

# Lake Village Homestead



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“Agriculture that supports the community.”

## Get help from Lake Village Homestead to start your backyard chicken operation.

Lake Village Homestead Farm has been raising Free-range chickens, Grass-fed cattle, pastured hogs and goats for nearly 40 years. We believe that more people raising their own food is the key to the long-term survival of a community, and we would like to offer our expertise and services to help you start up your own chicken operation at home.

As many of you know, the list of environmental, health, and social benefits to raising chickens at your home are substantial. Chickens eat food waste, grass, and insects and convert it into nutritious meat, eggs, and rich garden fertilizer while providing educational opportunities about life for your whole family. Having backyard chickens also potentially saves on usage of fossil fuel, waste disposal, and health care costs.

We at Lake Village have the know-how and resources to help you get started on this endeavor. ***The easiest way to explore your options is to sign up for an introductory tour of Lake Village and see and discuss the resources available to you. A farm tour lasts about an hour and may be tailored to your specific animal husbandry interests. The \$50 cost can be applied toward a farm Associate Membership.***

An Associate Membership to Lake Village Homestead Farm offers you the opportunity to use Lake Village as a learning center for you and your

family where you can visit and learn from the animals year round, share in our community garden, explore miles of walking and horse riding trails as well as swim and boat at our beach. In addition, and most importantly, a farm membership affords you the opportunity to obtain Animal-owner Food Shares good toward grass fed beef, pastured pork, chicken, goat milk, eggs and more.

Additionally, Lake Village can design, build, and stock your coop with chickens, straw, and feed. We can introduce you to the best places to obtain supplies as well as troubleshoot issues that may arise relating to predators and coop maintenance.

Consulting, teaching, designing, and building fees vary depending on the time and material required. ***A complete start-up kit, which includes initial consultation, a coop, a fenced run, waterer, feeder, heater, 5 laying hens, 2 bags of feed, 2 bales of straw, delivery, assembly and installation for \$1500.00. If you already have a garage or barn we can modify your structure for substantial savings.***

***If you have everything built and ready to go, we'll deliver five laying hens, one bale straw, and 50 lbs. of feed for \$160.00. If all you need is guidance on how to get your back-yard chicken operation started, for \$75 we will come to your home for a consultation.***



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