



**The Animal Manual**  
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## Summary

### Mornings

1. Open main garage door
2. Feed/water animals (detailed instructions on posters at each animal)
3. Check main electric fence - minimum safe voltage is 7.0k (better if higher)
  - a. If voltage is too low, there is a short and will need to be located
  - b. Deer will often jump the fence and pull the wire over a T-post
4. If any animal gets out – call us and we can help you get them back in with least amount of stress possible.

### Evenings

1. Feed/water pigs (detailed instructions on posters at each animal)
2. Check electric fence - minimum safe voltage is 7.0k (better if higher)
  - a. If voltage is too low, there is a short and will need to be located
  - b. Deer will often jump the fence and pull the wire over a T-post
3. Close main garage door - leave 1 ft opening for airflow
4. Check on cows and horses
  - a. Make sure all are here (8 "big", 2 "little")
    - i. Little Girl (cow, no horns, yellow tag)
    - ii. She is pregnant - not sure on due date
    - iii. Grace (cow, no horns, no tag)
    - iv. Calf: Reese
    - v. Seeker (bull, no horns, yellow tag)
    - vi. Autumn (cow, with horns, yellow tag)
    - vii. She is pregnant - not sure on due date
    - viii. Dacy (cow, no horns, ear clip, no tag)
    - ix. Chilli Dog (steer, with horns, no tag)
    - x. Ferdinand (bigger steer, with horns, no tag)
    - xi. Patty (Wagyu cow)
    - xii. Calf: Shaq
  - b. Horses:
    - i. Faith (black)
    - ii. Cutter (red with white foot)
    - iii. Dazzle (red)
  - c. Make sure water trough is full
  - d. Make sure fence is hot
5. If any animal gets out – call us and we can help you get them back in with least amount of stress possible.

## Garage Birds - Morning

### Meat Chicks (floor brooder) - Morning

1. Dump feeders into brooder
2. Set feeders outside of brooder
3. Add layer of shavings (cover manure)
4. Fill feeders, place feeders in brooder with enough space for chicks to get to all sides
  - a. Each red feeder can hold about a half scoop of feed

#### Health

- Look for any injured/sick or dead
- Dispose of any dead in the woods away from the house

#### Cleanliness

- Add new layer of shavings to cover manure
- If water has spilled, wet shavings need to be removed and replaced
- It is easiest to add/replace shavings with feeders removed

#### Water

- Clean out each waterer
- Waterers can fill up with shavings. The added weight will keep the hanging waters from filling up.

#### Food

- Dump
- Fill each red feeder with Chick Starter (barrels next to doll house brooder)

### Turkeys (doll house brooder) - Morning

### Chicks (doll house brooder) - Morning

#### Health

- Look for any injured or sick

#### Cleanliness

- Add new layer of shavings to cover manure
- If water has spilled, wet shavings need to be removed and replaced
- It is easiest to add/replace shavings with feeders and waterers removed

#### Water

- Clean out and fill each waterer
- NOTE: Waterers will fill up with shavings and make it difficult for chicks to drink

#### Food

- Clean out any shavings that have fallen in the feeder
- Fill each red feeder with Chick Starter (barrels next to doll house brooder)
- Each Feeder can hold about half a scoop of feed

## Lawn Chickens and Pigs Feed Buckets - Morning

1. Before heading out to feed and water, fill buckets with feed and put in wagon
  - a. 1 bucket for layer chickens
    - i. Fill 3/4 full with Layer Feed (Barrels by wire rack)
  - b. 1 bucket for layer chicks
    - i. Fill 1/2 full with Chick Starter (Barrels by doll house)
  - c. 1 bucket for meat birds
    - i. Fill with 6 scoops of Chick Starter (Barrels by doll house)
  - d. Small black bucket (Peppa)
    - i. 12 oz 14% lender
    - ii. 12 oz 16% pig feed (barrels by garage door)
  - e. Small red bucket (Flower)
    - i. 8 oz 14% lender
    - ii. 16 oz 16% pig feed (barrels by garage door)
  - f. One full scooper of dog food for Whiskey and Willow
    - i. Dog Food is in black/blue bag
  - g. Also take basket for egg collection

## Pigs - Morning

### Health

- Look for any injured or sick
- Spray each pig with water hose

### Water

- Check drinker to make sure water level is correct
- NOTE: Drinker can sometimes have vapor lock and water will not flow to bottom troughs
  - If this happens, open the top, reach in and remove the black rubber cork at bottom of white tank
  - This will allow water to flow to troughs
- Make sure the troughs are not full of mud/sand
  - Use the sprayer to clear out trough and then remove black stoppers (on each side) to let sand/mud flow out
  - Once they are clean, replace stoppers.

### Food

- Each show pig will eat in its own pin
- Slop each feeder
- Allow ~20 mins for them to eat, then let them out and shut their pin doors

## Layer hens (chickshaws), geese, and Dogs - Morning

### **WARNING – Dog's fence is hot**

1. Unplug electric fence at outlet by breaker panel
2. Feed/water dogs
3. Plug in electric fence

**Careful if windy** - Chickshaw roof is like a giant kite and can flip over or come off of its kickstand and fall on you

### Health

- Look for any injured or sick

### Water

- Check drinkers and water buckets.
  - If drinkers are empty but buckets have water, there may be a clog in the line that needs to be cleared
- Use hose to spray out each red drinker
- Fill each water bucket inside each chickshaw
- Fill the kid pool with fresh water (chickens, geese, and dogs drink this)

### Food

- **Chickens** - Fill each feeder inside each chickshaw (Layer Feed)
- **Dogs** - Give each dog half scoop of food in stainless bowls

### Eggs

- Collect eggs from each nesting box
- Egg basket can be emptied into the respective day's basket on the wall by coffee pot

**Be sure to close each chickshaw roof – make sure chicken doors are open**

## Layer chicks (tractor) - Morning

1. Remove feeders and drinkers
2. Move tractor to new grass (careful not to crush any birds)

### Health

- Look for any injured or sick

### Water

- Clean out and fill each drinker
- Place drinker back in tractor

### Food

- Fill each feeder
- Place feeder back in tractor

**Be sure door is closed and latched**

## Meat Birds (on grass) - Morning

1. Remove feeders
  - a. If there is a large amount of food left, remove any manure
  - b. If there is very little food left, dump feeders into grass
2. Move tractor to new grass
3. Fill water bucket
4. Replace feeders (with food) see below
5. **Ensure door is latched/locked**

## Health

- Look for any injured/sick or dead
- Dispose of any dead in the woods away from the house

## Water

- Check drinkers and water buckets.
  - If drinkers are empty but buckets have water, there may be a clog in the line that needs to be cleared
- Fill each bucket with the hose

## Food

- Fill each feeder (split the amount from bucket in wagon)
- Place feeders back in tractor
- Ensure door is latched/locked

## Pigs - Evening

Fill feed buckets in garage

1. 1 bucket for feeder pigs
  - a. Fill full of pig feed (organic 16%) - (barrels by garage door)
2. Small black bucket (Peppa)
  - a. 10 oz 14% lender
  - b. 10 oz 16% pig feed (barrels by garage door)
3. Small black bucket (Flower)
  - a. 8 oz 14% lender
  - b. 12 oz 16% pig feed (barrels by garage door)

## Health

- Look for any injured or sick
- Spray each pig with water hose
  - Note: It is good to remove nozzle and let all the hot water out of the hose first

## Water

- Check drinker to make sure water level is correct
- NOTE: Drinker can sometimes have vapor lock and water will not flow to bottom troughs
  - If this happens, open the top, reach in and remove the black rubber cork at bottom of white tank
  - This will allow water to flow to troughs
- Make sure the troughs are not full of mud/sand
  - Use the sprayer to clear out trough and then remove black stoppers (on each side) to let sand/mud flow out
  - Once they are clean, replace stoppers.

## Food (show pigs)

- Each show pig will eat in its own pin
- Slop each feeder
- Allow ~20 mins for them to eat, then let them out and shut their pin doors

## Food (feeder pigs)

- Distribute feed into multiple rubber feeding bowls