



# FAQs



In case you would like some additional information, here are some frequently asked questions and answers!

## **WHAT IS THE MOREY CHICKEN CO-OP?**

Our urban chicken co-op is a project centered around community and sustainability. Amidst the city's hustle and bustle, our little haven at Morey Middle School is filled with the sounds of happy hens. We've turned this beautiful garden into an environment for locally sourced eggs, and newfound friendships, proving that unity and sustainability go hand-in-wing

## **HOW CAN I GET INVOLVED?**

Reach out to us at [moreychickencoop@gmail.com](mailto:moreychickencoop@gmail.com) for all membership inquiries. We're here to help you join our feathered community!

You can also follow our Instagram: [@moreychickencoop](https://www.instagram.com/moreychickencoop)

## **WHAT ARE MEMBERSHIP REQUIREMENTS?**

Members commit to an evening or morning shift once per week. These shifts involve feeding and watering the chickens, collecting eggs, and ensuring the coop is clean and secure.

The annual membership fee is \$50 to cover the costs of feed, supplies, and other expenses associated with maintaining the chickens. In exchange for these efforts, members enjoy fresh eggs and the opportunity to make new friends and be part of a community.

## **WHAT DO CHICKENS LIKE TO EAT?**

Grains: Corn, wheat, barley, oats, and millet are popular choices. These can be given whole or cracked

Vegetables: Leafy greens like lettuce, spinach, kale, and Swiss chard. Other vegetables such as carrots, broccoli, cucumbers, and pumpkins (including seeds)

Fruits: Berries (strawberries, blueberries, raspberries), Watermelon, apples, bananas, and other fruits (avoid citrus in large quantities)

Protein Sources: Mealworms, crickets, or other insects. Cooked beans (in moderation - must be cooked!)

## **WHAT SHOULD CHICKENS NOT EAT?**

Harmful plants: Eggplant leaves and stems, onions, garlic, leeks, nightshade, raw potatoes, rhubarb leaves

Avocado: Avocado and its pit and skin contain a substance called persin, which is toxic to chickens

Citrus Fruits: Citrus fruits like oranges, lemons, and limes can cause digestive upset in chickens.

Green Potatoes or Tomato Leaves: These contain solanine and other toxic compounds that can be harmful to chickens

Moldy Spoiled or Processed Food: Always provide fresh and clean natural food!

Salty or sugary foods: Avoid feeding them salty snacks, processed foods, or candies, chocolates, pastries, etc.

Please remove pits from any fruits like peaches



# WHAT BREEDS ARE THESE CHICKENS?



## **RHODE ISLAND RED**

The Rhode Island Red is an American breed of domestic chicken with rich dark red feathers. They are the state bird of Rhode Island!



## **BLACK SUSSEX**

These ladies traditionally have beautiful black plumage with white feathers around the neck and hackles. The markings differ for each hen within this breed!



## **SPECKLED SUSSEX**

Speckled Sussex chickens are a charming breed known for their attractive speckled plumage of black and white dots. They thrive in various climates and are popular choices for backyard flocks



## **BARRED ROCK**

Barred Rock chickens, also known as Plymouth Rock chickens, are one of the oldest American chicken breeds. Barred Rocks were developed in the early 19th century



## **HOW DO CHICKENS KNOW WHEN TO LAY AN EGG?**

Chickens don't need a rooster to lay an egg! Once they mature (around 5-6 months old), their bodies naturally produce eggs regularly. Their bodies naturally follow a regular laying schedule.

## **DO CHICKENS LAY EGGS EVERY DAY?**

Not quite! While many hens can lay an egg almost daily, they usually need about 24-26 hours to form a new egg. Sometimes they take little breaks, especially during winter when the days are shorter.

## **CAN A CHICKEN LAY MORE THAN ONE EGG IN A DAY?**

It's rare, but sometimes a hen can lay two eggs in one day. Usually, this happens when their body is adjusting, like when they first start laying or after a long break

## **WHERE DOES THE SHELL COME FROM?**

Chickens are pretty amazing! They build the egg shell out of calcium in their bodies. That's why they love calcium-rich treats like oyster shells or eggshells to help them keep up with all that egg-making!

## **WHAT CAME FIRST, THE CHICKEN OR THE EGG?**

Ah, the age-old question! Scientists and philosophers have debated this for centuries. Technically, eggs existed long before chickens, thanks to reptiles and dinosaurs laying them. But if we're talking about chicken eggs specifically, scientists say the egg came first, laid by a bird that wasn't quite a chicken but evolved into one. So, we may never have a definitive answer, but we're glad they both exist!