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If you've ever raised eggs in an incubator, you know that there is a long list of dos and don'ts for successful hatches. Many professionals still debate about what incubation method is really the best, so if you're new to this process and are wondering how much water you should put in your incubator, you've come to the right place. Most average home incubators require around ½ a cup of water to be added to the middle reservoir in order to maintain proper humidity levels for the eggs. Incubating eggs is a delicate process because humidity and temperature levels can be quite specific during those 21 days. Water levels and the humidity percentage play a large role in the success of your hatches, so keep reading to fully understand how much water should go in the incubator.Hey chicken buddies: Quick heads-up before going further! I've put together a list of stuff I use and love for my flock. If you're curious about what keeps my hens happy, click here to find out. Reviewed by Experts: This article has been vetted by a professional for accuracy. Learn more about our editorial policy.Incubators do require water in order to have a successful hatch and this is all because of humidity. However, if you are using a "dry incubation method" then you don't have to add water to the incubator until the lockdown phase (days 18-21).Humidity is, by far, the most difficult aspect to control and interpret when it comes to incubating eggs. It is so important because having the levels too high or too low can lead to unhatched eggs or weak and unhealthy chicks. At the broad end of the egg, there is an air sac that grows larger as the egg loses weight during incubation. While incubating, eggs are supposed to gradually lose weight because moisture within the egg is dissipating and the chick is changing in size. Having ideal humidity means that the eggs are losing the moisture at the appropriate rate, allowing for room and air for them to breathe as they grow. Every incubator is different, so following the instructions for the one you purchased is ideal. The standard egg incubator will most likely require around ½ cup of warm water in order to reach the recommended 50% humidity for the first 1-17 days. If you have too much humidity in the incubator, then decrease how much water is added to it. If the humidity is too low, then add more. Incubator Tip: Know that the humidity in your home and incubator environment will affect how much water you need to put in. The way in which you will add water to your incubator will depend entirely on the device that you are using. I personally like to recommend the Brinsea Mini Advance II because it really keeps things simple for you. To add water, all you have to do is pour it into the external water top-up reservoir. I love that I don't have to lift the lid at all! This is especially handy during the final 3 days of incubation called the "lockdown period" where you can't remove the lid or it will affect the humidity too much and potentially ruin your hatch. Other incubators generally have a small well, pan or reservoir in the middle or bottom that is where the water is meant to be added. There's not much more information about how to add water, except don't add too much!When humidity is too high, the eggs won't lose the necessary amount of weight and internal moisture, if it's too low then the chicks will be too weak and probably not strong enough to hatch. Having improper humidity levels in your incubator could spell disaster for your fragile eggs and chicks, which is why it is important to understand exactly how to measure it and how you should adjust it over time. In order to appropriately measure humidity within your incubator, you will want to have a hygrometer. These can be built into the incubator itself or you can purchase one separately. No matter what, having a way to interpret humidity and temperature is crucial for having a successful hatch. Having humidity that is too high is much more problematic than low humidity. When this happens, the chick and egg did not lose the necessary amount of weight that it should for a successful hatch. Not only that, but the chicks will be too wet and large, making it very difficult for them to "pip" and hatch from the shell. Some speculate that the extra build-up of moisture on the egg will also clog the shell's pores, making it difficult for them to lose their moisture, essentially suffocating them. Egg Fact: Having humidity that is too high during the first 17 days and then too low during the "lockdown phase" is the most common reason for unsuccessful hatch rates. Low humidity will certainly be less problematic than high humidity, but it can still come with it's own issues. When the humidity has been too low, especially during the lockdown phase, the chicks will lose too much moisture and weight, leaving a larger air sac in the shell. When this happens, the chick is now smaller than it should be and will be weak, most likely leading to its death during the hatching process. Ambient humidity is referring to the temperature and humidity levels within the environment that will have an effect on the incubation of your eggs. Depending on your area, you may have a very dry winter and a very humid summer. This environmental factor will have a large impact on the humidity control during the incubation process. You can use a basic humidity monitor like these to keep everything under control, monitoring temperature and humidity in the room and inside the incubator if it doesn't have this feature built-it.The way it works is pretty simple and there is less worry and stress. Just like it sounds, you DO NOT add water to your incubator for the first 18 days. Once the lockdown phase hits, that's when you will add your water and bring the humidity to around 70%. And remember, don't lift the lid afterwards for 3 days! The dry incubation method is my go-to process for incubating my chicken eggs because it makes things much easier. I had done the traditional method for years where I painstakingly micromanaged the humidity and the temperature, just to have a 50% hatch rate. This grew to be really frustrating! So, I did my research and made the switch to using the dry incubation method and I will never go back! Whether or not it is better just depends on the individual and how much success or failure they have had doing either method. I wasn't having a good hatch rate with the traditional incubation process, so I decided to give this newer method a shot. This brought my hatch rate from 50% to around 90%! There seems to be a lot of debate between chicken farmers and backyard flock raisers alike. Some swear by the traditional method, while others, like myself, say that they have much more success using the dry technique. No matter what method or incubator you choose to use, it is crucial that you understand how much water to add for appropriate humidity control. This important detail is what can make or break the success of your egg hatching rate. No one wants to lose precious chicks after weeks of mothering and incubating the eggs, so make sure you have the water and humidity levels on point first! , the free encyclopedia that anyone can edit. 107,583 active editors 7,025,366 articles in English Sir William Gordon-Cumming (20 July 1848 – 20 May 1930) was a Scottish landowner, soldier and socialite. He was the central figure in the royal baccarat scandal of 1891. He joined the British Army in 1868 and saw service in South Africa, Egypt and the Sudan; he served with distinction and rose to the rank of lieutenant-colonel. An adventurer, he also hunted in the US and India. A friend of Edward, Prince of Wales, for over 20 years, in 1890 he attended a house party at Tranby Croft, where he took part in a game of baccarat at the behest of the prince. During the course of two nights' play he was accused of cheating, which he denied. After news of the affair leaked out, he sued five members of the party for slander; Edward was called as a witness. The case was a public spectacle in the UK and abroad, but the verdict went against Gordon-Cumming and he was ostracised from polite society. After the court case he married an American heiress, but their relationship was unhappy. (Full article...) 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January 7 – The United Kingdom of Great Britain and Ireland issues an Order in Council prohibiting British ships from trading with France or its allies.[1] January 20 – The Sierra Leone Company, faced with bankruptcy because of the imminent abolition of the slave trade in British colonies, petitions the British government for purchase and transfer of its property to the Crown; Parliament approves the transfer on July 29, and it takes effect on January 1, 1808.[2] February 3 – Napoleonic Wars and Anglo-Spanish War: Battle of Montevideo – The British Army captures Montevideo from the Spanish Empire, as part of the British invasions of the Río de la Plata. February 7 – Napoleon leads the forces of the French Empire in an invasion of the Russian Empire, and begins fighting at the Battle of Eylau against Russian and Prussian forces.[3] February 8 – Battle of Eylau: Napoleon fights a hard but inconclusive battle against the Russians under Bennigsen. February 10 – The Survey of the Coast (renamed the United States Coast Survey in 1836 and the United States Coast and Geodetic Survey in 1878) is established; work begins on August 3, 1816. February 17 – Henry Christopher is elected first President of the State of Haiti, ruling the northern part of the country. February 19 – Burr conspiracy: In Alabama, former Vice President of the United States Aaron Burr is tried for conspiracy, but acquitted. February 23 – The Slave Trade Act is passed in the House of Commons of the United Kingdom by an overwhelming majority.[4] March 2 – The United States Congress passes the Act Prohibiting Importation of Slaves "into any port or place within the jurisdiction of the United States ... from any foreign kingdom, place, or country" (to take effect January 1, 1808). March 25 The United Kingdom Slave Trade Act becomes law abolishing the slave trade in most of the British Empire[5] with effect from 1 May (slavery itself is abolished in British colonies in 1833). The Swansea and Mumbles Railway in South Wales, at this time known as the Oystermouth Railway, becomes the first passenger-carrying railway in the world. March 29 – H. W. Olbers discovers the asteroid Vesta. April 4–12 – Froberg mutiny: The British suppress a mutiny at Fort Ricasoli, Malta, by men of the irregularly-recruited Froberg Regiment. April 14 – African Institution holds its first meeting in London; it is intended to improve social conditions in Sierra Leone. May 22 – A grand jury indicts former Vice President of the United States Aaron Burr for treason.[6] May 24 – Siege of Danzig ends after 6 weeks with Prussian and Russian defenders capitulating to French forces. May 29 – Selim III, Ottoman Emperor since 1789, is deposed in favour of his nephew Mustafa IV. May 31 – Primitive Methodism originates in an All Day of Prayer at Mow Cop, in the north midlands of England.[7] June 9 – The Duke of Portland is chosen as Prime Minister after the United Kingdom general election. June 10 – The Battle of Heilsberg ends in a draw. June 14 – Battle of Friedland: Napoleon decisively defeats Bennigsen's Russian army. June 22 – Chesapeake–Leopard affair: British Royal Navy fourth rate HMS Leopard attacks and boards United States Navy frigate USS Chesapeake off Norfolk, Virginia, seeking deserters. This act of British aggression plays a role in the run-up to the War of 1812. July 5 – A disastrous British attack is mounted against Buenos Aires, during the second failed invasion of the Río de la Plata. July 7–9 – The Treaties of Tilsit are signed between France, Prussia and Russia. Napoleon and Russian Emperor Alexander I ally together against the British. The Prussians are forced to cede more than half their territory, which is formed into the Duchy of Warsaw in their former Polish lands, and the Kingdom of Westphalia in western Germany. The Free City of Danzig is also formed (established September 9 by Napoleon). July 13 – With the death of Henry Benedict Stuart, the last Stuart claimant to the throne of the United Kingdom, Jacobitism comes to an effective end. July 20 – Nicéphore Niépce is awarded a patent by Napoleon Bonaparte for the Pyréolophore, the world's first internal combustion engine, after it successfully powers a boat upstream on the river Saône in France. August 17 – The North River Steamboat, Robert Fulton's first American steamboat, leaves New York City for Albany on the Hudson River, inaugurating the first commercial steamboat service in the world. September 1 – Former U.S. Vice President Aaron Burr is acquitted of treason. He had been accused of plotting to annex parts of Louisiana and Mexico, to become part of an independent republic. September 2–7 – Battle of Copenhagen: The British Royal Navy bombards Copenhagen with fire bombs and phosphorus rockets, to prevent the Dano-Norwegian navy from surrendering to Napoleon; 30% of the city is destroyed, and 2,000 citizens are killed. September 7 – Robert Morrison, the first Protestant missionary to China, arrives in Guangzhou (Canton).[8] September 13 – Beethoven's Mass in C major, Op. 86, is premiered, commissioned by Nikolaus I, Prince Esterházy, and displeasing him.[9] September 27 – Napoleon purchases the Borghese art collection, including the Antinous Mondragone, and brings it to Paris.[10] October 9 – Prussian Reform Movement: Serfdom is abolished by the October edict. October 13 – The Geological Society of London is founded. October 30 – El Escorial Conspiracy: Ferdinand, Prince of Asturias is arrested for conspiring against his father Charles IV of Spain. November 24 – Battle of Abrantes, Portugal: The French under Jean-Andoche Junot take the town. November 29 – Portuguese Queen Maria I and the Court embark at Lisbon, bound for Brazil. Rio de Janeiro becomes the Portuguese capital. December 5–11 – Napoleonic Wars: Raid on Griessie – A British Royal Navy squadron attacks the Dutch port of Griessie on Java in the Dutch East Indies, eliminating the last Dutch naval force in the Pacific and concluding the Java campaign of 1806–1807.[11] December 17 – Napoleonic Wars: France issues the Milan Decree which confirms the Continental System (i.e. no European country is to trade with the United Kingdom). December 22 – The United States Congress passes the Embargo Act, a trade embargo on all foreign nations. Battle of Hingakaka between two factions of Māori people, the largest battle ever fought in New Zealand, and the last fought there without firearms.[12] In 1807 or 1808 is fought the Battle of Moremonui, first of the Musket Wars. Robert E. Lee January 13 – Napoleon Bonaparte Buford, American general, railroad executive (d. 1883) January 19 – Robert E. Lee, American Confederate general (d. 1870) January 28 – Robert McClure, Irish-born Arctic explorer (d. 1873) February 10 – Lajos Batthyány, 1st Prime Minister of Hungary (d. 1849) February 27 – Henry Wadsworth Longfellow, American poet (d. 1882)[13] March 1 – Wilford Woodruff, American religious leader (d. 1898) March 14 – Josephine of Leuchtenberg, Queen of Sweden and Norway (d. 1876) April 2 – William F. Packer, American politician (d. 1870) April 3 – Jane Digby, English adventurer (d. 1881) April 20 – John Milton, Governor of Florida (d. 1865) April 26 – Charles Auguste Frossard, French general (d. 1875) May 28 – Louis Agassiz, Swiss-born zoologist and geologist (d. 1873) June 6 – Adrien-François Servais, Belgian musician (d. 1866) June 16 – John Westcott, American surveyor and politician (d. 1888) Giuseppe Garibaldi July 4 – Giuseppe Garibaldi, Italian patriot (d. 1882) August 11 – David Rice Atchison, American politician (d. 1886) August 15 – Jules Grévy, 4th President of France (d. 1891) August 18 – Charles Francis Adams Sr., American historical editor, politician and diplomat (d. 1886) September 2 – Fredrika Runeberg, Finnish writer (d. 1879)[14] September 7 – Henry Sewell, 1st Premier of New Zealand (d. 1879) September 16 – John Lenthall, American naval architect and shipbuilder (d. 1882) October 8 – Harriet Taylor, English philosophical writer (d. 1858)[15] October 26 – Barbu Catargiu, 1st Prime Minister of Romania (d. 1862) October 29 – Andeo Kraljević, Herzegovinian Catholic bishop (d. 1879) October 30 – Christopher Wordsworth, Bishop of Lincoln (d. 1885) November 16 – Eduard von Fransecky, Prussian general (d. 1890) December 8 – Friedrich Traugott Kützing, German pharmacist, botanist and phycologist (d. 1893) December 17 – John Greenleaf Whittier, American Quaker poet and abolitionist (d. 1892) Pasquale Paoli February 1 – Sir Thomas Troubridge, 1st Baronet, British admiral (b. c. 1758) February 5 – Pasquale Paoli, Corsican patriot, military leader (b. 1725) February 27 – Louise du Pierry, French astronomer (b.1746) March 10 – Jean Thurel, French soldier (b. 1698) April 4 – Jérôme Lalande, French astronomer (b. 1732) April 10 – Duchess Anna Amalia of Brunswick-Wolfenbüttel, regent of Weimar and Eisenach (b. 1739) May 10 – Jean-Baptiste Donatien de Vimeur, comte de Rochambeau, French soldier (b. 1725) May 13 – Eliphalet Dyer, American statesman, judge (b. 1721) May 17 – John Gunby, Maryland soldier in the American Revolutionary War (b. 1745) May 18 – John Douglas, Scottish Anglican bishop, man of letters (b. 1721) June 9 – Andrew Sterett, American naval officer (b. 1778) Angelica Kauffman July 13 – Henry Benedict Stuart, Italian-born cardinal, Jacobite claimant to the British throne (b. 1725) July 19 – Uriah Tracy, American politician and congressman from Connecticut, 1793 until 1807 (b. 1755) September 14 – George Townshend, 1st Marquess Townshend, British field marshal (b. 1724) October 22 – Jean-François Houbigant, French perfumer (b. 1752) November 2 – Louis Auguste Le Tonnelier de Breteuil, Prime Minister of King Louis XVI of France (b. 1730) November 5 – Angelica Kauffman, Swiss painter (b. 1741) November 8 Darejan Dadiani, Georgian queen consort (b. 1738) Pierre-Alexandre-Laurent Forfait, French engineer, hydrographer, politician, and Minister of the Navy (1799–1801) (b. 1752) November 23 – Jean-François Rewbell, French politician (b. 1747) November 26 – Oliver Ellsworth, American founding father and 3rd Chief Justice of the United States Supreme Court (b. 1745) December 19 – Friedrich Melchior, Baron von Grimm, German writer (b. 1723) December 21 – John Newton, English cleric, hymnist (b. 1725) December 29 – Diogo de Carvalho e Sampayo, Portuguese diplomat, scientist (b. 1750) ^ William S. 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The massive Rheasilvia Crater dominates Vesta's south pole.DiscoveryDiscovered byHeinrich Wilhelm OlbersDiscovery date29 March 1807DesignationsMPC designation(4) VestaPronunciation/ˈvɛstə/[1]Named afterVestaMinor planet categoryMain belt (Vesta family)AdjectivesVestanVestian[a]Symbol (historically astronomical, now astrological)Orbital characteristics[6]Epoch 13 September 2023(JD 2453300.5)Aphelion2.57 AU (384 million km)Perihelion2.15 AU (322 million km)Semi-major axis2.36 AU (353 million km)Eccentricity0.0894Orbital period (sidereal)3.63 yr (1325.86 d)Average orbital speed19.34 km/sMean anomaly169.4°Inclination7.1422° to ecliptic5.58° to invariable plane[7]Longitude of ascending node103.71°Time of perihelion26 December 2021[8]Argument of perihelion151.66°SatellitesNoneEarth MOID1.14 AU (171 million km)Proper orbital elements[9]Proper semi-major axis2.36151 AUProper eccentricity0.098758Proper inclination6.39234°Proper mean motion99.1888 deg / yrProper orbital period3.62944 yr(1325.654 d)Precession of perihelion36.8729 (2343 years) arcsec / yrPrecession of the ascending node−39.5979 (2182 years) arcsec / yrPhysical characteristicsDimensions572.6 km × 557.2 km × 446.4 km[10]Mean diameter525.4±0.2 km[10]Flattening0.2204Surface area(8.66±0.2)×105 km2[b][11]Volume7.4970×107 km3[10]Mass(2.590271±0.000058)×1020 kg[12]Mean density3.456±0.035 g/cm3[10]Equatorial surface gravity0.22 m/s2 (0.022 g0)Equatorial escape velocity0.36 km/sSynodic rotation period0.2226 d (5.342 h)[6][13]Equatorial rotation velocity93.1 m/s[c]Axial tilt29°North pole right ascension20h 32m[d]North pole declination48°[d]Geometric albedo0.423[15]Temperaturemin: 75 K (−198 °C)max: 250 K (−23 °C)[16]Spectral typeV[6][17]Apparent magnitude5.1[18] to 8.48Absolute magnitude (H)3.20[6][15]Angular diameter0.70″ to 0.22″ Vesta (minor-planet designation: 4 Vesta) is one of the largest objects in the asteroid belt, with a mean diameter of 525 kilometres (326 mi).[10] It was discovered by the German astronomer Heinrich Wilhelm Matthias Olbers on 29 March 1807[6] and is named after Vesta, the virgin goddess of home and hearth from Roman mythology.[19] Vesta is thought to be the second-largest asteroid, both by mass and by volume, after the dwarf planet Ceres.[20][21][22] Measurements give it a nominal volume only slightly larger than that of Pallas (about 5% greater), but it is 25% to 30% more massive. It constitutes an estimated 9% of the mass of the asteroid belt.[23] Vesta is the only known remaining rocky protoplanet of the kind that formed the terrestrial planets.[24] Numerous fragments of Vesta were ejected by collisions one and two billion years ago that left two enormous craters occupying much of Vesta's southern hemisphere.[25][26] Debris from these events has fallen to Earth as howardite–eucrite–diogenite (HED) meteorites, which have been a rich source of information about Vesta.[27][28][29] Vesta is the brightest asteroid visible from Earth. It is regularly as bright as magnitude 5.1,[18] at which times it is faintly visible to the naked eye. Its maximum distance from the Sun is slightly greater than the minimum distance of Ceres from the Sun,[e] although its orbit lies entirely within that of Ceres.[30] NASA's Dawn spacecraft entered orbit around Vesta on 16 July 2011 for a one-year exploration and left the orbit of Vesta on 5 September 2012[31] en route to its final destination, Ceres. Researchers continue to examine data collected by Dawn for additional insights into the formation and history of Vesta.[32][33] Vesta, Ceres, and the Moon with sizes shown to scale Heinrich Olbers discovered Pallas in 1802, the year after the discovery of Ceres. He proposed that the two objects were the remnants of a destroyed planet. He sent a letter with his proposal to the British astronomer William Herschel, suggesting that a search near the locations where the orbits of Ceres and Pallas intersected might reveal more fragments. These orbital intersections were located in the constellations of Cetus and Virgo.[34] Olbers commenced his search in 1802, and on 29 March 1807 he discovered Vesta in the constellation Virgo—a coincidence, because Ceres, Pallas, and Vesta are not fragments of a larger body. Because the asteroid Juno had been discovered in 1804, this made Vesta the fourth object to be identified in the region that is now known as the asteroid belt. The discovery was announced in a letter addressed to German astronomer Johann H. Schröter dated 31 March.[35] Because Olbers already had credit for discovering a planet (Pallas; at the time, the asteroids were considered to be planets), he gave the honor of naming his new discovery to German mathematician Carl Friedrich Gauss, whose orbital calculations had enabled astronomers to confirm the existence of Ceres, the first asteroid, and who had computed the orbit of the new planet in the remarkably short time of 10 hours.[36][37] Gauss decided on the Roman virgin goddess of home and hearth, Vesta.[38] Vesta was the fourth asteroid to be discovered, hence the number 4 in its formal designation. The name Vesta, or national variants thereof, is in international use with two exceptions: Greece and China. In Greek, the name adopted was the Hellenic equivalent of Vesta, Hestia (4 Εστία); in English, that name is used for 46 Hestia (Greeks use the name "Hestia" for both, with the minor-planet numbers used for disambiguation). In Chinese, Vesta is called the 'hearth-god(dess) star', 灶神星 Zàoshénxīng, naming the asteroid for Vesta's role, similar to the Chinese names of Uranus, Neptune, and Pluto.[f] Upon its discovery, Vesta was, like Ceres, Pallas, and Juno before it, classified as a planet and given a planetary symbol. The symbol represented the altar of Vesta with its sacred fire and was designed by Gauss.[39][40] In Gauss's conception, now obsolete, this was drawn . His form is in the pipeline for Unicode 17.0 as U+1F777 .[41][42][g] The asteroid symbols were gradually retired from astronomical use after 1852, but the symbols for the first four asteroids were resurrected for astrology in the 1970s. The abbreviated modern astrological variant of the Vesta symbol is (U+26B6 ⚶).[41][h] After the discovery of Vesta, no further objects were discovered for 38 years, and during this time the Solar System was thought to have eleven planets.[47] However, in 1845, new asteroids started being discovered at a rapid pace, and by 1851 there were fifteen, each with its own symbol, in addition to the eight major planets (Neptune had been discovered in 1846). It soon became clear that it would be impractical to continue inventing new planetary symbols indefinitely, and some of the existing ones proved difficult to draw quickly. That year, the problem was addressed by Benjamin Apthorp Gould, who suggested numbering asteroids in their order of discovery, and placing this number in a disk (circle) as the generic symbol of an asteroid. Thus, the fourth asteroid, Vesta, acquired the generic symbol ④. This was soon coupled with the name into an official number–name designation, ④ Vesta, as the number of minor planets increased. By 1858, the circle had been simplified to parentheses, (4) Vesta, which were easier to typeset. Other punctuation, such as 4) Vesta and 4, Vesta, was also briefly used, but had more or less completely died out by 1949.[48] SPHERE image is shown on the left, with a synthetic view derived from Dawn images shown on the right for comparison.[49] Photometric observations of Vesta were made at the Harvard College Observatory in 1880–1882 and at the Observatoire de Toulouse in 1909. These and other observations allowed the rotation rate of Vesta to be determined by the 1950s. However, the early estimates of the rotation rate came into question because the light curve included variations in both shape and albedo.[50] Early estimates of the diameter of Vesta ranged from 383 kilometres (238 mi) in 1825, to 444 km (276 mi). E.C. Pickering produced an estimated diameter of 513 ± 17 km (319 ± 11 mi) in 1879, which is close to the modern value for the mean diameter, but the subsequent estimates ranged from a low of 390 km (242 mi) up to a high of 602 km (374 mi) during the next century. The measured estimates were based on photometry. In 1989, speckle interferometry was used to measure a dimension that varied between 498 and 548 km (309 and 341 mi) during the rotational period.[51] In 1991, an occultation of the star SAO 93228 by Vesta was observed from multiple locations in the eastern United States and Canada. Based on observations from 14 different sites, the best fit to the data was an elliptical profile with dimensions of about 550 km × 462 km (342 mi × 287 mi).[52] Dawn confirmed this measurement.[i] These measurements will help determine the thermal history, size of the core, role of water in asteroid evolution and what meteorites found on Earth come from these bodies, with the ultimate goal of understanding the conditions and processes present at the solar system's earliest epoch and the role of water content and size in planetary evolution.[53] Vesta became the first asteroid to have its mass determined. Every 18 years, the asteroid 197 Arete approaches within 0.04 AU of Vesta. In 1966, based upon observations of Vesta's gravitational perturbations of Arete, Hans G. Hertz estimated the mass of Vesta at (1.20±0.08)×10−10 M☉ (solar masses).[54] More refined estimates followed, and in 2001 the perturbations of 17 Thetis were used to calculate the mass of Vesta to be (1.31±0.02)×10−10 M☉.[55] Dawn determined it to be 1.3029×10−10 M☉. Vesta orbits the Sun between Mars and Jupiter, within the asteroid belt, with a period of 3.6 Earth years,[6] specifically in the inner asteroid belt, interior to the Kirkwood gap at 2.50 AU. Its orbit is moderately inclined (i = 7.1°, compared to 7° for Mercury and 17° for Pluto) and moderately eccentric (e = 0.09, about the same as for Mars).[6] True orbital resonances between asteroids are considered unlikely. Because of their small masses relative to their large separations, such relationships should be very rare.[56] Nevertheless, Vesta is able to capture other asteroids into temporary 1:1 resonant orbital relationships (for periods up to 2 million years or more) and about forty such objects have been identified.[57] Decameter-sized objects detected in the vicinity of Vesta by Dawn may be such quasi-satellites rather than proper satellites.[57] Olbers Regio (dark area) defines the prime meridian in the IAU coordinate system. It is shown here in a Hubble shot of Vesta, because it is not visible in the more detailed Dawn images.Claudia crater (indicated by the arrow at the bottom of the closeup image at right) defines the prime meridian in the Dawn/NASA coordinate system. Vesta's rotation is relatively fast for an asteroid (5.342 h) and prograde, with the north pole pointing in the direction of right ascension 20 h 32 min, declination +48° (in the constellation Cygnus) with an uncertainty of about 10°. This gives an axial tilt of 29°.[58] Two longitudinal coordinate systems are used for Vesta, with prime meridians separated by 150°. The IAU established a coordinate system in 1997 based on Hubble photos, with the prime meridian running through the center of Olbers Regio, a dark feature 200 km across. When Dawn arrived at Vesta, mission scientists found that the location of the pole assumed by the IAU was off by 10°, so that the IAU coordinate system drifted across the surface of Vesta at 0.06° per year, and also that Olbers Regio was not discernible from up close, and so was not adequate to define the prime meridian with the precision they needed. They corrected the pole, but also established a new prime meridian 4° from the center of Claudia, a sharply defined crater 700 metres across, which they say results in a more logical set of mapping quadrangles.[59] All NASA publications, including images and maps of Vesta, use the Claudian meridian, which is unacceptable to the IAU. The IAU Working Group on Cartographic Coordinates and Rotational Elements recommended a coordinate system, correcting the pole but rotating the Claudian longitude by 150° to coincide with Olbers Regio.[60] It was accepted by the IAU, although it disrupts the maps prepared by the Dawn team, which had been positioned so they would not bisect any major surface features.[59][61] Relative sizes of the four largest asteroids. Vesta is second from left. This graph was using the legacy Graph extension, which is no longer supported. It needs to be converted to the new Chart extension.The mass of 4 Vesta (blue) compared to other large asteroids: 1 Ceres, 2 Pall

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The moisture in a nest comes from the environment and the hens skin. Incubation in a nest is a more passive heating process that does not rely on elements and fans so will not dry the eggs out so much.Incubators mostly come with plastic trays or reservoirs to hold water. These are sometimes divided up so you can vary the volume and the depth of the water in the incubator.Below: Old style incubators like this one had huge water tanks heated by paraffin burners.If you are using water in your incubator, you should never let it run dry as the variation in humidity this causes can seriously effect the hatch. An incubator that has contained water allowed to run dry might experience a rise in temperature.When adding water to the incubator you should ensure it is between 32 and 36 Celsius or between 90 and 95 Fahrenheit. Adding cold water to a large reservoir during an incubation cycle can lower the temperature for many hours.Water has two functions in the incubator: Proper water levels in incubators are crucial for successful egg hatching. The water level directly affects humidity, which is critical for embryo development. Maintaining appropriate humidity levels is essential for healthy growth inside the eggs. Insufficient humidity can cause eggs to dry out, resulting in failed hatching. Conversely, excessive humidity can promote bacterial growth and poor air quality, negatively impacting embryo development. Therefore, careful monitoring of water levels is necessary to ensure optimal conditions for successful hatching. Water levels also play a significant role in regulating incubator temperature. The water helps stabilize temperature and prevent fluctuations, which can be detrimental to embryo development. Maintaining consistent water levels ensures that the temperature remains within the optimal range. Water acts as a thermal mass, buffering temperature changes and maintaining a stable environment. This is particularly important during later incubation stages when embryos are more sensitive to temperature variations. Thus, proper water levels are essential for creating a stable and conducive environment for successful egg development and hatching. Key Takeaways Proper water levels in incubators are crucial for successful egg incubation and hatching. Factors to consider when determining water levels include egg size, ventilation, and humidity requirements. Recommended water levels vary for different stages of incubation, with higher levels needed during the hatching phase. Monitoring and maintaining water levels is essential for ensuring a stable and suitable environment for the developing eggs. Incorrect water levels can lead to poor hatch rates, deformed chicks, and other negative impacts on the hatchery. Factors to Consider When Determining Water Levels Incubator-Specific Factors When determining water levels in an incubator, several factors need to be taken into consideration. The type of incubator being used, the size of the incubator, and the number of eggs being incubated all play a role in determining the appropriate water levels. Different types of incubators may have different water reservoirs or mechanisms for controlling humidity, so it is important to follow the manufacturer's guidelines for each specific model. Stage of Incubation The stage of incubation is another crucial factor to consider when determining water levels. During the initial stages of incubation, lower humidity levels are generally recommended to mimic natural conditions. As the embryos develop and approach hatching, higher humidity levels are required to support their growth and prevent the eggs from drying out. Environmental Considerations It is essential to monitor and adjust the water levels accordingly as the embryos progress through the different stages of development. The external environmental conditions also need to be taken into account when determining water levels in an incubator. Factors such as ambient humidity and temperature can impact the rate at which water evaporates from the incubator. In drier climates, more water may be needed to maintain optimal humidity levels, while in more humid environments, less water may be required. It is important to regularly monitor and adjust the water levels based on these external conditions to ensure that the humidity inside the incubator remains within the recommended range for successful incubation. Recommended Water Levels for Different Stages of Incubation During the initial stages of incubation, lower humidity levels are generally recommended to mimic natural conditions. The humidity levels during this period should be around 40-50%. This lower humidity helps to prevent excessive moisture loss from the eggs and allows for proper air exchange within the incubator. It is important to avoid overfilling the water reservoir during this stage to prevent excessive humidity, which can lead to poor air quality and bacterial growth. As the embryos develop and approach hatching, higher humidity levels are required to support their growth and prevent the eggs from drying out. During the final three days of incubation, humidity levels should be increased to around 65-75%. This higher humidity helps to soften the eggshells and facilitates easier hatching for the embryos. It is crucial to monitor and adjust the water levels during this critical stage to ensure that the embryos have the necessary conditions for a successful hatch. It is important to note that these recommended humidity levels are general guidelines and may need to be adjusted based on specific environmental conditions and individual egg requirements. Regular monitoring and adjustment of water levels are essential to ensure that the humidity inside the incubator remains within the optimal range for successful incubation. Tips for Monitoring and Maintaining Water Levels Monitoring and maintaining water levels in an incubator is essential for successful egg incubation. Here are some tips for effectively managing water levels: 1. Use a hygrometer: A hygrometer is a device used to measure humidity levels. It is essential to have a reliable hygrometer in the incubator to monitor humidity levels accurately. Regularly check the hygrometer readings and adjust water levels as needed to maintain optimal humidity. 2. Keep a water log: Keeping a record of water usage and refill times can help track changes in humidity levels over time. This information can be valuable for identifying patterns and making adjustments to maintain consistent humidity levels. 3. Use distilled water: Using distilled water in the incubator can help prevent mineral buildup and bacterial growth, which can affect air quality and embryo development. It is important to use clean, distilled water to maintain a healthy environment inside the incubator. 4. Regularly clean and maintain water reservoirs: It is essential to clean and disinfect water reservoirs regularly to prevent bacterial growth and contamination. Keeping the water reservoirs clean helps maintain good air quality and creates a healthy environment for embryo development. 5. Adjust water levels based on external conditions: External environmental conditions such as ambient humidity and temperature can impact water evaporation rates in the incubator. It is important to monitor these conditions and adjust water levels as needed to maintain optimal humidity levels for successful incubation. By following these tips and regularly monitoring and adjusting water levels, you can create an optimal environment for successful egg incubation and maximize hatch rates. Consequences of Incorrect Water Levels Incorrect water levels in an incubator can have

impact on the humidity control during the incubation process. You can use a basic humidity monitor like these to keep everything under control, monitoring temperature and humidity in the room and inside the incubator if it doesn't have this feature built-it.The way it works is pretty simple and there is less worry and stress. Just like it sounds, you DO NOT add water to your incubator for the first 18 days. Once the lockdown phase hits, that's when you will add your water and bring the humidity to around 70%. And remember, don't lift the lid afterwards for 3 days! The dry incubation method is my go-to process for incubating my chicken eggs because it makes things much easier. I had done the traditional method for years where I painstakingly micromanaged the humidity and the temperature, just to have a 50% hatch rate. This grew to be really frustrating! So, I did my research and made the switch to using the dry incubation method and I will never go back! Whether or not it is better just depends on the individual and how much success or failure they have had doing either method. I wasn't having a good hatch rate with the traditional incubation process, so I decided to give this newer method a shot. This brought my hatch rate from 50% to around 90%! There seems to be a lot of debate between chicken farmers and backyard flock raisers alike. Some swear by the traditional method, while others, like myself, say that they have much more success using the dry technique. No matter what method or incubator you choose to use, it is crucial that you understand how much water to add for appropriate humidity control. This important detail is what can make or break the success of your egg hatching rate. No one wants to lose precious chicks after weeks of mothering and incubating the eggs, so make sure you have the water and humidity levels on point first! If you've ever raised eggs in an incubator, you know that there is a long list of dos and don'ts for successful hatches. Many professionals still debate about what incubation method is really the best, so if you're new to this process and are wondering how much water you should put in your incubator, you've come to the right place. Most average home incubators require around ½ a cup of water to be added to the middle reservoir in order to maintain proper humidity levels for the eggs. Incubating eggs is a delicate process because humidity and temperature levels can be quite specific during those 21 days. Water levels and the humidity percentage play a large role in the success of your hatches, so keep reading to fully understand how much water should go in the incubator.Hey chicken buddies: Quick heads-up before going further! I've put together a list of stuff I use and love for my flock. If you're curious about what keeps my hens happy, click here to find out. Reviewed by Experts: This article has been vetted by a professional for accuracy. Learn more about our editorial policy.Incubators do require water in order to have a successful hatch and this is all because of humidity. However, if you are using a "dry incubation method" then you don't have to add water to the incubator until the lockdown phase (days 18-21).Humidity is, by far, the most difficult aspect to control and interpret when it comes to incubating eggs. It is so important because having the levels too high or too low can lead to unhatched eggs or weak and unhealthy chicks. At the broad end of the egg, there is an air sac that grows larger as the egg loses weight during incubation. While incubating, eggs are supposed to gradually lose weight because moisture within the egg is dissipating and the chick is changing in size. Having ideal humidity means that the eggs are losing the moisture at the appropriate rate, allowing for room and air for them to breathe as they grow. Every incubator is different, so following the instructions for the one you purchased is ideal. The standard egg incubator will most likely require around ½ cup of warm water in order to reach the recommended 50% humidity for the first 1-17 days. If you have too much humidity in the incubator, then decrease how much water is added to it. If the humidity is too low, then add more. Incubator Tip: Know that the humidity in your home and incubator environment will affect how much water you need to put in. The way in which you will add water to your incubator will depend entirely on the device that you are using. I personally like to recommend the Brinsea Mini Advance II because it really keeps things simple for you. To add water, all you have to do is pour it into the external water top-up reservoir. I love that I don't have to lift the lid at all! This is especially handy during the final 3 days of incubation called the "lockdown period" where you can't remove the lid or it will affect the humidity too much and potentially ruin your hatch. Other incubators generally have a small well, pan or reservoir in the middle or bottom that is where the water is meant to be added. There's not much more information about how to add water, except don't add too much!When humidity is too high, the eggs won't lose the necessary amount of weight and internal moisture, if it's too low then the chicks will be too weak and probably not strong enough to hatch. Having improper humidity levels in your incubator could spell disaster for your fragile eggs and chicks, which is why it is important to understand exactly how to measure it and how you should adjust it over time. In order to appropriately measure humidity within your incubator, you will want to have a hygrometer. These can be built into the incubator itself or you can purchase one separately. No matter what, having a way to interpret humidity and temperature is crucial for having a successful hatch. Having humidity that is too high is much more problematic than low humidity. When this happens, the chick and egg did not lose the necessary amount of weight that it should for a successful hatch. Not only that, but the chicks will be too wet and large, making it very difficult for them to "pip" and hatch from the shell. Some speculate that the extra build-up of moisture on the egg will also clog the shell's pores, making it difficult for them to lose their moisture, essentially suffocating them. Egg Fact: Having humidity that is too high during the first 17 days and then too low during the "lockdown phase" is the most common reason for unsuccessful hatch rates. Low humidity will certainly be less problematic than high humidity, but it can still come with it's own issues. When the humidity has been too low, especially during the lockdown phase, the chicks will lose too much moisture and weight, leaving a larger air sac in the shell. When this happens, the chick is now smaller than it should be and will be weak, most likely leading to its death during the hatching process. Ambient humidity is referring to the temperature and humidity levels within the environment that will have an effect on the incubation of your eggs. Depending on your area, you may have a very dry winter and a very humid summer. This environmental factor will have a large impact on the humidity control during the incubation process. You can use a basic humidity monitor like these to keep everything under control, monitoring temperature and humidity in the room and inside the incubator if it doesn't have this feature built-it.The way it works is pretty simple and there is less worry and stress. Just like it sounds, you DO NOT add water to your incubator for the first 18 days. 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Small chicks are weak chicks, and weak chicks cannot always hatch on their own, and they may die just before or just after hatching. Guidelines include: Change the incubator water (not just refill it, but empty and add fresh, sterile, distilled water) at least every other week. Clean the incubator one to two times per month (depending on the number of users). Follow the directions for your incubator — you may need to add warm water. Close the incubator and DO NOT OPEN until after the chicks hatch. Chicks will begin pipping (pecking through the shell) around the 21st day of incubation. Pipping will take place for 1–6 hours before the chick emerges from the shell. A - Spraying only increases humidity for a very short time and will not 'soften' the egg shell. Spraying eggs can also transmit or spread infection and is therefore not recommended. The main effect it has on the egg is to cool it as the water evaporates. At least twice or three times a week, check water and add warm water to the bottom humidity tray if needed. *Note, with duck eggs spray mist with warm water once a week for the first three weeks and every other day the last week. If you place cold eggs in a warm, humid incubator, condensation will form on them and lead to possible contamination or suffocation. Once the eggs are in the incubator, do not adjust the temperature or humidity for a few hours, unless the temperature exceeds 102°F. After 4 hours, make proper adjustments. By turning the eggs an odd number of times each day, you will always end up with a different side up overnight. E. When setting the eggs in the incubator, lay them on their side and space them as evenly as possible allowing room for turning, however, it is alright for eggs to touch each other. You should NOT set shipped eggs directly into an incubator upon their arrival. They need 24-48 hours to allow the yolks to settle and to reach room temperature. 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One of the last things the chick does inside the egg is absorb the remaining yolk sac, which provides nourishment the first few days after hatching. Step 5: Lockdown, Days 18-20 On day 18 of the incubation period, you should stop turning the eggs by hand or turn off and remove eggs from the automatic turner. The chicks are nearly fully developed and they will position themselves inside the egg to prepare for hatching. Is dry hatching better? Poultry Keeper: The most common reason for hatch failure is caused by too much humidity. If you're experiencing low hatch rates, but the chicks are fully developed, the dry incubation method allows the egg to lose more moisture from inside the shell which prevents the chicks from drowning before hatch. How can you tell if a chick is alive in an egg? How do you tell if a chick has died in the egg? It depends on how far along it is. Early on, when there are a lot of blood vessels visible when you candle, the blood vessels will all collapse if the chick has died. As long as you're still seeing blood vessels, it's alive. How long can eggs go without turning? Early death: Insufficient turning can cause embryo death between days 3 and 6 of the incubation period for chickens. Mid-term death: Improper turning can cause embryo death between days 7 and 17, although this is less common. How long can incubated eggs go without heat? Embryos have survived at temperatures below 90°F for up to 18 hours. You should continue to incubate the eggs after the outage; then candle them 4 to 6 days later to check for further development or signs of life. If, after 6 days, you do not see life or development in any of the eggs, then terminate incubation. What happens if you incubate a double yolk egg? When two chicks hatch from the same egg, the egg usually has two yolks. Usually, one embryo out competes the other and only one chick survives to hatch. Many time both embryos die before hatch. What happens if my eggs don't hatch on day 21? If there are still unhatched eggs at day 21, don't despair. It is possible that timing or temperature went slightly awry, so give the eggs until Day 23. Candle any unhatched eggs to see if they are still alive before discarding them. Keep in mind that when hatching eggs, you will likely end up with roosters. What happens if humidity is too high in incubator? Too much moisture in the incubator prevents normal evaporation and results in a decreased hatch, but excessive moisture is seldom a problem in small incubators. Too little moisture results in excessive evaporation, causing chicks to stick to the shell sometimes and hatch crippled at hatching time. How do you tell if an incubating egg has died? After an embryo has died, the blood vessels start to break down. They then appear as streaks under the shell when viewed under the candling lamp. Candling will also reveal cracks in the eggshells. Eggs with cracked shells should be discarded. Why are my eggs dying in the incubator? The problem is usually caused by either 1) poor ventilation or 2) improper humidity. The air exchange requirement within an incubator is greatest during the last day of incubation. Do I need to wash my eggs before I put them in the incubator? Don't wash your eggs unless they're extremely filthy. Eggs have natural defenses built into the shell that keep bacteria from getting inside. Washing the egg is more likely to damage these defenses than it is to help anything. This is my first time incubating eggs, day 4 tomorrow and I have to add water, have been reading and it says not to open bator. will use a tube and syringe, how much water do I put? I will use warm water but do not know how much...is 1/4 cup enough or too much?Please someone answer - actually I cannot even see where the center part is that holds the water, will guess....Help put as much as it will hold ... its okay to open the bator to put water in .. i do and everythings fine... also add a sponge it helps when they hatch Jan 26, 2007 6,338 1,938 602 central Ohio What kind do you have? If you don't have an automatic egg turner in it I read you do have to open it to turn the eggs at least four times a day and our instructions say you can open it to add water. In ours there are little troughs around the bottom center and that is where you are supposed to put the water; idk either but we just filled up the trough thing to the top. This is my first time with a bator too but I have been told that humidity and the right level is important, so I will be interested to hear what others with more incubator experience. 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