

BRB Homestead Incubation Checklist

Use this checklist before setting your hatching eggs in the incubator.

Pre-Incubation Checklist

- Gather fertile hatching eggs
- Let shipped eggs rest 12–24 hours pointed end down
- Inspect eggs for cracks or damage
- Clean incubator before use
- Test incubator for 24 hours before adding eggs
- Confirm temperature is stable at 99.5°F (forced air)
- Confirm humidity is 45–55% for days 1–18
- Fill water channels if needed
- Mark eggs with X and O if hand turning
- Place incubator in a stable room away from drafts

Daily Incubation Checklist (Days 1–18)

- Check temperature
- Check humidity
- Turn eggs at least 3–5 times daily (if not automatic)
- Refill water as needed
- Avoid opening incubator too often

Candling Days

- Day 7 – Check for development
- Day 14 – Remove clears or quitters

Lockdown (Day 18)

- Stop turning eggs
- Increase humidity to 65–70%
- Remove egg turner if using one
- Keep incubator closed as much as possible

Hatch Day

- Watch for internal and external pips
- Do NOT help chicks hatch too early
- Allow chicks to fully dry before moving
- Move chicks to brooder after fluffing up

Notes
