The "Chicken Have-More Plan"

Explained

About 60 years ago, Ed and Carolyn Robinson wrote a classic book called:

"The Have-More" Plan: A Little Land – A Lot of Living

Their book inspired millions of people recovering from World War II, to be more self-sufficient.

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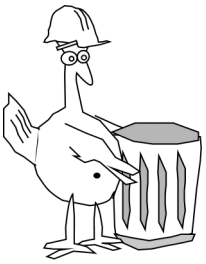
City Chicks: Keeping Micro-flocks of Chickens as Garden Helpers, Compost Creators, Bio-recyclers and Local Food Supplies was written in the same spirt as Robinson's "The Have-More" Plan from over a half-century ago. The ***City Chicks*** book has the ambitious intent of exploring four subjects.

1. Enhancing Backyard Agriculture. Urban gardening and farm-yards are on the verge of a giant leap forward, ushering in a new — and necessary — era of local and home food production. People have a ***right*** to grow their own food and chickens have valuable skill-sets that can be employed in food production systems. Some of these "skill-sets" include producers of manure for fertilizer and compost, along with being mobile herbiciders and pesticiderers. And of course, they also provide eggs and meat. City Chicks shows how you can have a good meal of eggs and garden goods that only travel the short distance from your backyard.



2. Diverting Food and Yard "Waste" Out of Landfills. Chickens can help convert biomass "wastes" into organic assets such as fertilizer, compost, garden soil and eggs. This can save BIG TIME tax payer dollars from being spent solid waste management streams.

3. Decrease Oil Consumption and Lower Carbon Footprints. Commercial food systems cannot work without oil. Over 17% of America's oil is used in agricultural production and, about 25% of this oil is used for fertilizer. The total energy input of food production, processing, packaging, transporting and storing is greater than the calories consumed. It is estimated that every person in this country requires about one gallon of oil per day just to bring food to the table. How sustainable is that? Chickens can help America kick the oil habit by decreasing the amount of oil products used in feeding ourselves ... and, at the same time, keep landfills from filling up with methane-producing organic matter.

4. National Defense & Emergency Preparedness. Whoever controls your food supply controls you. Food supply — or lack of it — has created and destroyed civilizations since time began. In natural disasters food can become a matter of life or death. Keeping local chickens is even more important in times of trouble. Even with disasters, folks can still have a good meal of eggs or chicken stew. Locally produced nutritious food helps keep America strong and safe.

City Chicks ushers in a new paradigm of how to use chickens in a variety of roles that help decrease carbon footprints, save tax payer dollars and support local food supply production. And all this is biologically sustainable, economically equitable, and serves us, our communities, our Earth and the future generations of all beings.

Much more information is in ***City Chicks: Keeping Micro-flocks of Chickens as Garden Helpers, Compost Creators, Bio-recyclers and Local Food Supplies*** by Patricia Foreman.

For the Chickens And You™ Training Series leading to the Master Backyard Chicken Keeper Certification™ go to www.ChickensAndYOU.com for course descriptions and schedules.

May the flock be with YOU!