SIX GREAT BREEDS

Some breeds are better than others. Two key things to consider are climate hardiness and egg production vs. meat production.

BARRED ROCK
layers, cold hardy, calm, and inclined towards broodiness.

WELSUMMERS
intelligent, friendly breed with speckled dark brown eggs.

WYANDOTTES
beautiful laced markings on their plumage, friendly, and non-flighty.

RHODE ISLAND RED
one of the most prolific laying breeds.

BUFF ORPHINGTON
incredibly docile, making them great for those just getting started with chickens, as well as small children.

AMERACAUNAS
pale blue/green eggs, and tufts behind the ears (they look like Albert Einstein, in chicken form!)

BOOKS:
Keeping Chickens by Ashley English
The Backyard Homestead by Carleen Madigan
The Joy of Keeping Chickens by Jennifer Megyesi
Storey’s Guide To Raising Chickens by Gail Damerow

ONLINE RESOURCES:
BackyardChickens.com
CommunityChickens.com
Mypetitchicken.com

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