



Getting Game Birds Ready for Flight

With roots tracing back to the late 1800s, ADM has built a solid foundation of producing high-quality, dependable animal feed products. Flight Ready™ Game Bird Feeding Program is designed to provide critical nutrients that

game birds need for fast, efficient development and growth. Successful game bird production not only depends on a sound nutritional program, but also on proper management through all stages of development.

GAME BIRD MANAGEMENT GUIDE

Space Requirements

BIRD	AGE	FLOOR	FEEDER	WATERER
Pheasant (Floor Brood)	0 – 10 days	4 birds/sq ft	1"/bird	Three 1-gallon founts/100 birds
	10 days – 6 wks	1 bird/sq ft	2"/bird	4 ft of trough/100 birds, or 1 round hanging 18" diameter waterer/75 birds
	6 wks – mature	1 bird/4 sq ft	3"/bird	4 ft of trough/100 birds, or 1 round hanging 18" diameter waterer/75 birds
Pheasant (Battery Brood)	0 – 3 wks	5 birds/sq ft	1"/bird	1"/bird
Quail¹	0 – 10 days	6 birds/sq ft	0.5"/bird	2 chick jars/100 birds
	10 days – 6 wks	4 birds/sq ft	1"/bird	Two 1-gal founts/100 birds, or 1 round hanging 18" diameter waterer/300 birds
	6 wks – mature	2 birds/sq ft	1.5"/bird	1 ft trough/100 birds, or 1 round hanging 18" diameter waterer/300 birds
Chukar²	0 – 10 days	6 birds/sq ft	0.75"/bird	Two 1-gal founts/100 birds
	10 days – 6 wks	3 birds/sq ft	1.5"/bird	2 ft of trough or 1 round hanging 18" diameter waterer/150 birds
	6 wks – mature	1 bird/2 sq ft	2"/bird	Two 1-gal founts/100 birds
Ducks³	0 – 2 wks	2 birds/sq ft	0.5"/bird	Four 1-gal founts/100 birds, or 2 cups/100 birds
	2 – 8 wks	1 bird/3 sq ft	1"/bird	4 ft trough/100 birds, or 4 cups/100 birds, or 1 round hanging 18" diameter waterer/75 birds
Geese³⁻⁴	0 – 2 wks	1 bird/sq ft	0.5"/bird	Four 1-gal founts/100 birds, or 2 cups/100 birds
	2 wks – mature	1 bird/sq ft	1"/bird	4 ft trough/100 birds, or 4 cups/100 birds, or 1 round hanging 18" diameter waterer/75 birds
Wild Turkeys⁵	0 – 8 wks	1 bird/sq ft	1"/bird	Three 1-gal founts/100 birds
	8 wks – mature	1 bird/sq ft	1"/bird	4 ft trough/100 birds, or 1 round hanging 18" diameter waterer/75 birds

¹ Use special waterers for quail. Place pebbles in waterers to prevent drowning young chicks.

² For floor or battery brooding.

³ Under intensive production with environmental houses and raised wire floors, floor space can be reduced significantly.

⁴ Floor space should increase as goslings grow. They can be placed on pasture any time after 2 weeks.

⁵ For range birds, provide 1.5 sq ft of floor space per bird in sheds and 20 sq ft of range per bird.

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Growth Rate and Feed Consumption

AGE	EXPECTED AVG. WEIGHT	PERIOD (WEEKS)	EXPECTED FEED CONSUMPTION	AGE	EXPECTED AVG. WEIGHT	PERIOD (WEEKS)	EXPECTED FEED CONSUMPTION
PHEASANTS				DUCKS**†			
3 weeks	0.30 lb	0 - 3	1.0 lb	2 weeks	1.68 lb	0 - 2	2.15 lb
9 weeks	1.35 lb	3 - 9	3.5 lb	4 weeks	4.00 lb	2 - 4	5.10 lb
12 weeks	2.05 lb	9 - 12	3.5 lb	8 weeks	7.50 lb	4 - 8	14.05 lb
Maturity	2.85 lb	12 - 17	6.0 lb	GEESE†			
—OR—				2 weeks	2.0 lb	0 - 2	3.0 lb
5 weeks	0.55 - 0.65 lb*	0 - 5	1.5 - 2.0 lb*	4 weeks	4.8 lb	2 - 4	6.3 lb
10 weeks	1.30 - 1.55 lb*	5 - 10	2.0 - 5.0 lb*	8 weeks	9.9 lb	4 - 8	22.8 lb
Maturity	2.00 - 2.85 lb*	10 - 17	6.0 - 7.5 lb*	12 weeks	12.8 lb	8 - 12	24.0 lb
QUAIL				WILD TURKEYS			
5 weeks	3.7 oz	0 - 5	0.6 lb	3 weeks	0.8 lb	0 - 3	1.3 lb
10 weeks	6.0 oz	5 - 10	1.4 lb	6 weeks	2.8 lb	3 - 6	4.0 lb
Maturity	8.0 oz	10 - 18	1.75 lb	9 weeks	5.4 lb	6 - 9	5.5 lb
CHUKAR				12 weeks	8.2 lb	9 - 12	8.0 lb
5 weeks	5.5 oz	0 - 3	1.0 lb	15 weeks	10.5 lb	12 - 15	8.4 lb
10 weeks	15 oz	3 - 9	3.0 lb	18 weeks	12.2 lb	15 - 18	9.2 lb
Maturity	21 oz	9 - maturity	3.5 lb	21 weeks	13.8 lb	18 - 21	9.8 lb
				24 weeks	15.3 lb	21 - 24	10.6 lb

These are only guidelines. Actual figures could vary with different nutrition, management, health, and environmental conditions.

*By size

**Duck weight is 85% of expected Pekin weight and feed consumption is 60% of expected Pekin feed intake.

† Variations in weight and feed consumption exist among breeds.

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