

# A Year In the Life At the Rockport Pheasant Farm

Operated by the  
NJDEP

Division of Fish and Wildlife  
Bureau of Wildlife Management



# New Brooder House



6-Ton Feed Bins hold Crumbles for the Chicks

# Eggs Ready For the Incubator



# INCUBATORS



Each incubator holds 10,764 eggs

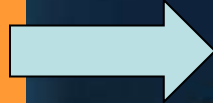
Eggs are incubated for 24 days

# **Just Hatched Chicks Ready to Come Out of the Incubators**



# Day-Old Chick

Egg Tooth



Chicks average about  
2/3 ounce at hatching

# Counting Chicks on Hatch Day



# Chicks in Counting Trays





# Chicks Placed in Brooder House



# Brooder House

About 7200 chicks are placed in the 3600 square foot brooder room



# Brooder Temperature Set At 99 Degrees For First Week





**HOVER**

**DRINKERS**



**Chicks circle around  
area of optimum heat**

**FEED TRAYS**

# Day-old Chicks and Drinkers



# Week-old Chicks at Drinker



Week-old chicks average about

1 1/3

ounces

# Chicks In Brooder Runs



Chicks are allowed access to the outside Brooder Runs at about 4 weeks of age

# 5-Week Old Chicks



5-week old chicks  
average about 9 oz.



# Boxed and Going To the Range Pens

5-Week old chicks are run into boxes for transport to Range Pens



# Release To Range Pens



Birds are counted upon release so the Rockport crew can calculate brooder house mortality and determine range pen mortality



**Release To Range Pens**

# Getting Acclimated to Pen



# Later In Summer



# Cockbird In Range Pen



Sorghum



Sorghum used  
as cover crop

# Filling the Grain-O-Vator From Feed Bins



The Grain-O-Vator is used to fill the 700-pound feed hoppers in the Range Pens



700-pound  
feed  
hopper



# Pair of Hens



# ROCKPORT ROCKETS



**Cock Pheasants Ready for Stocking**