



# Chicken Food and Water

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## Dieting and Feeding

- Feed chickens a balanced layer feed (if they're laying hens), which provides the nutrients necessary for egg production.
- Supplement their diet with vegetable scraps and occasional treats like mealworms, grains, or seeds, but avoid too many “junk” treats like bread or sugary foods. Chickens also enjoy green vegetables, especially in winter when they can't forage as much.
- Provide grit (small stones or gravel) to help them grind up food if they don't have access to dirt where they can find grit naturally.



*Feeding chickens*

- In winter, use a heated water dispenser or check frequently to ensure the water doesn't freeze.



*Young chickens around water dispenser*

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## Water Supply

- Freshwater should always be available and kept clean. Chickens need more water than you'd think, especially in hot weather, as dehydration can affect egg production.