

CHOOK CHECK-UP CHECKLIST

EARLY SEPTEMBER IS A GREAT TIME TO GIVE YOUR BACKYARD CHOOK FLOCK A GOOD VISUAL CHECK-OVER FOR ANY HEALTH ISSUES THEY MAY HAVE DEVELOPED OVER THE WINTER MONTHS.

Completing this Chook Check-up Checklist will give your flock the best chance of springing into the next laying season. Chooks can be shy about their health issues - and good at hiding them, so owners should check these six things carefully:

1. BEHAVIOUR

Are your chooks alert, energetic and active?
Are they chirping, clucking, feeding and moving about?

2. EYES

Are your chooks' eyes bright, fully open and free of crust/discharge?

3. FEATHERS

After your chooks' moult is finished, are their feathers full and shiny?
Are they free from ticks, lice, mites and other parasites?

4. SCALES (ON THE SURFACE OF A CHICKEN'S LEGS AND FEET)

Are your chooks' leg scales firm and lying flat (not lifting or swollen)?

5. CROP (THE EXPANDABLE POUCH INSIDE THE BASE OF A CHICKEN'S NECK)

Are your chooks' crops soft and empty first thing in the morning?

6. VENT (WHERE EVERYTHING EXITS!)

Are your chooks' vents free of protrusions, redness or discharge?

When you tick all of these boxes, you have completed your Chook Check-up Checklist and you can put that feather in your cap!

Remember, if you do find any problems with any of your chooks, separate them from the rest of the flock and get in touch with your local poultry club or small-animal vet ASAP. Timing is critical, as once chickens get sick they can go downhill very quickly.

At Barastoc, regardless of which came first, we always put the chicken before the egg. For more information on chook health, visit barastocpoultry.com.au

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