

# Chicken Journal

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Use this table of contents as a template to set up your own chicken journal! Feel free to share it out, and thanks for telling people about Real Simple Mama!

### **I. Meet the Flock**

- A. Complete a “baseball card” for each chicken
  - 1. Name
  - 2. Age/Hatch Date
  - 3. Hatchery/Store Info
  - 4. Breed
  - 5. Coloration and Markings, Band Color
  - 6. Photos
  - 7. Don’t forget to leave blanks for all those chickens you don’t have yet!

### **II. Chicken Supplies List (Non-Food)**

- A. Make a list of all the bedding, cleaning, medical supplies you have
  - 1. Bedding and Coop Materials
  - 2. Coop Brand/Model, Build Date
  - 3. Coop Water Sealant Brand, Date Applied

### **III. Chicken Feed, Supplements, Snacks, and Treats**

- A. Include everything that you provide your chickens to ingest
  - 1. Chick Starter, Chick Grower Feed
  - 2. Layer Feed
  - 3. Grit and Calcium Supplements
  - 4. Water Additives, Vitamins, Supplements
  - 5. Special Treats or Snacks (particularly the first time you give them something new)

### **IV. Medications and Vaccines**

- A. Think about anyone who’s gotten sick or hurt, and add a log here with doses and other information. A lot of medications, like Ivermectin, require multiple doses so set reminders too! Also consider having a “Chicken First Aid Kit” supply list here.
  - 1. Medication: Dose, Date Administered, Reason
  - 2. Vaccines: Dose, Date Administered, Reason
  - 3. Illness: Affected Bird(s), Treatment, Notes, Photos
  - 4. Injury Affected Bird(s), Treatment, Notes, Photos
  - 5. List of Recommended First Aid Supplies, and Medications
  - 6. Information for Future Reference: Treatments, Bandages, etc.

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### **V. Egg Laying**

- A. Keep track of when each hen started laying and other egg-related information
  - 1. Hen List with First Egg Laid (Date), Egg Color
  - 2. Number of Eggs Collected Each Day, Week, Month
  - 3. Broody Hens and Successful Hatches (if applicable)
  - 4. Eggs Incubated and Hatch Dates (if applicable)
  - 5. General Notes about Egg Laying

### **VI. Sales and Expenses**

- A. This will honestly include information from all the other chapters, but you have a separate space here to just document where you bought each item and what the cost was. You can then sort information by month, price, location, etc.
  - 1. List of Vendors, Stores, Websites and Contact Information
  - 2. Expenses Per Month
  - 3. Profits Per Month
  - 4. Receipts
  - 5. Ideas for Branding, Stamps, Logo for Egg Sales

### **VII. Contact Information**

- A. Keep a section with your contact information as well as any vet or chicken specialist in your area, in case of questions or an emergency.

### **VIII. Chickens and Plants**

- A. If you like, keep a section where you take notes on plants you might want to have within your chickens' reach, or even planted in their chicken run!

### **IX. Photos and Other Future Ideas**

- A. New coop build? Breeds you want in the future? List it all here!