

Minimum Costs of Keeping Chickens

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Annual per bird

scratch, maintenance formula crumble, special crumble formula	\$57
fresh produce	\$40
bedding (wood shavings)	\$10
hay / straw / sand	\$25
nutritional supplements (grit, calcium, vitamins, probiotics, cosequin)	\$20
hygiene supplies (sanitation, parasitics)	\$ 6
permit fee	\$30
utilities (water, electric, gas)	<u>\$100</u>
	\$288

Start Up costs

maintenance/cleaning (nolvasan, tools, cleaning supplies)	\$80
housing (exterior coop and furnishings)	\$3000
carrier kennel	\$20
heating / cooling appliances (fans, lights, hot oil heaters)	\$125
equipment (dishes, nets, food storage, scale)	\$170
fencing	\$400
security (locks, lighting, motion detectors, monitors)	<u>\$75</u>
	\$3,870

Vet care per bird per service

office exam	\$66
fecal	\$24
culture swab	\$70
cbc	\$43
cytology (in house)	\$40
diagnostics (U of M Diagnostics lab))	\$70
radiograph	\$78
anesthesia	\$35
surgery (soft tissue)	\$100
meds (RX average per bird per year)	\$15
euthanasia	\$44
necropsy	\$73