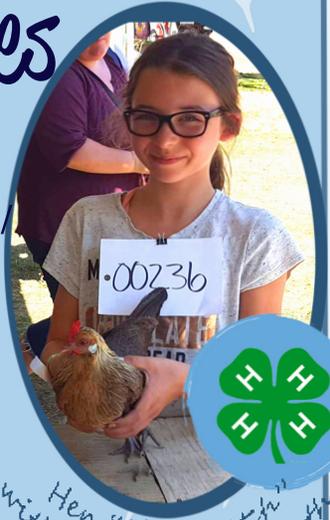


Resources



Hen "Miss Dutch" with Amery 4-H Youth

Main poultry education website:
www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/poultry/resources.cfm

"Egg Safety and the Backyard Flock," available at:
foodsafety.wisc.edu

"Guide to Raising Healthy Chickens" (A3858-01):
learningstore.uwex.edu

"Pasture Poultry Ark" (A3908-02):
learningstore.uwex.edu

Polk County home composting information:
polk.uwex.edu/hort/Composting.html

Madison Chickens: MadCityChickens.org

Backyardchickens.com

Reporting Poultry Problems

Poultry must not cause any nuisance, unhealthy condition, public health threat, or otherwise interfere with the normal use of property or enjoyment of life by humans or animals.

If you suspect a highly contagious reportable disease such as avian influenza please contact the Polk County Health Department

Polk County Health Department
 715-485-8400
PCHD@co.polk.wis.us



Safety

As with other pets and animals, many poultry carry bacteria that could make you and your family sick

Always wash your hands after handling poultry, cleaning poultry coops, or being around the coop even if you did not touch the birds.

- Don't kiss or snuggle your poultry.
- Don't let your birds inside your home, porch, or storage buildings.



Always wash your hands with soap and water after handling eggs, chickens, or anything in their environment.

*The Highway Chick Inn - Amery, WI
 "Miss. Roadrunner"*



Frequently Asked Questions

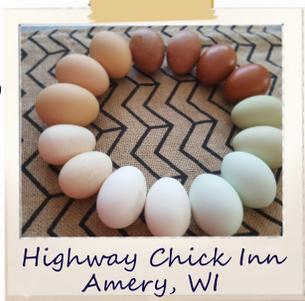
Can I use poultry manure to fertilize my garden?

Yes, but only after composting in an enclosed container (aerobic bins allowed). Direct application of noncomposted manure & composting in open air piles are not allowed.

Am I able to gift or sell my extra eggs?

The poultry ordinance's main goal is to allow for the production of eggs for personal use.

- * If your poultry produce more eggs than you can use, you can gift them to neighbors, family, & friends. You're required to keep a journal to who you have given eggs. (include name & contact information).



Highway Chick Inn Amery, WI

- * Commercial sale of eggs is NOT allowed on site. To sell eggs, contact Polk County Health Department for retail licensing.

Can I use a portion of my garage or shed to keep poultry?

No, poultry can not be kept in any residential buildings, including storage sheds or garages.

However, you can repurpose an existing structure if you only use it as a coop & are able to modify it so that all applicable coop location and design requirements are met.



STEP 1

Complete WI Premises Registration form (no cost) & obtain Premises ID number

https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PremisesRegistration.aspx

Owner required keep renewed as indicated by state.

STEP 2

Complete City of Amery:

1. Keeping of Poultry License Application
2. Backyard Chicken Neighbor Approval Form
3. Backyard Chicken Coop Design Plan

www.AmeryWisconsin.org

- Application fee of \$35 (includes inspection & one year license)
- Number of planned poultry (max 5)
- Plan to dispose of manure and other wastes
- Drawing of intended coop design & materials
- Diagram describing location of the coop and any attached run/enclosure in relationship to lot boundaries and nearby structures.
- Neighbors with abutting property lines & accompanying signatures. 100% required.

STEP 3

Authorized Personel will inspect the coop

STEP 4

Receive your License if all conditions are met.

- Licenses must be renewed annually at Amery City Hall on or before Dec. 31st w/ an up-to-date WI Premises Registration ID number
- Any applications received after Dec. 31st will be charged an extra \$5.00 per License.
- License are not refundable or transferable.

**ONLY
AFTER Step 4
May you
acquire
poultry**



Summary of City Ordinance

(see 171-22 through 171-31) (Animals) in the City of Amery Code of Ordinances) for complete requirements

You must pay a application fee (\$35), & thereafter obtain an annual city license from city hall (\$10), Register & maintain a WI Premises ID number from DATCP

Single Family Residential Property Only.
Written approval from 100% neighbors with abutting property.

Maximum of 5 hens per single residential lot. **Roosters are not permitted**

Coops should be a stand alone structure used only for poultry. The coop should not exceed 64 sq. ft. Minimum coop size is 3 sq. ft per chicken. Coop and run not to exceed 8 ft in height.

Poultry coops must be built with moisture resistant materials & include a hard, cleanable floor foundation.(ie concrete, wood, or hard plastic)
Dirt floor is NOT acceptable

Wire or mesh netting that covers the run to prevent poultry from escaping & deters predators

There must be at least 1 nesting box per 2 chickens. There must be elevated perches.

There must be at least 1 operable window

Exterior covering shall be typical residential type materials as approved by the uniform dwelling code

Must be at least 25 ft from residential structure on adjacent lots. At least 6 ft from residential structure on property & 8 ft from any property lines

The abuse or neglect of any animal is strictly prohibited. No on-premises slaughter

Hens must be secured in their coop at night, and be provided access to an outdoor enclosed run area for the majority of daylight hours

License #, name, phone, emergency contact must be attached to coop exterior

Backyard Chicken Ordinance



How to Apply For a Poultry License

