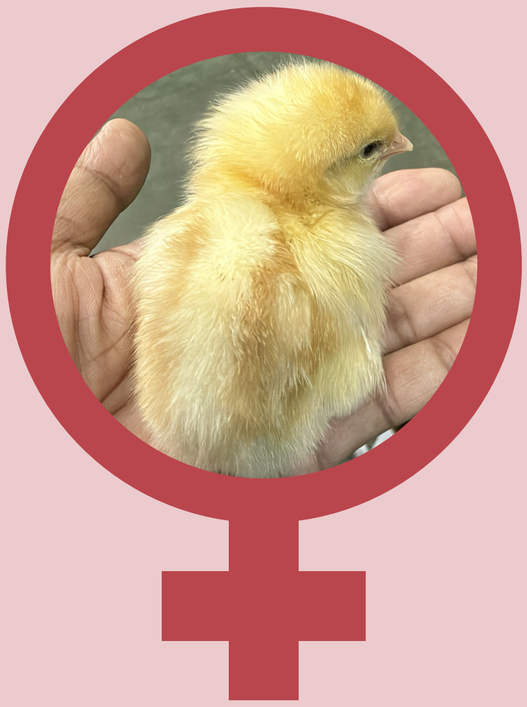
Hy-Line Brown
Commercial Day-Old Chick Sex Identification
Visual Guide for Hatchery Personnel

♀ FEMALE (TYPICAL)



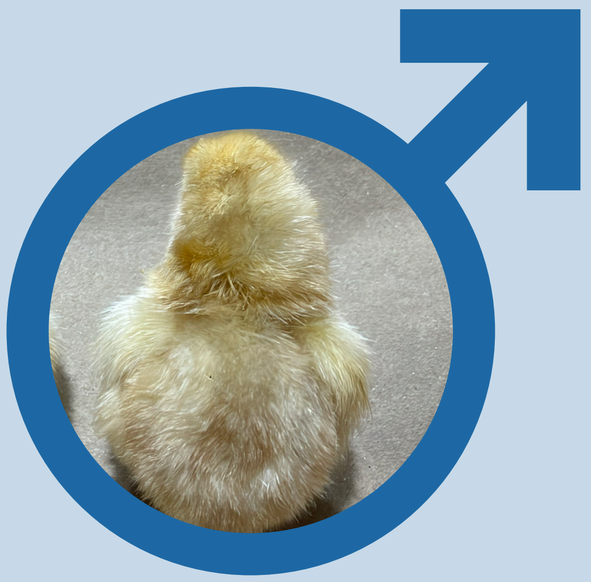
CONFIRMED BORDERLINE FEMALE
(Intermediate Color Pattern)



IDENTIFICATION CLUES

- Darker overall down color.
- More brown / golden pigmentation.
- Distinct dorsal stripes on the back.
- Brown pigmentation extends onto the shoulders with darker crown and eye stripe.
- Greater contrast between pigmented and non-pigmented areas.

CONFIRMED BORDERLINE MALE



IDENTIFICATION CLUES

- Light cream to pale yellow down.
- Minimal brown pigmentation.
- Weak or absent dorsal stripes.
- Uniform coloration throughout the body.
- Shoulders and back appear cleaner and lighter.

♂ MALE (TYPICAL)



IMPORTANT REMINDER: Not all female chicks are dark. Evaluate pigmentation on the shoulders and back rather than overall color intensity alone.