



This is my chicken care and maintenance schedule as for now. In a year I'll see what really makes sense and what doesn't

What I've already learned is that they love routines. Letting them out of the chicken hut at the same time in the morning and herding them back in at the same time in the evening. Also, maintaining a fixed feeding time is greatly appreciated.

So here's a condensed, no-fuzz version of the routine that I established.

## Daily:

Clean containers and refill water. If applicable, refill grain food and give them some greens. Check nesting boxes and remove visible faeces from the faeces board.

## Every two days:

Additionally remove coarse dirt and excrements.

## Once a week:

Sweep the coop, collect faeces and other droppings. Remove excrements from the litter box. Muck out the chicken hut and replace bedding accordingly. If applicable and if necessary spray the hut with a mild vinegar-solution.

## Monthly:

Replace complete litter (only after every six months if not overly used). Check chickens for fitness, parasites and general well-being. Check the coop for damages or intrusions and repair accordingly. If necessary, dust the chicken hut with diatomaceous earth to fight possible parasites or mites. Possibly coat the seating bars with a thin layer of vegetable oil.

## Twice a year:

*Aside from a thorough cleaning, by now I don't really have a clue. We'll see...*