

Using Inputs

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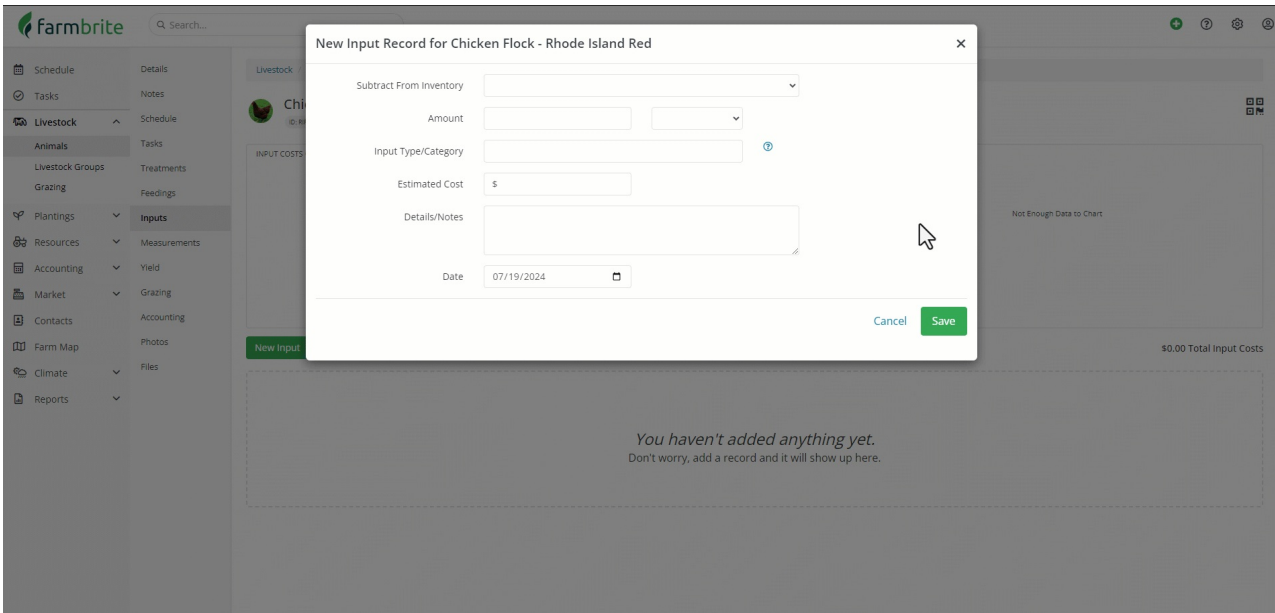
Taking care of your animals involves a lot more than just [feed](#) and [treatments](#)! You'll use things like fencing, bedding, enrichment items, and a lot more in your farm operation, and you can track their usage with Farmbrite's Inputs feature. This is directly linked with your Farmbrite [inventory](#), and the cost is automatically associated with your animal's breakeven amount for accounting.

Recording Inputs

You can add inputs from individual animals or groups. Just navigate to the record, and select Inputs. Then, choose New Input. In our example below we are navigating to set group of chickens where will record the input for the fencing we used to repair the coop. Alternatively, you might access a specific animal to add hay usage for bedding in it's stall, or a smart group to add the replacement of a scratch post brush in a pen or the distribution of balls and toys in an animal enclosure.

The screenshot displays the Farmbrite dashboard interface. On the left is a navigation sidebar with categories like Schedule, Tasks, Livestock, Plantings, Resources, Accounting, Market, Contacts, Farm Map, Climate, and Reports. The main content area is divided into several sections: a weather forecast for Littleton, CO, featuring an 'AIR QUALITY ALERT' and a 6-hour hourly temperature and weather forecast; a 'TOP UPCOMING TASKS' list with items like 'Move Bison to Pen B' and 'Weed Flower Bed B'; a 'RECENT ORDERS' section with a bar chart; and an 'INCOME VS EXPENSE' section with a line graph. A mouse cursor is visible over the 'TOP UPCOMING TASKS' section.

While it is not absolutely required, if you use Farmbrite's inventory to track these items, you can first select to subtract from your inventory items. Even without selecting something there, you can still supply an amount used, and what it was in the fields below. You can supply any notes you need, and the save. In our example screenshot below, see that we're using one roll of chicken wire to repair the coop.

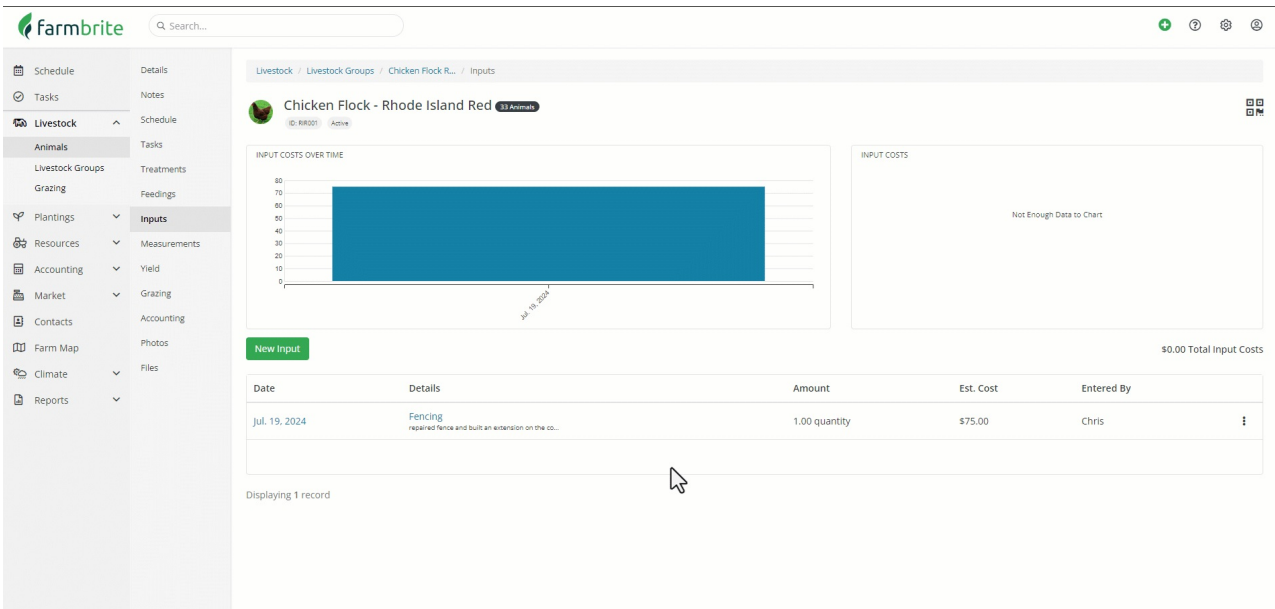


Bonus: Notice the red message displayed above after we saved? Since we are using the chicken wire from our inventory, the system is displaying a notification that we are running low. That way we know to order more; you can learn more about this feature [here](#).

Accounting and Inventory

Now that we've recorded the Input, let's see how that affected our accounting and inventory.

To see this recorded in the animal's breakeven amount, we'll navigate to that flock's Accounting tab and see the \$75 (the cost of one roll of chicken wire) added to the breakeven amount.



For Inventory, we can see the input usage recorded in the history for that item. Of course, this will only be shown if you choose to subtract the Input from inventory in the previous step.

Chicken Flock - Rhode Island Red (33 Animals)

INPUT COSTS OVER TIME

INPUT COSTS

Not Enough Data to Chart

\$75.00 Total Input Costs

| Date | Details | Amount | Est. Cost | Entered By |
|---------------|---|---------------|-----------|------------|
| Jul. 19, 2024 | Fencing repaired fence and built an extension on the co... | 1.00 quantity | \$75.00 | Chris |

Displaying 1 record

Reporting

You can access the Input History report to see a history of input usage. Navigate to Reports>Standard reports, access the Livestock tab, and then find the Input History report. you can customize this for different date ranges, and see what was given to what animal, and when.

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Record Activity Edit

Basic Information

- Name or Label: Chicken Flock
- Internal ID: RIR001
- Animal Type: Chicken
- Tag Number: -
- Number in set: 33 [History](#)
- Group: Chickens
- Status: Active
- Location/Paddock: Eastside Barn (Building)

Physical Characteristics

- Breed: Rhode Island Red
- Weight (lbs): Add Weight

Birth Information

Additional Information

- Veterinarian: Regina Marcus
- Estimated Breakeven: \$140
- Feed Comment: Hudson Feed Pellets
- Average Feed/Day: 0.06 lbs/day Avg.
- Feed Conversion Rate: Unknown

Recent Activity

- Jul. 19, 2024 - Fencing 1.0 quantity
- Jun. 25, 2024 - Yield 10.0
- May. 06, 2024 - Yield 30.0
- Apr. 30, 2024 - Moved from bedded beds
- Apr. 30, 2024 - Moved to eastside barn (building)
- Apr. 30, 2024 - Moved from eastside field 4 - grazing
- Apr. 30, 2024 - Moved into location "bedded beds"
- Apr. 30, 2024 - Moved into location "eastside barn (building)"
- Apr. 30, 2024 - Moved into location "eastside field 4 - grazing"
- Apr. 29, 2024 - Moved from southwest field c
- Apr. 29, 2024 - Moved into location "southwest field c"
- Apr. 15, 2024 - Yield 10.0
- Apr. 15, 2024 - Yield 1.0
- Apr. 05, 2024 - New bedding for chickens
- Sep. 01, 2022 - Medication antibiotic
- Aug. 31, 2022 - Pellet feed 15.0 pounds
- Aug. 31, 2022 - Pellet chicken feed 15.0 pounds
- Aug. 31, 2022 - Yield 32.0 a
- Aug. 30, 2022 - Yield 31.0
- Aug. 29, 2022 - Mash 10.0 pounds
- Aug. 29, 2022 - Yield 31.0