



Backyard Chickens

Why HENS are the “IT” BIRD



Interest in hen keeping exploded in 2010



Flash in the Pan or Growing Movement?

- Farm & Garden CEO thought it would fizzle out...
- The West is mostly chicken friendly, with fewer anti-chicken ordinances
- World's top retailer is even selling all types of chicken food and hen scratch



Why?



- Pest control
- Nitrogen-rich fertilizer
- Sustainability
- Entertainment
- Egg production



Backyard Eggs vs. Store Bought

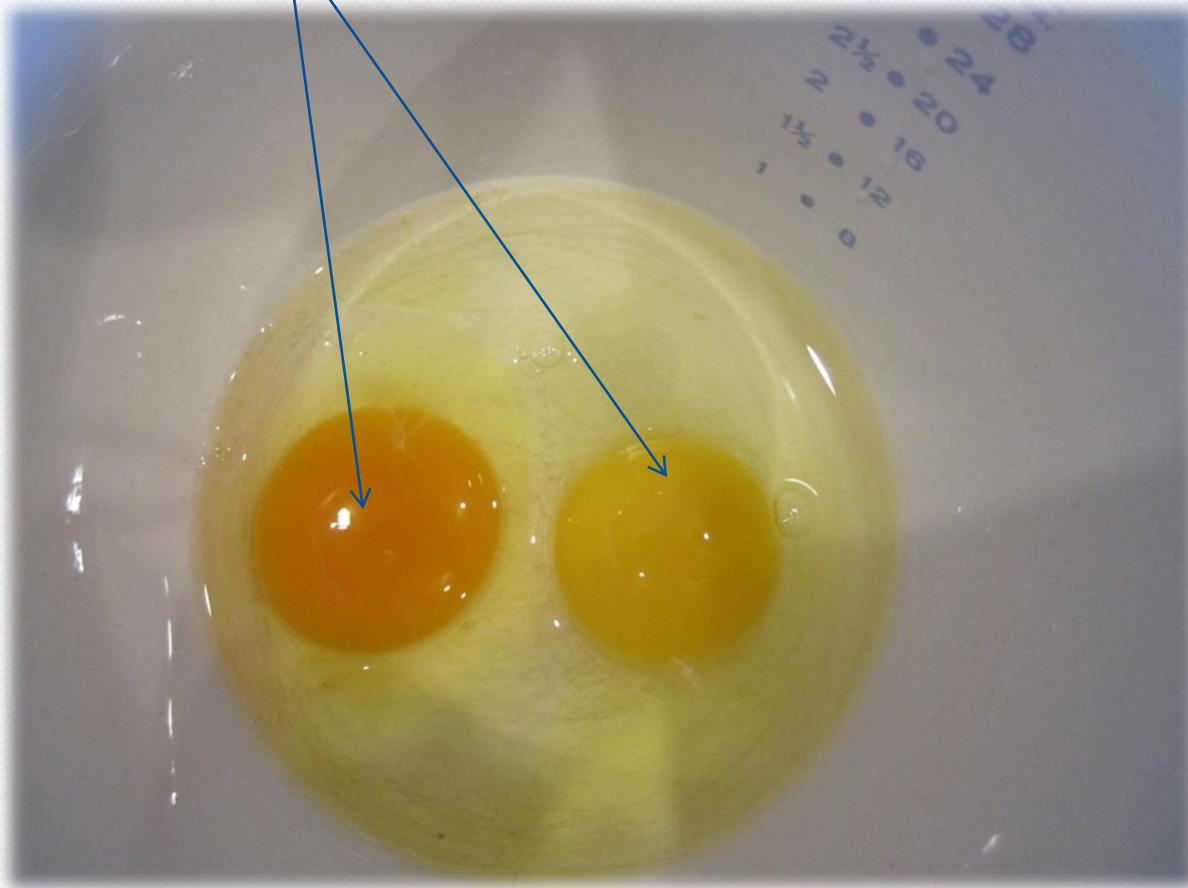
Mother Earth News Study:

- Cholesterol: $1/3$ less
- Omega-3s: twice as many
- Beta Carotene: 7 times more
- Vitamin A: $1/3$ more
- Vitamin E: 3 times more



According to the USDA, eggs sold in grocery stores are still considered “fresh” up to 45 days after they were packed

Fresh vs. Store Bought Egg



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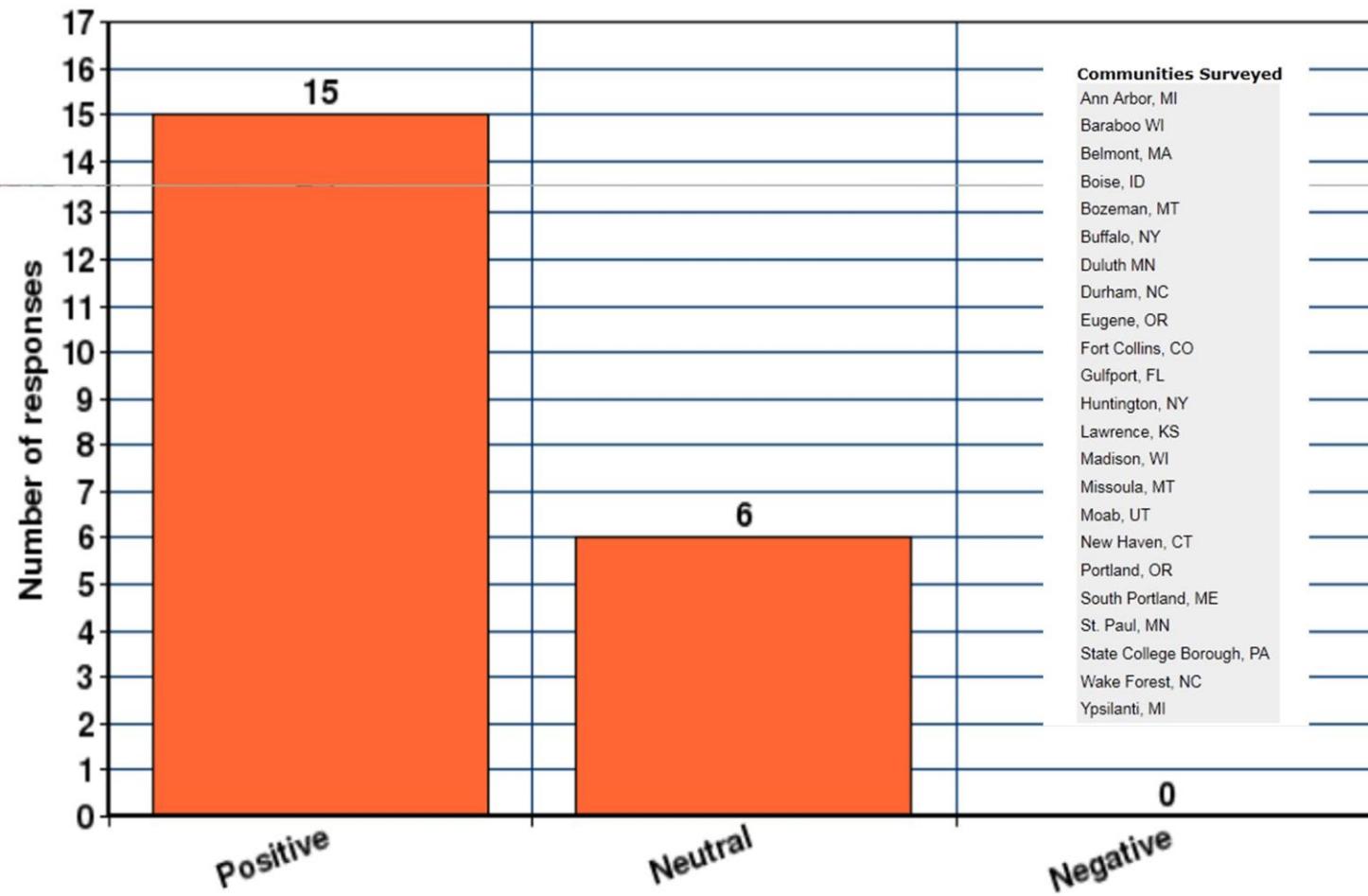
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Chicken Ordinance Survey

Conducted by Hugh Bartling's Green Urban Policy Class DePaul University

Has the ordinance been positive, negative or neutral in your city?



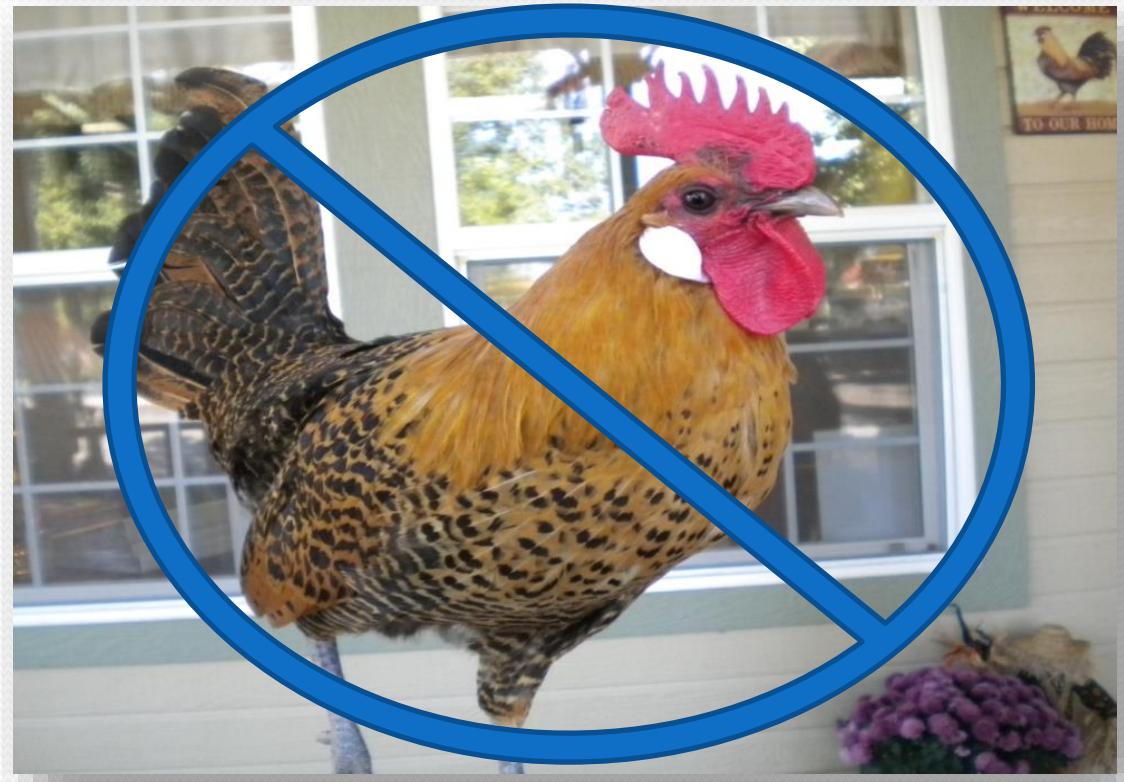
Urban Hens & Local Elections



So why are some communities NOT keen on CHICKENS?

- NOISE
- SMELL
- HEALTH

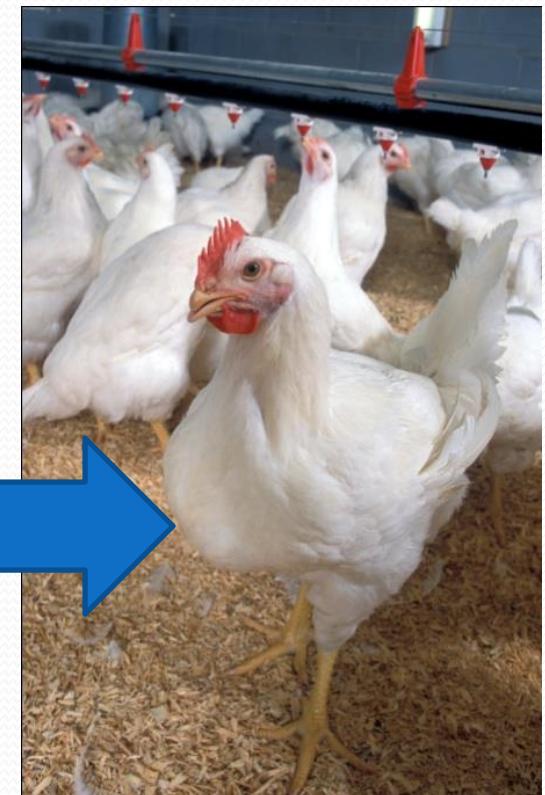
It's minimal because there are no roosters
...cock-a-doodle-don't



- Smell (4-6 backyard hens DON'T smell)



- Health (backyard hens are healthier than commercially raised chickens)



Most often they are treated as pets.



They are given names...



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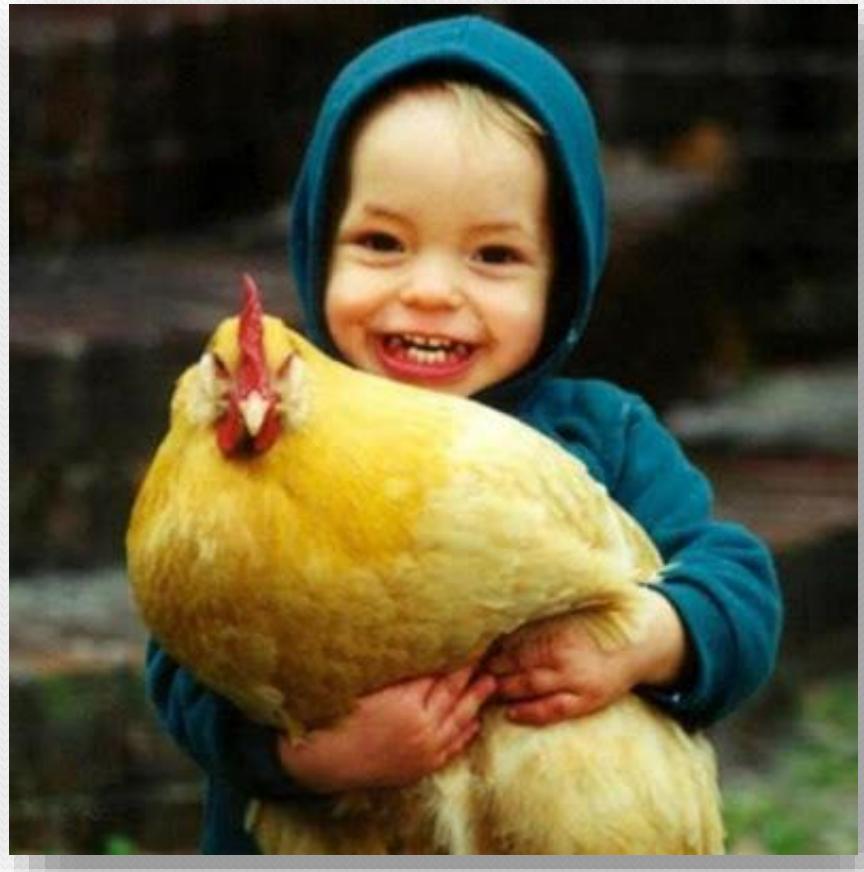
They are sometimes treated like a family cat or dog.



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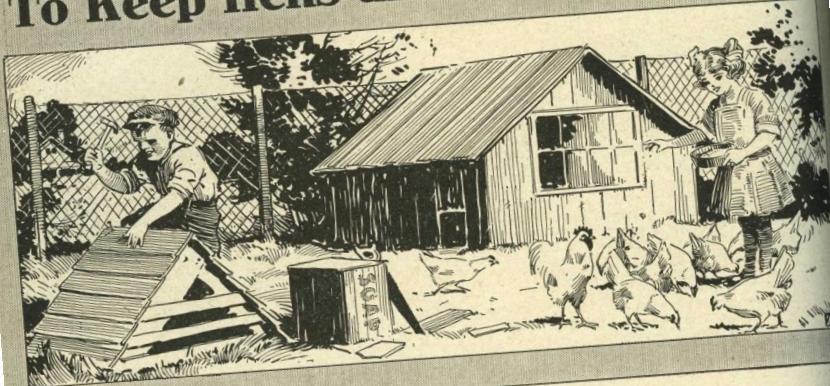
And, at times enduring some manhandling from the youngest family members.



Simply put, the “girls” become part of the family.



Uncle Sam Expects You To Keep Hens and Raise Chickens



**Two Hens in the Back Yard for Each Person
in the House Will Keep a Family
In Fresh Eggs**

EVEN the smallest back yard has room for a flock large enough to supply the house with eggs. The cost of maintaining such a flock is small. Table and kitchen waste provide much of the feed for the hens. They require little attention—only a few minutes a day.

An interested child, old enough to take a little responsibility, can care for a few fowls as well as a grown person.

Every back yard in the United States should contribute its share to a bumper crop of poultry and eggs in 1918.

**In Time of Peace a Profitable Recreation
In Time of War a Patriotic Duty**

For information about methods of Back-Yard Poultry Keeping suited to your location and conditions, write

**Your State Agricultural College
or
The United States Department of Agriculture
Washington, D. C.**

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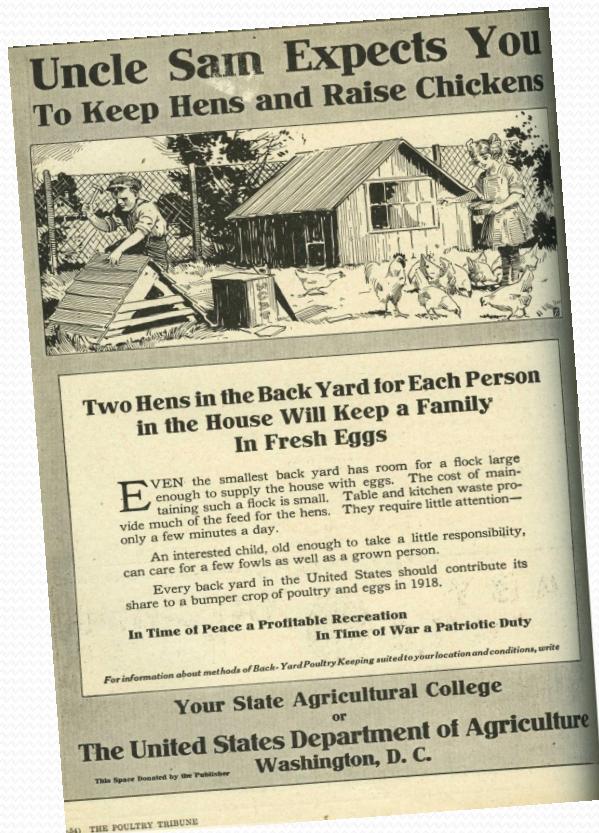
From 1918 magazines
and newspapers

WEBER CO. PUBLIC OPINION SURVEY OF BACKYARD CHICKEN OWNERSHIP AND ORDINANCE

Locals are in favor of changing current policy that would allow chicken flocks in the backyards of Ogden; most have also stipulated for restrictions. For example, limiting the number of birds per lot. As a brief review, Ogden residents indicated having *no primary concerns* (49.8%) with the policy change, and those that did have concerns most often selected *odor* (30.1%), *noise* (22%) and *unsightly coops* (20.1%).

Source: Weber County Small Flock Chicken Survey 2017

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