

Why are people getting into chickens?

There is a growing awareness of how easy and fun chickens are to raise. People see that chickens are a multi purpose pet! They are easy to care for. They eat the bugs and weeds in your backyard, generate fantastic fertilizer, and are fun to watch and interact with.

People desire to get their food from local and healthy sources. There is a preference for eggs from chickens that were fed well and treated humanely.

One of backyardchickens.com's most popular catch-phrases offers this perspective:
"My Pet Makes Me Breakfast!"



* * CHICKEN SCRATCH * *

Alektorophobia: The fear of poultry

The Largest Chicken egg:
12 ounces; 12.25 inches

The most yolks in a single egg: 9

Chickens can fly.

The longest flight: 13 seconds

Chickens can travel 9 miles per hour

Chickens were domesticated
8,000 years ago

It takes 24-26 hours to lay an egg

It takes 21 days to hatch an egg

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Backyard Chickens



A Guide to Raising Poultry in Neenah



More information at
SustainableNeenah.org

WHY CHICKENS?



You can be a part of the local food movement!

The local food movement is taking off, and by keeping chickens, you can take pride in being a producer and not just a consumer. Help feed your own existence!



GETTING STARTED

- * A coop/house
- * Nest boxes
- * A run
- * A waterer/feeder
- * Fresh water/feed
 - * Bedding
- * Up to four hens

Neenah Rules Concerning Poultry

Residents keeping poultry are required to register with the City Inspections Department.

No more than four total poultry may be kept per property.

Poultry are allowed on single-family properties only.

All poultry coops and yards shall be kept in a clean, sanitary condition and free from all objectionable odors, and shall be subject to the inspection and approval of the Health Officer.

Poultry shall be provided with a covered enclosure and must be kept in the covered enclosure or a fenced enclosure at all times.

The enclosure shall be located no closer than 25 feet to any neighboring home.

No Roosters allowed.

No slaughtering of poultry allowed.

WEB SITES

BASIC INFORMATION

- backyardchickens.com
- mypetchicken.com
- raisingchickensforeggs.com
- almanac.com/home-pets-family/raising-chickens-blog

BREED INFORMATION

- ithaca.edu/staff/jhenderson/chooks/chooks.html
- ansi.okstate.edu/breeds/poultry/
- poultrypages.com/chicken-breeds.html
- backyardchickens.com/breeds/breed-search.php

ORDERING BIRDS

- idealpoultry.com
- cacklehatchery.com
- meyerhatchery.com
- sunnysidehatchery.com
- Greenville Co-op 757-6556 (This is a local co-op that Sunnyside Hatchery delivers to.)

BOOKS

Neenah Public Library Poultry Resources.

~*Raising Chickens for Dummies*

Kimberly Willis and Robert T. Ludlow

~*Storey's Guide to Raising Chickens*

Gail Damerow

~*Keep Chickens! Tending Small Flocks in Cities, Suburbs and other Small Spaces*

Barbara Kilariski

~*A Chicken in Every Yard*

Robert and Hannah Litt