

FOWL PLAY IN THE GARDEN

A. ORIGIN- WHERE DO CHICKENS COME FROM.

About 8,000 years ago showed up in Europe,
Moved to Southeast Asia, to China, then India
And explorers brought them to the Americas.
The main reason they brought them on the ships
was for food .

So chickens have been around for a long time

B. WHY RAISE CHICKENS

They are the pets that make you breakfast.

They make a family life fun and exciting, especially if
you have children.

You have fun raising them from chicks

Building a home for them- COOP

Caring and feeding them

Protecting them from predators

You don't have to live in the country to raise
chickens

C. FEEDING THEM

What do chickens eat, lots of different things.

Probably their most favorite is “bugs” of all kind such as rollie pollies & crickets.

We feed our one and only chicken, scratch (which is a mixture of grains) , mealworms , vegetables and other special treats .

During our winter storm in February, we had our chicken in our storage shed to protect her from the cold. Her feet would freeze and she could die, because they have no fur or feathers on them. To keep her from going stir crazy in there we cut a cabbage in half, cut the core out, ran a string thru it and hung it up from a shelf. She pecked and pecked at it until she had devoured it. You can also do that with apples.

They also always need to have plenty of water to drink.

D. CHICKENS IN THE GARDEN

1. Their manure fertilizes your garden
2. Feed veggies to them
3. Let the chickens scratch in the soil to
Reduce insects from devouring your garden
They eat weeds

E. Building a coop

Is a fun project for the entire family
There are so many types you can build, but there are also kits that you can purchase and assemble yourselves

F. TOP 10 CHICKENS

1. Silkie Bantam- comes from Japan, its name derived from its unique feathers. Their eggs are a tan color
And they are peewee chickens.

2.Australorp-come from Australia. Very quiet birds. Neighbors tend to really like them due to that. Their eggs are brown, and these chickens are big in size.

3.Brahma- native to India. Eggs are brown and a very big chicken.

4.Plymouth Rock- native to New England. Their eggs are brown and are huge chickens.

5.Rhode Island Red- known for their ruddy brown color. Their eggs are brown and are huge chickens.

6.Ameraucana-originated in South America. They were imported in the 1930's and were only known as Aruacana then in the 1970's they changed their name to Ameraucana. Their eggs are blue and thee Are medium sized chickens.

7.Jersey Giant- huge big girls. Are in Rhode Island. Their eggs are brown and are big as their name.

8.Orpington- originated in England, their eggs are brown and is a large chicken.

9. Dominique- originated in England. Known to be the oldest breed. Their eggs are brown, and is a medium to large size chicken.

10. Welsummer-originated in Holland. The rooster is well known, as he is the picture on the Corn Flakes cereal box. Their eggs are a deep Terra Cotta color. Medium size chicken.