

Your Chicks' 3rd Month

Your chicks have continued to grow and mature weekly and have become quite independent. They will become sexually mature between 4 and 6 months of age and with any luck (and excellent nutrition, of course!) you'll have your first egg laid soon thereafter!

- You should still be feeding **Purina Mills Start & Grow® Sunfresh® Recipe** to your birds. A layer diet should not be fed until 18 weeks of age because of the high calcium levels which are inappropriate for younger birds.
- Remember to always provide fresh water. Water is essential for healthy chickens, not to mention future egg production. As the weather gets warmer, they will drink more water so make sure they have access to a never ending supply!
- **Purina Mills Scratch Grains Sunfresh® Grains** can be introduced to your flock after 12 weeks of age. This natural, all grain supplement should be fed along with a complete and balanced diet and should not make up more than 5-10% of the total daily intake.
- If you feed **Purina Mills Scratch Grains Sunfresh® Grains**, your birds should also have access to "grit". Grit is made up of small insoluble particles which assist in digestion of feed by helping to grind it up in the crop. Feed 1 lb per 100 birds, twice per week either mixed with other feed or free choice.
- Remember to provide your pullets with 17-18 hours of light per day starting at 16 weeks of age.