



# 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.

Read more at the Learning Center at [ScratchandPeck.com](http://ScratchandPeck.com)



## 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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