

BACKYARD CHICKENS

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Chickens in Residential Areas

Inexpensive

Initial setup: housing, runs, fences: <\$100 to >\$600

Low maintenance cost: ~\$25.00/hen/year

Non-intrusive (if properly housed)

Harmless and easy to care for

Eco-friendly

Eat insects

Natural fertilizer (≥ 40 lbs dry manure/year)

Responsibilities

Animal Welfare

Pet

Provision of *informed* proper care and housing

Good Neighbor/Best Management Practices

Restraint and restriction

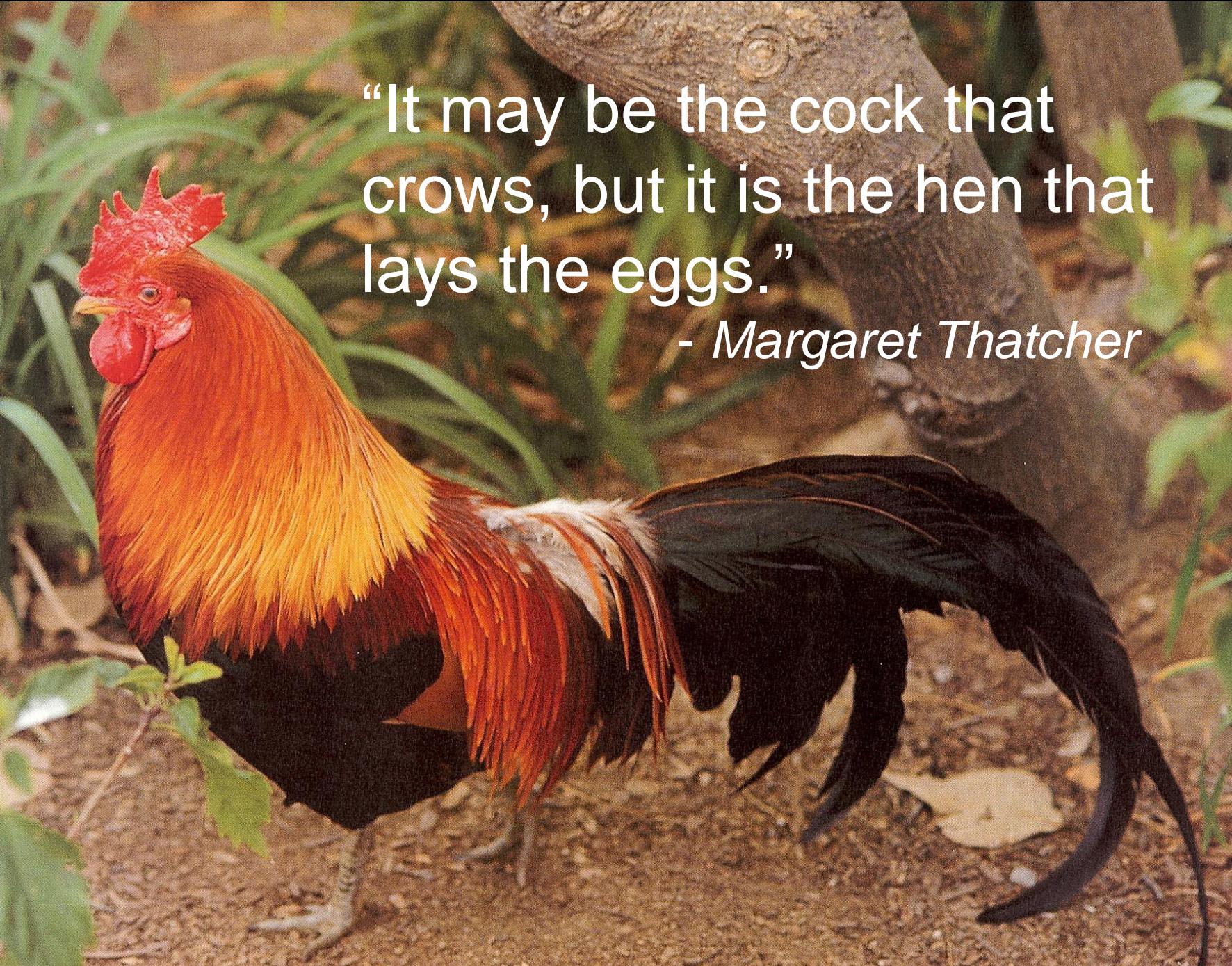
Rodent control

Proper handling of eggs

Proper handling of poultry carcasses

Restraint and Restrictions

- May chickens be legally kept at your location?
- What are the local animal control ordinances?
- Disposal of sick, injured, or dead birds?
- Know and abide by local and State laws regulating processing of poultry and sale of eggs and poultry products.

A photograph of a rooster with a large, red comb and wattle, and a body covered in bright orange and yellow feathers. It is standing on a ground covered with dry leaves and some green plants. In the background, a hen is visible, looking towards the rooster. The lighting suggests a sunny day.

“It may be the cock that
crows, but it is the hen that
lays the eggs.”

- Margaret Thatcher







Nest Boxes



Handling Procedures of Eggs for Consumption

- An egg can age more in one day at room temperature than in one week in the refrigerator.
- Can be stored at refrigerator temperature (40° to 45° F) for at least five weeks.

Public Egg Sales

For questions on egg sales to the public, contact the Utah Department of Agriculture and Food.
(801) 538-7100

<HTTP://AG.UTAH.GOV/HOME/NEWS/67-LICENSES-REGULATIONS-AND-REGISTRATION/REGULATIONS/404-SMALL-EGG-PRODUCER-RULES-R70-410-4.HTML>

Disposal of Deceased and Spent Fowl and Poultry Litter

It is important to realize that chickens have a relatively short lifespan. The optimally productive life of a hen is about three to five years. Baby chicks soon grow up to be adult chickens and adult chickens end up as old chickens, → *then what??*

Cleanup and Sanitation

Make environment inhospitable for pests.

Minimize feed spills.

Store feed in covered containers.

Maintain optimal litter condition.

Dispose of litter promptly and properly.

Promptly remove dead birds; properly dispose of mortality in accordance with regulations.

QUESTIONS?
¿PREGUNTAS?

