

**Assuming you keep 5 laying hens for 2 years, how much would the eggs effectively cost?** From: [hensforhouston.wordpress.com](http://hensforhouston.wordpress.com) (March 2012)

**BUDGET LAYER HENS from CHICKS**

Layers	5	20% loss of chicks		
Lifetime (yrs)	2	550 laying days		
Dozen eggs produced	160	70% laying rate		
	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total/yr</u>
Chicks	c/u	6	\$ 3.00	\$ 18.00
Brooder for raising chicks	c/u	1	\$ 75.00	\$ 75.00
Waterer	c/u	1	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Feeder	c/u	1	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Budget Coop	c/u	1	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
	<u>Feed</u>			
Chick Starter (0-6 wks)	50 lb bag	0.6	\$ 13.00	\$ 7.80
Early bird grower (6-13 wks)	50 lb bag	1	\$ 15.00	\$ 15.00
Layer Feed (13+ wks)	50 lb bag	16	\$ 10.00	\$ 160.00
Heat bulb	c/u	1	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00
Total expenses				\$ 397.80
	<u>Other Benefits</u>			
Compost				\$ (200.00)
Total				\$ 197.80
<b>Total cash expense/dozen for chicks</b>				<b>\$ 1.24</b>

**BUDGET LAYER HENS from PULLETS**

Layers	5			
Lifetime (yrs)	2	550 laying days		
Dozen eggs produced	160	70% laying rate		
	<u>Unit</u>	<u>Amount</u>	<u>Price</u>	<u>Total/yr</u>
Pullets (16 wks old)	c/u	5	\$ 15.00	\$ 75.00
Brooder for raising chicks	c/u	0	\$ 75.00	\$ -
Waterer	c/u	1	\$ 10.00	\$ 10.00
Feeder	c/u	1	\$ 5.00	\$ 5.00
Budget Coop	c/u	1	\$ 100.00	\$ 100.00
	<u>Feed</u>			
Chick Starter (0-6 wks)	50 lb bag	0	\$ 13.00	\$ -
Early bird grower (6-13 wks)	50 lb bag	0	\$ 15.00	\$ -
Layer Feed (13+ wks)	50 lb bag	16	\$ 10.00	\$ 160.00
Heat bulb	c/u	1	\$ 7.00	\$ 7.00
Total expenses				\$ 357.00
	<u>Other Benefits</u>			
Compost				\$ (200.00)
Total				\$ 157.00
<b>Total cash expense/dozen for pullets</b>				<b>\$ 0.98</b>

<http://extension.umd.edu/publications/PDFs/MEP300.pdf>

<http://diychickencoops.com/costs-of-raising-chickens>