

# The Christopher Farm & Gardens – Information about chickens:



The world is populated with more chickens than any other bird species; 25 billion. Chickens have been domesticated by man for 9000 years. The origin of the chicken still remains a mystery but it's thought to be in China. Nonetheless, Chickens have been a part of our lives for years and continue to grow in popularity. Backyard

chicken raising has increased in the past decade spurred by interest in local food sources and sustainability. Chickens are fairly self-sufficient but some care is required daily. What's also necessary is fencing for protection as other things also like chickens too.

- Chickens live on average 8 years but can live up to 15 years
- Some hens lay up to 300 eggs per year
- The heaviest egg ever recorded was 12 ounces
- Egg shell color is determined by breed
- A freshly laid egg is 105 degrees Fahrenheit
- To make a dozen eggs, a chicken needs four pounds of feed
- If a chicken has brown ear lobes it will lay brown eggs, white lobes white eggs
- Chickens can fly but will only do so for a few seconds
- A group of chickens is known as a flock
- Chickens are very social and actually play
- Chickens see and dream in color
- Chickens lose feathers in stressed
- A chickens heart can beat up to 300 times per minute
- Chickens have great memories and will remember people
- Baby chickens are chicks. Female chickens are pullets until lay can lay eggs
- Hens are chickens that can lay eggs. Adult males are known as roosters
- The largest breed of chicken is the Brahma, in India one weighed 16.5 lbs

