

THINKING ABOUT GETTING CHICKENS?

Here are five things to consider
before getting chickens...



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It was a cool Spring day when my husband walked in with 20 baby chicks and a heat lamp in hand. It was a fun memorable day but I'd love to help the new beginner feel a little more prepared than I may have initially been. If you're interested in getting chickens, I would highly encourage you to take the plunge! It is so comforting to know you have a healthy self-sustainable protein right in your backyard. We all can benefit from a little more self sustainability and eggs are a perfect place to start!

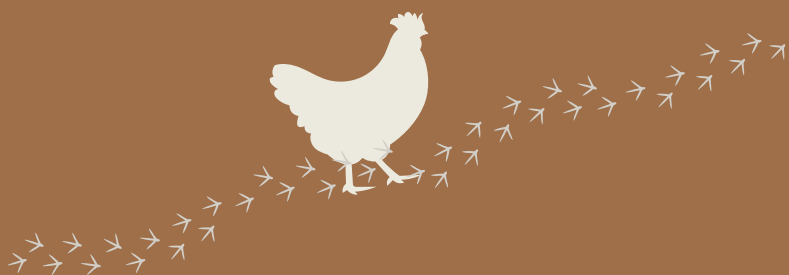
In this E-book, I put together just a few quick intro tips and encouragements... I hope this gives you a bit more confidence and you decide to order your chicks **TODAY!**

-Alex



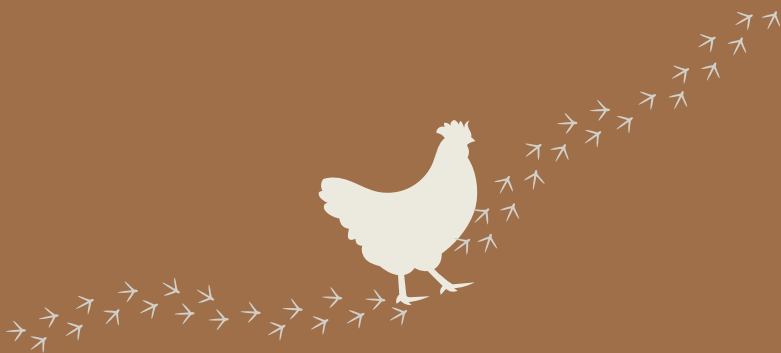
1 CONSIDER YOUR COOP

- I HIGHLY recommend a mobile chicken coop
- Research pros/cons of mobile coop vs hen house
- Plan your nest boxes (laying boxes)
- Plan your roosting poles (sleeping arrangements)



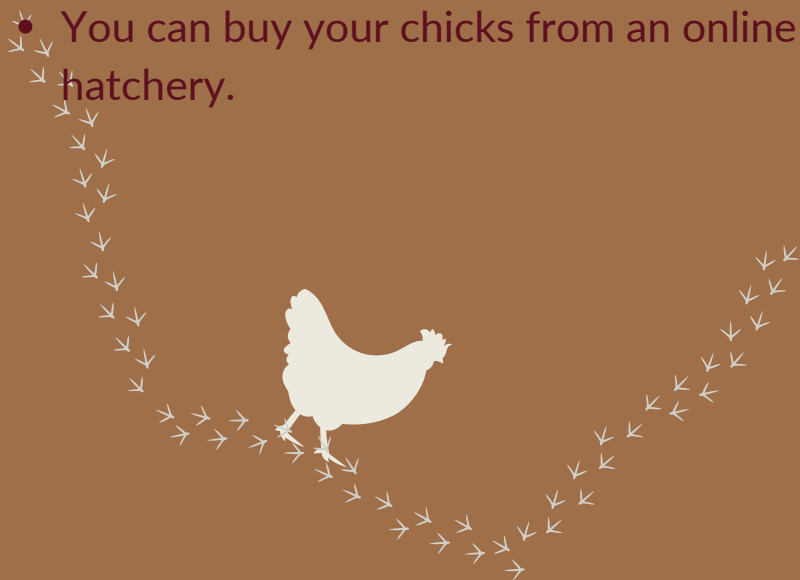
2 CHICKENS' FOOD

- Price out organic chicken feed options
- Feed them your kitchen scraps
- Mobile coop or free range for bugs
- Team up with neighbors: collect food scraps in exchange for eggs



PICK YOUR CHICKS

- Our favorite high production egg laying chickens: Buff Orphingtons, Barred Rock, Australorps, Rhode Island Reds
- You can buy your chicks from a local co-op, farm supply store, or a local farmer.
- You can buy your chicks from an online hatchery.



4 STRAIGHT RUN VS PULLETS

- A straight run are boy and girl chicks
- Pullets are sexed female laying hens



5 JUST GET CHICKENS

There is a lot of information out there that can make it intimidating. You might feel like you're going to mess up. My answer... you will. You will make mistakes and that's OK. You will learn and there is no better way to learn than hands on.

