Caring for Your Chickens

Healthy Hens and More Eggs

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Minimum Space: 4 Square Feet per Hen

Yes

No!

Ventilation: Air is Necessary

Yes

Yes

Yes

No!
Protection in the Winter:
Not Windy and Not Wet

Yes

Protection against Predators and Rodents

No!
Perches and Nesting Boxes

5 to 10 hens share each nest

A henhouse should always have nest boxes (above) on one wall and roosts or perches (left) on another.

Straw on the floor = clean henhouse + rich manure.

Ammonia is a bad sign – clean your coop!
Chicken Run
for sun, exercise, dusting and healthy snacks (insects and plants)
Protect Your Plants

In the garden, chickens love to eat your tomatoes and lettuce.

Garden party.

In the garden, chickens do not like corn, beans or potatoes.
Provide Clean and Balanced Food that is Appropriate for the Age of the Chicken

Compartmented trough, offering grits, shell, mash, grain, and greens.

Provide Fresh Water Every Day

One type of automatic waterer.