

Why Keep Backyard Chickens?

1. You can be a food producer!

The local food movement is flourishing, and by keeping backyard chickens you can take pride in being a food producer and not just a consumer.

2. You know exactly where your eggs come from!

When you raise your own eggs and/or meat you know what the animal ate, its living conditions, and how it was treated.

3. You can eat fresh!

Fresh foods simply taste better and eggs are no exception. Combine chicken keeping with a vegetable garden and you'll never look at store bought eggs & produce the same way.

4. You can fertilize your garden!

Chicken poop is high in nitrogen and great for your compost pile. Give your vegetable garden the nutrient boost it needs.

5. You can practice natural pest control!

Got cockroaches, grubs, or any other pest you don't want in your yard or garden? Chickens are great at controlling certain pests naturally- no need to put down nasty chemicals. And yes- chickens will even eat mice!

6. You will be entertained!

While chicken keeping may sound like a chore to some, many people see egg collection and putting out feed as a relaxing morning ritual. Also, just like cats and dogs, chickens have personalities and can be great companions.

7. You will make new friends!

An unintended consequence of backyard chicken keeping is meeting new people. Attend a chicken class, participate in a chicken house tour and get involved with local chicken groups in your area.