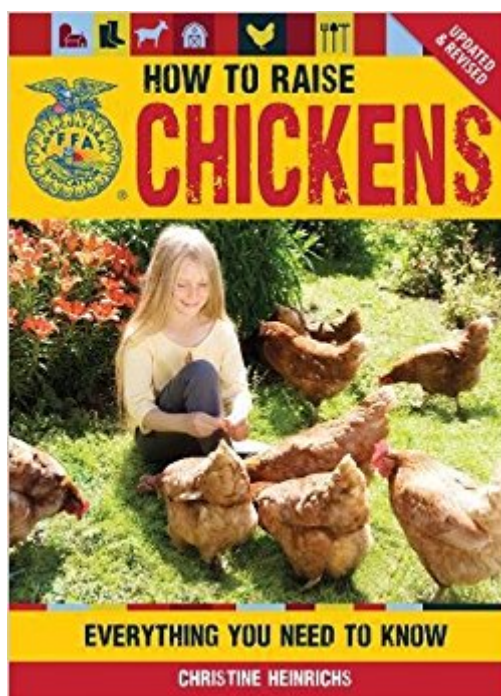


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# How To Raise Chickens: Everything You Need To Know, Updated & Revised (FFA)



## Synopsis

Whether you want to raise 5 chickens or 50, whether you have a 40-foot city lot or a 40-acre farm, the expert advice in this hands-on guidebook makes it easy for you to get started raising a healthy flock. Whichever comes first for you, the chicken or the egg, this book will show you what to do next with longtime chicken breeder Christine Heinrichs explaining all the helpful DOs and important DON'Ts. This brightly illustrated, full-color guide will prove an indispensable resource for anyone interested in raising their very own flocks. Easy-to-follow advice helps you to: Choose breeds and obtain stock House and feed chickens Manage your flock and keep it healthy Select and cull for breeding programs Incubate eggs and care for chicks Raise chickens in the country, suburbs, or city The book provides information on breed types, obtaining stock, housing, feeding, flock management, breeding programs, incubation and care of chicks, selection and culling, showing, health care, and the legal aspects of raising chickens. Reviewed and approved by Dr. Clint Rusk (Purdue University Associate Professor in the Youth Development and Agriculture Education Department), this book will give you the tools you need to succeed in a challenging but rewarding business.

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## Customer Reviews

Christine Heinrichs is the author of *How to Raise Chickens* and *How to Raise Poultry* (both Voyageur Press, 2013) and has won many awards over the course of her 30-year writing career. She holds a degree in journalism from the University of Oregon and is a member of the Society of

Professional Journalists, the Society of Environmental Journalists, the Northern California Science Writers Association, and Ten Spurs, the honorary society of the Mayborn Literary Nonfiction Conference. She is also a member of the American Poultry Association, where she serves on the Heritage Breeds Committee, the American Bantam Association, and the American Livestock Breeds Conservancy. She lives with her husband, chickens, and cat in Cambria, California.

I bought this as a gag for my 3 and 9 year old daughters who kept talking about chickens. "If you girls keep talking about chickens, I can get you a book on how to raise chickens for Hanukkah! Instead of any other gift" Eventually they got the hint and stopped talking about chickens, however I got the book anyway and the book is actually pretty good.

This is a must have book for anyone thinking about raising chickens. Even if you have a small backyard, you can still have chickens and fresh eggs. It's got nice glossy pages with photos, so my kids loved reading this book too.

I was hoping for a book with a lot more information on raising chicks the first few months. It touches on this area in a few paragraphs but that is about it. If you are looking for thorough insight into chicken breeds and their history, or how to hatch chicks from eggs, then this is the book for you. Otherwise, not so much.

It isn't everything you need to know. There must be a better book on chicken raising out there but I haven't found it.

It's ok, however talks a lot about showing chickens? The title is incorrect!

Reading this book is really not to be read out in its entirety but as you read day by day you can take some notes or highlight some important info from the book so when problems occur you can always come back to the book and it will be helpful to you. I've reared fowls, ducks and turkeys for many many years in my own yard and by learning from experience over the years I think I know quite a lot about them. I raised my chickens in such a way and trained them to go to their chicken coop when it's evening to roost. I remember back when my grand parents used to raise chickens all they did was throw some corn in the morning and the evening for them and the rest of the day they go around the yard and forage around for their own food looking for insects etc. I on the other hand

when I started to raise my own always had food throughout the day in there coop so whenever they feel to eat they just came into the coop and eat and back out to forage around for insects and eating a lot of green grass. Oh yes chickens love to eat plenty grass. One day one of my chicken got diarrhea and I had some baby medicine for diarrhea and tried it with a small teaspoon into its mouth and amazingly it got better the very next day. That is one of the things I've tried and was successful when raising my chickens plus many other things you'll use when your chickens get sick especially when they get worms and using some home remedy medicine to purge them from the worms. What is striking for me in the book is the five toes chicken and that is the very first time I ever knew about those type of chickens (I've posted two pictures of them). Reading this little poem in the book was so exciting and thrilling for me that I must add it to my review. [Quote] Robert Frost captured that fascination and pride in his poem about his favorite chicken: Such a fine pullet ought to go All coiffured to a winter show, And be exhibited, and win, The answer is this one has been  
And come with all her honors home, Her golden leg, her coral comb, Her fluff of plumage, white as chalk, Her style, were all the fancy  
It seems as if you must have heard. She scored an almost perfect bird. In her we make ourselves acquainted With one a Sewell might have painted. Here common with the flock again, At home in her abiding pen, She lingers feeding at the trough, The last to let night drive her off. The one who gave her ankle-band, Her keeper, empty pail in hand, He lingers too, averse to slight His chores for all the wintry night. He leans against the dusty wall, Immured almost beyond recall, A depth past many swinging doors And many litter-muffled floors. He meditates the breeder's art. He has a half a mind to start, With her for Mother Eve, a race That shall all living things displace. 'Tis ritual with her to lay The full six days, then rest a day; At which rate barring broodiness She may well score an egg success. The gatherer can always tell Her well-turned egg's brown shapely shell, As safe a vehicle of seed As is vouchsafed to feathered breed. No human specter at the feast Can scant or hurry her the least. She takes her time to take her fill. She whets a sleepy sated bill. She gropes across the pen alone To peck herself a precious stone. She waters at the patent fount And so to roost, the last to mount. The roost is her extent of flight, Yet once she rises to the height, She shoulders with a wing so strong She makes the whole flock move along. The night is setting in to blow. It scours the windowpane with snow, But barely gets from them or her For comment a complacent chirr. The lowly pen is yet a hold Against the dark and wind and cold To give a prospect to a plan And warrant prudence in a man. Robert Frost [End Quote]

Just what I needed for learning how to care for my chickens.

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