

# Backyard Chickens

Raising chickens at home for their eggs is becoming popular in North American cities. This is the result of increasing public concern about industrial egg production and a greater awareness of the benefits of natural, chemical-free foods. Many cities have now passed laws that allow homeowners to keep chickens for household egg production. People who keep chickens say startup costs can be high, but the eggs are cheaper than store-bought ones in the long run. Moreover, they argue that keeping chickens at home helps reduce the CO2 caused by commercial egg production and distribution.

Some city residents, however, object to having chickens in their neighborhood. They say chicken feed attracts rats and mice, and that predators from the wild may appear, which could endanger pets such as cats and small dogs. Other residents also complain that chickens are noisy, and that they create an unpleasant smell.

## Vocabulary

startup - connected with starting a new business or project  
predators - an animal that kills and eats other animals

## Comprehension Questions

1. What is one reason people in cities are raising chickens?
2. What do some city residents think about people having chickens in their neighborhood?

You can see the whole lesson from your teacher, please ask them to send it to you before the class.

テキスト全文はレッスン受講時に担当講師よりお受け取りください。