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Backyard Chicken Keeping Is It an Ethical Alternative to Factory Farming?

Inside of “Broiler” Chicken Shed

Photo by David Harp



Modern Chicken House in Delaware

Photo by David Harp



Inside of “Battery” Hen Shed

Photo by ITamar K.



Weaver Brothers Egg Farm in Versailles, Ohio

Photo by Mercy For Animals



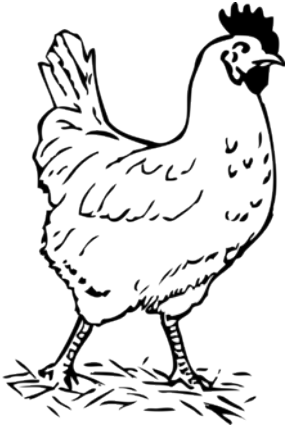
Advertising Photo from Black Eagle Farm Website



Reality of Black Eagle Farm Hens in “Free-range, Organic” Facility in Virginia



So... Is backyard chicken keeping an ethical alternative to factory farming?



Henny Penny Rooster

Photo courtesy of Chicken Run Rescue



The Ugly Face of Small Animal Farming

Photo by Jake Stangel for Bloomberg Businessweek

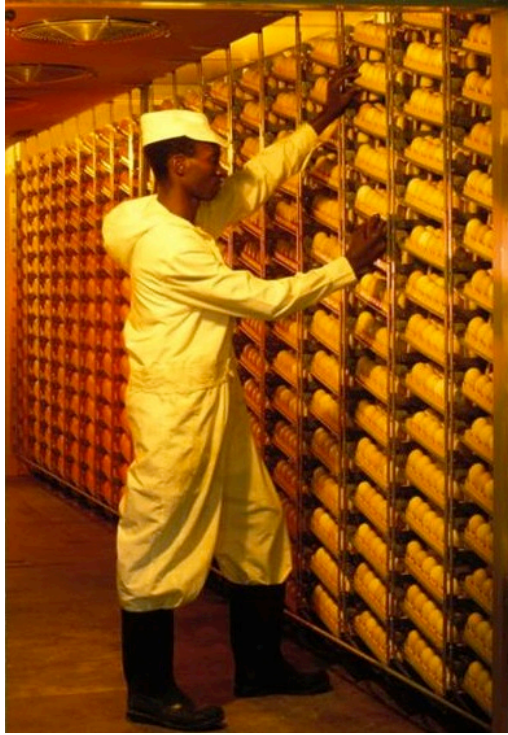


*"I've spent the WHOLE day processing these f***ers. First I hung them in the bathroom, cut off their heads, and bled them (they were freshly killed)." ~Novella Carpenter, Ghost Town Farm Blog*



Where do backyard
chicken-keepers get their
chickens?

From Industrial Hatchery to Backyard



The “Breeding” Flocks





When hens and roosters are no longer wanted by the hatchery, they are destroyed – just like a factory farm.

Industrial Hatchery



Chicks in a Shipping Box

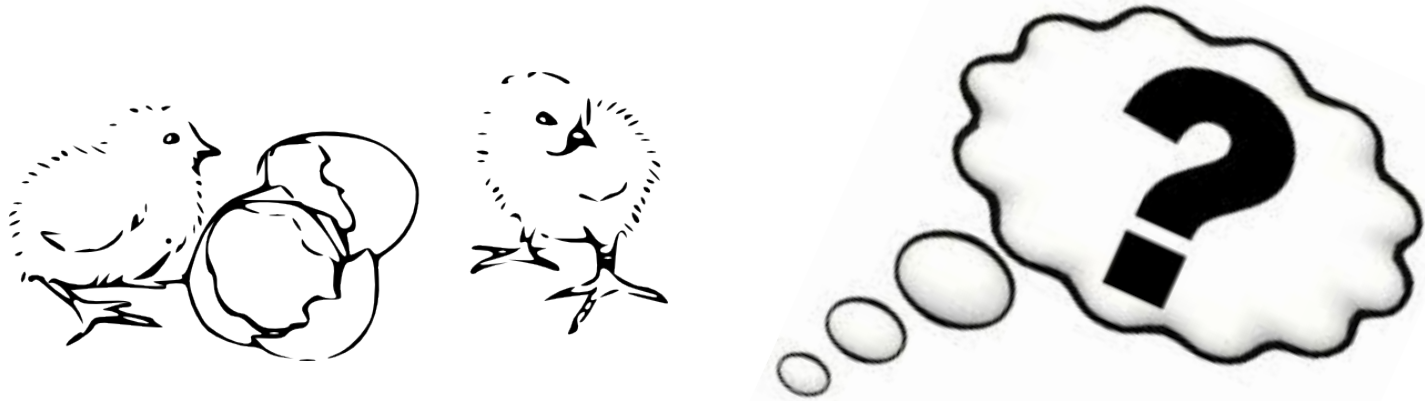
Photo courtesy of The Animals Voice



Rooster, Hen and Chicks

Photo by Davida G. Breier





What happens to the
male chicks?

Male chicks on a conveyor belt, heading toward their death. Perhaps to a grinding machine. Perhaps into a garbage bag to suffocate to death.

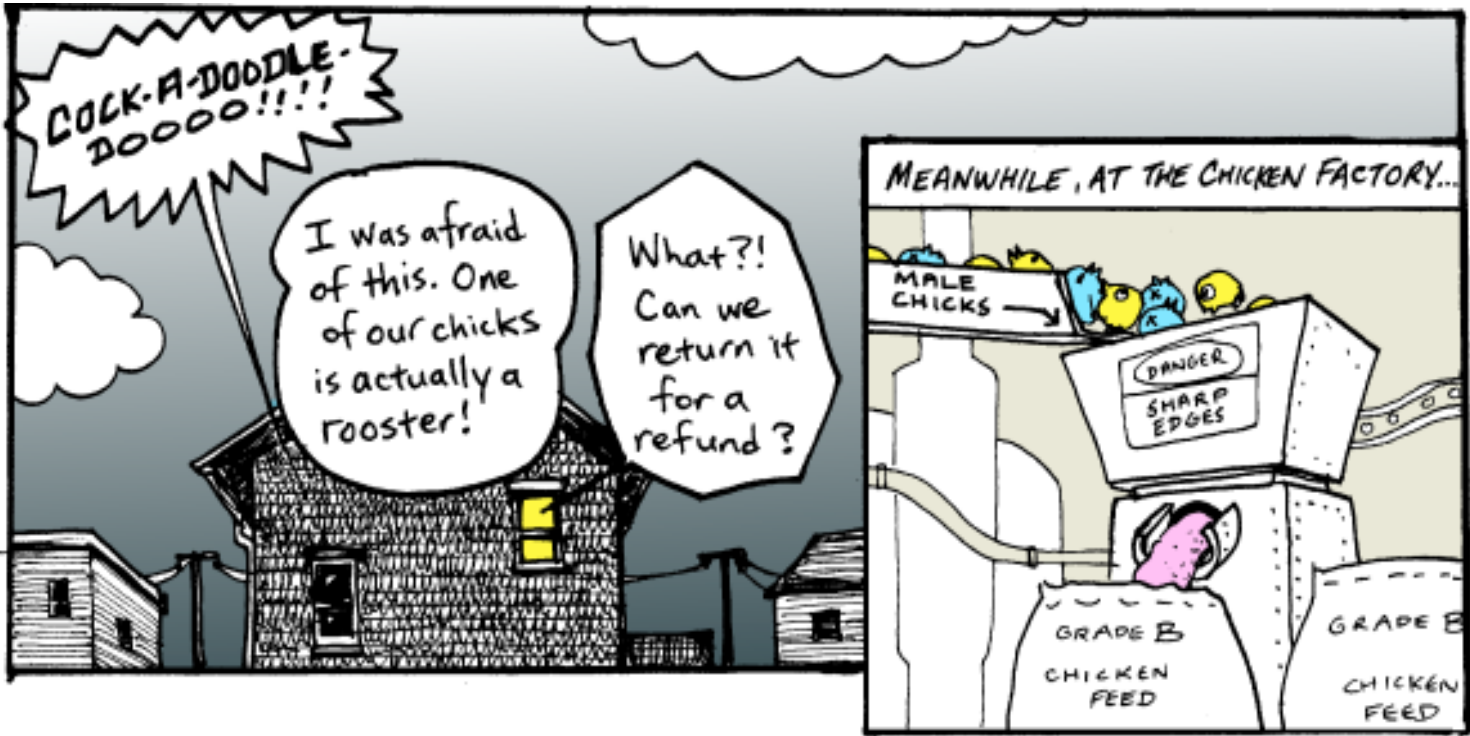


Discarded Rooster Chicks

Photo courtesy of The Animals Voice



Male Chicks are Used as Packing Material



**“The question of what to do with Hanz —
and other roosters like him —
is an unforeseen
byproduct of the
growth of backyard
chicken flocks.”**

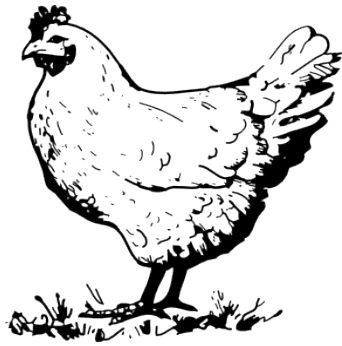


Hanz the Rooster at the Montgomery
County Maryland Humane Society
*Photo by Ricky Carioti,
The Washington Post*

Rooster Leading Hens Across Bridge

Photo by Auke Van der Weide



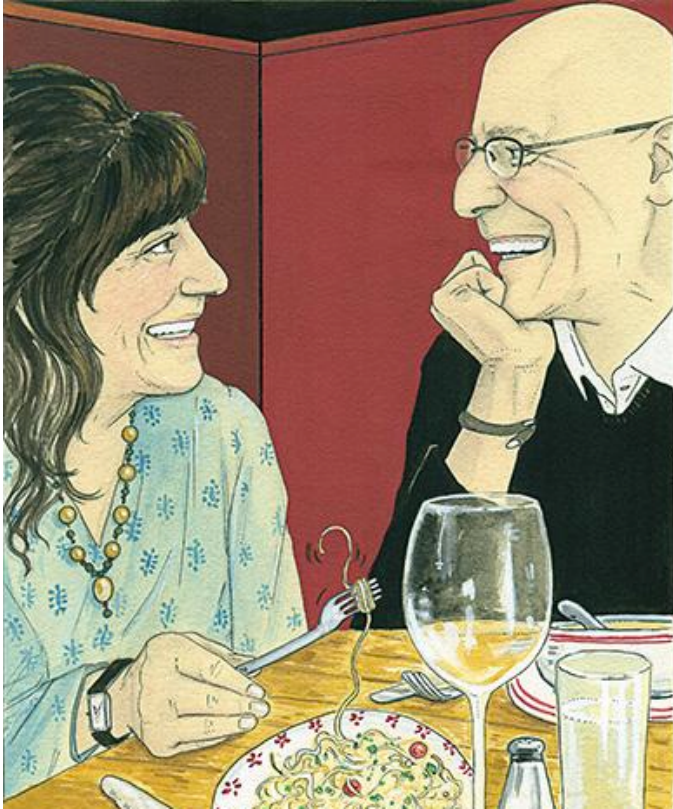


What happens to the hens
when their egg productivity
declines?

A Bloody Lesson for Backyard Chicken Enthusiasts



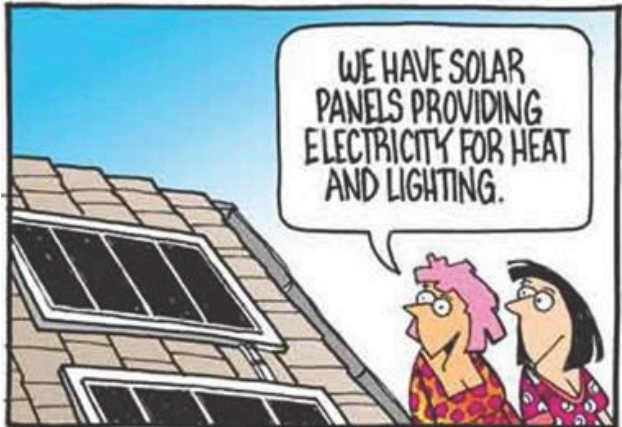
Michael Pollan and Ruth Reichl Hash out Their Food Revolution



“I raised chickens, and worried that I wouldn’t be able to kill them, but by the time they were mature, I couldn’t wait to kill them.”

“Meat birds are not like hens. Their brains have been bred right out of them, they’re really nasty and stupid. And every other critter for miles around was coming after them. I lost one to a raccoon, one to a fox, one to an owl—all in the course of a week. In the end I couldn’t wait to do the deed, because otherwise, somebody else was going to get the meat.”

- Michael Pollan



Don't Keep Chickens, If:

- **All you want chickens for is their eggs.**
- You are unable to provide a clean, comfortable and predator-proof home for your chickens.
- You cannot commit to taking good care of your chickens for their whole life.

Do not buy chickens from a hatchery or through mail order. Do not “breed.”



Photo by Susan Rayfield



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UPC Chicken House and Enclosed Yard

UPC Sanctuary photo by Davida G. Breier



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Mary Britton Clouse and Bert Clouse of Chicken Run Rescue

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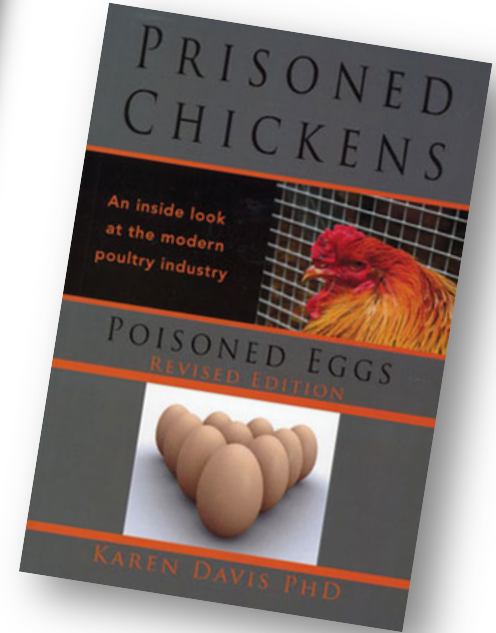
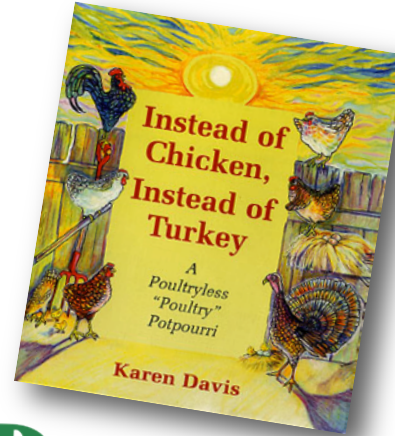
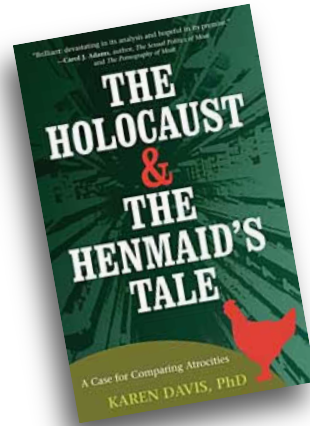
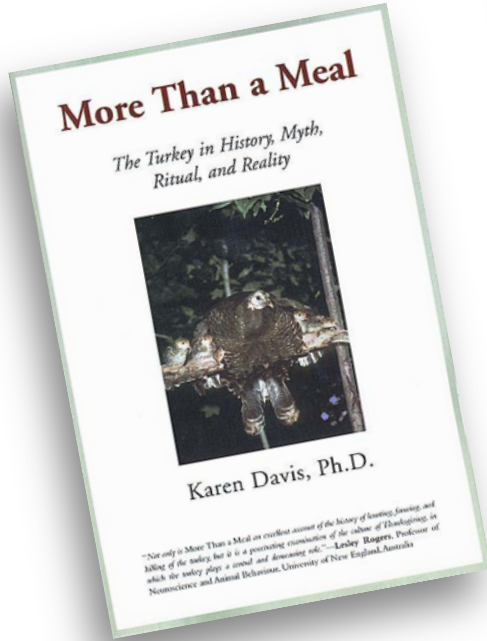
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