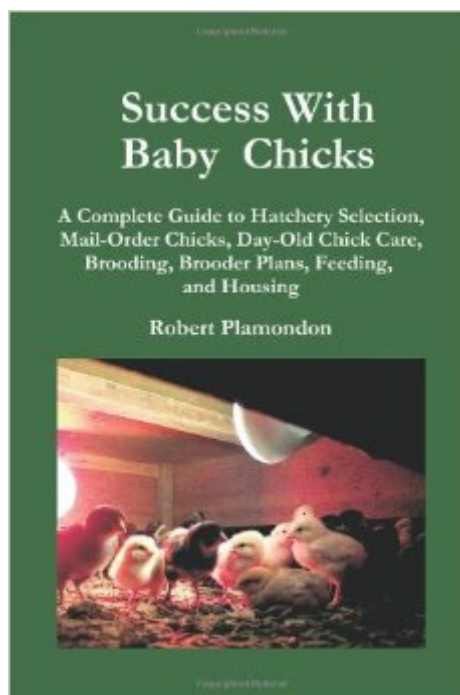


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# Success With Baby Chicks: A Complete Guide To Hatchery Selection, Mail-Order Chicks, Day-Old Chick Care, Brooding, Brooder Plans, Feeding, And Housing



## Synopsis

Baby chicksâ ”can anything be more adorable? So cute, so soft, so helpless! Give your baby chicks a great start by reading the only book devoted to them, *Success With Baby Chicks*. Robert Plamondon had to read over a hundred poultry books to discover the sure-fire techniques in *Success With Baby Chicks*, and he tested them on his farm to find the ones that will work best for you. These techniques were used on millions of family farms in the golden age before factory farming, and were then forgottenâ ”until now! Learn how to choose a good hatchery and a good breed, what kind of heat source to use, how to prepare the brooder area for your baby chicks, what to feed them, and how to avoid common mistakes. All of this is explained so clearly and completely in one slim volume that it has received praise from children, hobbyists, farmers, and poultry scientists alike. Whether you brood five chicks or five thousand, this is the book for you, because its practical methods work with flocks of any size. And it will save you money. Learn how to build an insulated brooder in two hours for \$20, keeping your chicks warmer and more comfortable than with overhead heat lamps, and saving two-thirds of the electricity into the bargain! Robert Plamondon is a writer/farmer/engineer who has been awarded 17 U.S. patents and raises free-range chickens on his farm in Oregon.

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If you've ever considered raising chickens for hobby or profit, this is the book you **MUST HAVE**. Plamondon's prose is eminently readable, and his advice is spot on target. Drawing from

ancient sources as well as modern, he's produced a definitive guide to the care and raising of chickens for eggs or meat. Not some ivory-tower academic, Plamondon provides detailed guidance to methods of poultry production, using materials and equipment commonly available to anyone on a budget. You'll make back the price of this book in just your first brood or two, in reduced chick mortality alone. Buy this book. It's good advice from a working farmer who knows his stuff, and has the writing skills to communicate well.

It's about time someone compiled a book on how to brood chickens properly. Robert took his many years of experience and knowledge, and also his old library of out of print books and compiled a very detailed yet concise book that will help you have the greatest success or improve your past success to a higher level. I would recommend this book to anyone who is brooding chicks in numbers from 10 to 100,000. Thanks Robert for putting together this information.

Robert Plamondon has packed more great information about chick brooding into this book than can be found in any other current "how to" poultry book. The author combines his own chick brooding experiences with still valuable material from out-of-print poultry books, and shows the reader how to apply it using new technology. It is well illustrated with both old and new photos. This book is a must have if you want to raise chicks. I wish it had been available when I first started, but I have it now!

Plamondon raises chickens and eggs at his successful Oregon pastured poultry operation. He is also a respected member of the internet poultry mail groups. He has gleaned the best of the past--tried and true information--the almost lost "Secrets of the Past Poultry Masters". The Ohio Brooder plans alone are worth the price of the volume. The guidelines are suitable for all climates and breeds. The book is strong on up-to-date nutritional and disease control information, and explanations of what does and does not work. Easy to understand charts and illustrations help the novice and experienced poultry person to grasp the concepts. Plamondon writes in an easy to read, engaging style. Highly recommended!

This book tries to explain as clearly and simply as possible how to raise chicks. It covers several different kinds of set-ups, both modern and old-fashioned methods. I wished this book had a section on raising just a handful of hens. But I think it still has many valuable insights which can be applied to raising just two, three, or a few more chicks.

This is a very helpful book for doing exactly what it says, raising mail order chicks. It's loaded with information. We found ourselves referring to it through our mail order chick process. It has been a valuable tool in raising our mail order chicks. It's a small soft cover book. But don't be fooled by the size! It covers everything you need to know! At least it does from what I can tell. We are not chicken experts but this has been our first BIG mail order of chicks & this really helped us understand what is happening when you have so many chicks. It's a big change over having just a few chicks! The rules change big time & this teaches you those new rules!

I have skimmed through this book cover to cover and given it a cursory reading. My first impression is that this book has a lot of good information. Two negatives: 1. This little book seems a little too pricey - \$15+ for such a small volume - but again, the information it contains does appear good. 2. The author apparently buys his chicks from a hatchery and doesn't cover anything about how to hatch out chicks whether from broody hens or incubators. This was very disappointing to me since, in my opinion, "success with chicks" shouldn't be solely dependent on mail-order chicks. It wasn't too long ago that shipping day old chicks across country was unheard of.

...His helpful responses to questions were always well reasoned, clear and factual... So I was pleased to see that he had put together the results of his research and experiences in one place. Most of the information presented is also available elsewhere, but this is so well written that I found it to be a page turner. I only wish he had included an index.

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