



FERMENTING OUR WHOLE GRAIN FEED



YOU'LL NEED

Food-safe container, non-chlorinated water, SPF Organic Starter, Grower, or Layer Mash/Layer Mash + Corn.



ADD FEED

Pour 2/3 the amount of feed you would normally feed your flock into the container.



ADD WATER

Add water until 2-3 inches above feed; stir with non-metal spoon until combined.



COMBINE

Set lid loosely on top of jar and store in cool, dark location.



EACH DAY

Stir each day. Add water as needed to keep grains covered.



WAIT

Let feed ferment for 1-3 days. Tiny bubbles will appear & mixture will smell tangy and slightly sour.



IT'S READY

Once the fermented mash is of cooked oatmeal consistency, it's ready to be fed.



MEALTIME!

Serve fresh fermented feed daily - your chickens and ducks will love it!



FLOCKTASTIC NEWS

All Scratch and Peck whole grain mash feeds for poultry can be fermented.



BENEFITS OF FERMENTED FEED

WHY FERMENT OUR CHICKEN & DUCK FEED?

- Fermented feed is a money saver - it requires about 1/3 less dry feed per serving, and the expanded, fermented grains will have increased nutritional value.
- The beneficial yeasts, probiotics, and bacteria contained in fermented feed promote intestinal and immune system health.
- Fermented feed is better utilized for energy and nutrition, which decreases the amount of droppings produced by the flock.
- It hydrates the flock as they eat the soaked grains.

HOW MUCH DRY FEED SHOULD I FERMENT?

- You'll typically use 1/3 to 1/2 less dry feed per serving when you ferment. As the feed ferments, it increases the volume and makes the nutrition readily available.

HOW OFTEN SHOULD I FERMENT FEED?

- Make a new batch each day to consistently serve fresh feed to your flock.

WHY ARE THERE BUBBLES IN THE FERMENTING FEED?

- Bubbles are a good sign that lactic acid bacteria are doing their job in the fermentation process.

WHEN IS THE FEED READY TO BE SERVED?

- In hot weather, feed will ferment faster & may be ready to serve after 1 day. In cooler weather, you may need to ferment the food for 3 days. The feed is ready when similar in consistency to cooked oatmeal & it has a slightly sour or yeasty smell.

CAN CHICKS & DUCKLINGS EAT FERMENTED FEED?

- Yes, you can feed chicks and ducklings fermented STARTER feed. Beneficial bacteria from the fermentation will help your birds develop good gut flora and avoid a medical condition called pasty butt.

MY BIRDS DIDN'T EAT THE FERMENTED FEED. NOW WHAT?

- Sometimes birds are picky. They may need an adjustment period to get used to fermented feed. Sprinkle some Scratch and Peck Grubs on top of the feed as a nice enticement for your birds to give the new meal style a try. Also, remove your flock's regular feed source to encourage them to eat the fermented feed.

WILL MY BIRDS GET DRUNK FROM EATING FERMENTED FEED?

- You'd be surprised at how often we hear this question! Alas, your chickens & ducks won't get a buzz because fermented chicken feed is more like kimchi or kombucha rather than a bottle of pilsner or a glass of wine.



WHICH ORGANIC WHOLE GRAIN MASH SHOULD I FERMENT FOR MY FLOCK?

STAGE 1: STARTER, 0-8 WEEKS:
Organic Starter Whole Grain Mash

STAGE 2: GROWER, 9-20 WEEKS:
Organic Grower Whole Grain Mash

STAGE 3: LAYER, 20+ WEEKS
Organic Layer Whole Grain Mash
Available in 16% & 18% Protein

OR

Organic Layer Whole Grain Mash + Corn
Available in 16% & 18% Protein

STAGE 1: STARTER BROILERS, 0-4 WEEKS
Organic Starter Whole Grain Mash

STAGE 2: FINISHER BROILERS, 4+ WEEKS
Organic Broiler Whole Grain Mash + Corn

**Fermenting feed
expands your bag life
by 30-40%**

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