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# **Breeding Chickens: What You Need to Know About Roosters**

## 7 Secrets When Breeding a Hen to a Rooster



If you hope to breed chickens, you will obviously need the help of a [rooster](#). It may be that you already have a rooster in your flock, but, if not, you will need to acquire one for the purposes of breeding.

When searching for the right rooster, you should look for one with a good temperament. Ideally, your **rooster** of choice will be the same breed as your hens.

If you're looking for a rooster to breed with, but not keep long-term, and don't know where to look, try talking to other chicken owners in your area or search the internet for local breeders.

Once you have found the right bird for the job, all you need to do is leave him with your girls for a few days and let nature take its course.

**On the other hand, if you plan to welcome a rooster into your flock as a permanent fixture, then here are some things you might like to know about the male of the species.**

- **Roosters** are usually very chivalrous animals, they will protect the hens from predators if necessary, and they will share any tasty morsel that they find with the girls.
- Usually, roosters require the same basic care that their female counterparts need. However, there are some ways in which the rooster's needs may differ from those of the hens.
- For example, you will need to keep an eye on the [rooster's spurs](#), if they become too long, they will cause great discomfort, so you may need to trim them from time to time.
- Before welcoming a rooster into your flock, bear in mind that there is no way to prevent him from crowing. Subsequently, if you live in a town or city, where your neighbors are likely to complain about the noise, it is perhaps best not to own a rooster.
- Roosters need company, typically, it is best to provide him with the company of hens rather than a fellow rooster, as rivalry may lead to aggression.
- Even if they do not have a rival, roosters can become aggressive with other birds in the flock or humans. Therefore, it is a good idea to handle your rooster while he is small and to reprimand him when necessary. Usually, chasing the rooster is enough to show him who's boss.
- During the winter, a [rooster's comb and wattle](#) are susceptible to frostbite. So it is a good idea to insulate your coop and keep all of your birds as warm as possible during the coldest months.

These are just a few of the things that you may like to consider before bringing a rooster into your flock, so it is advisable to do some homework. However, bear in mind that a rooster can be a wonderful addition, even if he is a little noisy!

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