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How Much Heat?

Baby chicks have the remarkable ability to find their ideal zone of warmth in the brooder and if you simply note your chicks' positions, you'll know whether the brooder temperature is too hot, not warm enough, or juuuuust right.

TEMPERATURE CORRECT

If the heat level is just right, chicks will be evenly spread throughout the brooder. With adequate food and fresh water, you'll hear them making contented peeping sounds.

TEMPERATURE TOO HIGH

If your chicks are spread out around the perimeter of the brooder the temperature is likely too high. Raise the heat lamp another couple of inches and/or switch to lower wattage bulbs. The chicks will be silent and you may notice them panting and heads drooping.

TEMPERATURE TOO LOW

If the brooder is too cool, chicks will huddle together directly under the heat lamp. They will be noisy, a sign of distress. Lower the lamp closer to the floor of the brooder and/or put in higher watt bulbs.

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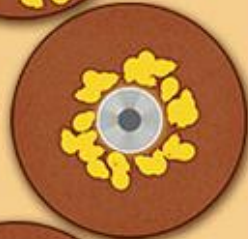
Chicks huddled together in one spot on the perimeter of the brooder suggests they are uncomfortable and requires investigation. This distribution may be caused by a draft, external noises that are scaring them or uneven light distribution.



CORRECT



HIGH



LOW



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