest Livestock Supply, Inc.

3600 North Sixth St.
Beatrice, NE 68310

Phone: 888-342-5657

Fax: 312-927-6832

Web site: www.midwestlivestock.com

Val-A Chicago, Inc.

700 W Root St.
Chicago, IL 60609

Phone: 800-552-8252

Fax: 773-927-6832

Web site: <http://wvdiyc.org/valachicago.html>

E-mail: jerryrc@valachicago.com

Brower

Highway 16 West
P.O. Box 2000

Houghton, IA 52631

Phone: 800-553-1791 / 319-469-4141

Fax: 319-469-4402

Has processing equipment.

Kuhl Corpotation

P.O. Box 26

Flemington, NJ 08822

Phone: 908-782-5696

Fax: 908-782-2751

Web site: www.kuhlcorp.com

Zeitlow Distributing Company

P.O. Box 424

McPherson, KS 67460-0424

Phone: 316-241-4279 / 800-364-1605

Fax: 620-241-4266

Web site: www.zeitlow.com/home.asp

Specialty Plastic Fence Netting

Nalle Plastics, Inc.

220 E. St. Elmo Road

Austin, TX 78745-1218

Phone: 800-531-5112 / 512-447-7000

Fax: 512-447-7444

www.naltex.com

Tenax Corp.

4800 E. Monument St.

Baltimore, MD 21205

Phone: 800-356-8495

Fax: 410-522-7015

Web site: www.tenaxus.com

Books

For more information about poultry breeds and standards:

The American Standard of Perfection

American Poultry Association

26363 S. Tucker Road

Estacada, OR 97023

Bantam Standard

American Bantam Association

P.O. Box 127

Augusta, NJ 07822

Watt Publishing

122 South Wesley Avenue

Mt. Morris, IL 61054

Phone: 815-734-4171

Fax: 815-734-7021

This company publishes and sells a large number of commercial and small flock publications.

Processing Equipment

Processing equipment for small flocks is becoming more difficult to locate. Also, the initial cost of new equipment may be too high to justify processing your own flock. However, some of the following companies still offer equipment to process poultry on a small scale:

Nasco (see previous listing)

Brower (see previous listing)

Val-A Chicago, Inc. (see previous listing)

Lyon Electric Company, Inc. (see previous listing)

Poultry Processors

There is only one packing plant in Kansas that will custom-process small flocks of companies under state inspection. If you have or will have birds to process, you should contact them well in advance to make reservations to have your birds processed. Other plants may process poultry, however, since they are not state inspected, this processing is done on a custom basis.

Bronson Locker

Bronson, KS 66716

Phone: 620-939-4575

Egg Cartons

Many small flock owners are able to sell excess eggs directly to consumers and need egg cartons to package their product. For more information, see K-State Research and Extension publication MF-2307 *Packing Eggs on the Farm for Direct Sales*. Usually, the cost of purchasing custom printed cartons is too high to justify. It may be easier to purchase generic cartons that meet all labeling requirements then add a logo or

farm name with an inexpensive ink stamp. Suppliers of egg cartons on a small scale include:

Lionel Industries (see previous listing)

Adelman Fisher Packaging, Inc.

707 Walnut Street
Kansas City MO 64106

Phone: 816-842-4961

Contact: Jim

Web site: www.eggcartons.com

Kings Supply

24 Holt Road
P.O. Box 302
Manchaug, MA 05216

Phone: 888-852-5340

Web site: <http://kingssupply.com>

Museums

Kansans are fortunate to be able to easily reach the newly established National Poultry Museum at the National Agricultural Center in Bonner Springs, Kansas. A hatchery is exhibiting poultry industry artifacts and collections. The Poultry Museum is conducting a \$3 million campaign to add an auditorium and library. For more information, contact:

National Poultry Museum

The National Agricultural Center and Hall of Fame
630 Hall of Fame Drive
Bonner Springs, KS 66012

Phone: 913-721-1075

Fax: 913-721-1201

Disease Testing

For information about how to become a certified testing agent for the National Poultry Inspection Plan in Kansas contact:

The Kansas Poultry Association

Department of Animal Sciences and Industry
130 Call Hall
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506-1600

Phone: 785-532-1201

Fax: 785-532-5681

Contact: R. Scott Beyer, poultry specialist

Web site: www.oznet.ksu.edu/pr_poultry/NPIPpage.htm

E-mail: sbeyer@oznet.ksu.edu

For information about the NPIP Testing requirements and licensing, contact:

Kansas Animal Health Department

708 SW Jackson
Topeka, KS 66603-3714

Phone: 785-296-2326

Fax: 785-296-1765

Web site: www.accesskansas.org/kahd/

If you need assistance with disease diagnosis, you may contact the Veterinary Hospital at Kansas State University. They will instruct you on how to submit samples of birds displaying disease symptoms.

College of Veterinary Medicine

Veterinary Hospital
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506

Phone: 785-532-5690

Fax: 785-532-4309

Associations

The following associations may provide additional information about career opportunities, educational opportunities, industry statistics, product promotion, etc:

American Egg Board

1460 Renaissance Drive
Park Ridge, IL 60068

Phone: 847-296-7043

Fax: 847-593-7007

American Livestock Breeds Conservancy

P.O. Box 477
Pittsboro, NC 27312

Phone: 919-542-5704

Fax: 919-542-5704

Web site: www.albc-usa.org

American Poultry Historical Society

260 Animal Science Bldg
1675 Observatory Drive
Madison, WI 53706

Phone: 608-262-9764

Fax: 608-262-5157

Kansas Poultry Association

Department of Animal Sciences and Industry
130 Call Hall
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506-1600

Phone: 785-532-1201

Fax: 785-532-5681

Contact: R. Scott Beyer, poultry specialist

E-mail: sbeyer@oznet.ksu.edu

Kansas Turkey Federation

Department of Animal Sciences and Industry
130 Call Hall
Kansas State University
Manhattan, KS 66506-1600

Phone: 785-532-1201
Fax: 785-532-5681
Contact: R. Scott Beyer
E-mail: sbeyer@oznet.ksu.edu

Midwest Poultry Federation

2380 Wycliff St.
St. Paul, MN 55114
Phone: 612-646-4553
Fax: 612-646-4554

National Broiler Council

1155 15th Street, NW, Suite 614
Washington, D.C. 20005
Phone: 202-296-2622
Fax: 202-293-4005

National Turkey Federation

1225 New York Avenue, NW, Suite 400
Washington, D.C. 20005
Phone: 202-898-0100
Fax: 202-898-0203

Poultry Science Association

111 N Dunlap Avenue
Savoy, IL 61874
Phone: 217-356-3182
Fax: 217-398-4119

Turkey Market Development Council

1026 Poultry Science Building
Purdue University
West Lafayette, IN 47906
Phone: 317-494-8567
Fax: 317-496-1600

U.S. Poultry & Egg Association

1530 College Road
Tucker, GA 30084
Phone: 770-493-9401
Fax: 770-493-9257

Exhibition Poultry

Sources of good quality exhibition breeds can often be difficult to locate. One way to find stock is to join an association. Another way is to subscribe to one of these specialized publications listed below. These magazines are filled with advertisements of people wanting to sell or trade rare breeds of poultry.

National Poultry News

P.O. Box 1647
Easley, SC 29641
Phone/Fax: 864-855-140
Contact: Glenda L. Heywood
Subscription: \$10/year
Web site: www.nationalpoultrynews.com
www.g-kexoticfarms.com
E-mail: nationalpoultrynews@yahoo.com

Show Bird Journal, Inc.

29971 CR #8
Florence, AL 35634-4877
Contact: Shelia Clanton
Subscription: \$22/year
Web site: <http://hometown.aol.com/showbird62/showbirdjournal.html>

Poultry Press

P.O. Box 542
Connersville, IN 47331-0542
Phone: 765-827-0932
Fax: 765-827-4186
Subscription: \$21/year
Web site: www.poultrypress.com
E-mail: info@poultrypress.com

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