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RANCH

YOUR HOSTS

VICTORIA 'MOTHER OF CHICKENS'  
CASTRO

&

JOHN 'I HOPE THEY DON'T SEE ME  
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Our course is designed over the life of the chicken, we raise 'Rustic Rangers' a slow growing breed that requires about 12 weeks to fully mature. Our course is designed to incorporate 5 visits over the life of your chickens. We schedule our visits every 3 weeks.



# Week 1

## Welcome to chicken keeping

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- Meeting your chicks for the first time
- What to expect
- How to feed and water
- Feeding stages
- Issues of day old chicks
- Heat and light
- Welcome lunch
- Biosecurity discussion
- Playtime with chicks!



# Week 3 Chicken Fun!

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- See them in the run for the first time
- Run size and descriptions
- Feed change
- Watering techniques
- What to do with all that poop
- Sexing chickens





Week 6  
Those are BIG Chickens!

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- Coop designs
- How to secure for predators and vermin
- Fence or free range
- Size differences
- Changing beds and keeping clean

A large group of fluffy yellow chicks are gathered around a red feeding bowl. The chicks are in various positions, some looking towards the camera, others looking down at the bowl. The background is a soft, out-of-focus field of more chicks. An orange horizontal bar is located at the top left of the image.

# Week 9

## Fat Birds and Full Belly's

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- Garden tour and fertilizing
- Feeding chickens from the garden
- Keeping an eye on chickens
- Getting ready for the end



# Final Week The Harvest

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- Be as involved as you want to be
- Learn how to process chickens for meat at home
- Birds are chilled and bagged and ready to when you are
- Options for a celebration dinner
- Live chickens may be spared (discussion to follow)