



Backyard Chickens **Getting Started** Expenses

based on 6 chickens

When You Get Your Chicks	
Chicks.....	\$20 - \$150
Brooder	\$0 - \$100
Heat Lamp / Plate.....	\$20 - \$70
Brooder Bedding.....	\$5 - \$60
Feeder & Waterer	\$15 - \$20
Chick Feed	\$15 - \$20
Poultry Thermometer	\$5 - \$10
TOTAL.....	\$80 - \$430

When Your Chicks Are Adults	
Coop & Run	\$100 - \$2,500
Nesting Boxes	\$0 - \$75
Coop Bedding.....	\$15 - \$200
Run Bedding	\$0 - \$200
Feeder	\$10 - \$25
Waterer	\$10 - \$40
Chicken Feed.....	\$10 - \$25
TOTAL.....	\$145 - \$3,065

All costs are expressed in USD.

On A Budget?

Getting started with backyard chickens doesn't have to be expensive. Here are ways you can save money by repurposing things you may already have or can acquire inexpensively:

- Coop — use a children's playhouse, large cabinet or armoire
- Bedding — use mulched leaves
- Nesting Boxes — use plastic milk crates or large plastic buckets



Backyard Chickens **Monthly** Expenses

based on 6 chickens

Adult Birds	
Feed.....	\$10 - \$15
Bedding.....	\$0 - \$20
Treats (optional).....	\$0 - \$10
Total.....	\$10 - \$45

All costs are expressed in USD.

Your Monthly Expenses Will Be Minimal

Once you have your coop and run set up and bedding in place, your monthly expenses are nominal.

- A 40-lb bag of feed may cost \$20, but will last two months.
- Using sand or leaves as your bedding requires little to no additional monthly cost; other bedding material that needs to be replaced often will have a higher average monthly cost.