

KEEP YOUR HENGINES HUMMING

≡ *this autumn* ≡

Autumn is a significant season for your chooks. As daylight hours diminish, their egg production tends to drop off or stop altogether. Any feathers that need replacing are shed – usually around their tails or necks. This is because they're getting ready to rest up and replenish for the laying season.

To best prepare your birds for autumn, look to high-quality feed with lots of protein – such as **Barastoc Champion Layer, Mixed Flock, Grains & Greens or Top Layer**. A protein-rich diet is important because their feathers are made up of 80-85% protein. With the right nutrition, they'll have the energy and protein reserves for feather rejuvenation – which not only keeps them warm and protected as the temperature drops, but supports overall wellbeing.

Top tips for happy hens in autumn:

- 1 Make sure they have a higher protein, nutrient-rich diet to help re-grow feathers in time for winter
- 2 Build outdoor roosts to give them time off the cold ground
- 3 Encourage free ranging when the weather is good
- 4 Provide a mud-free dust bathing area
- 5 Encourage foraging to keep them busy
- 6 Regularly clean and inspect coop for any unwanted drafts

