

## **Egg Laying – Controlled Lighting**

To get eggs during winter, you have to trick your hens into thinking the season is right for reproduction. Achieve this by using artificial lights to compensate for decreasing natural daylight.

Augment natural light when day length approaches fifteen hours (the month of September). Continue the lighting program this winter and into spring until natural daylight reaches fifteen hours. One sixty watt bulb seven feet above the floor will provide enough light for two hundred square feet of coop space. For best results, put lights on a timer. If you forget the lights even for one day, your hens may go into molt and stop laying.