



Baby Chicks

Right before hatching, chicks and other baby poultry absorb the last of the yolk — their food source during incubation. For most species, this last bit of yolk provides enough nutrition to sustain the baby for about three days without eating or drinking, which makes shipping chicks through the mail possible. Also the first 3 days of life the chicks have a great immune system to adapt to the changing temperature during travel. 15 – 25 chicks are shipped together because they need each other's body heat on their journey through the mail. By nature chickens peck each other and some is normal.

<http://www.motherearthnews.com/Modern-Homesteading/Baby-Chickens-From-Poultry-Hatchery.aspx>

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=MgV-X4mB-TI>