

HomeGrown Poultry Purchase Standards

HomeGrown Poultry LLC has established the following market standards for meat chickens sold under the HomeGrown Poultry label. These standards provide production information to buyers of chickens marketed by HomeGrown Poultry. Growers who selling their poultry to HomeGrown Poultry will sign a statement at the time of processing that indicates which standard they are meeting. The price paid to the grower for the poultry will reflect the current price assigned to that particular standard.. HomeGrown Poultry is not responsible for a grower's failure to adhere to the standard.

Any grower who does not meet the claimed standard may be denied further processing at HomeGrown Poultry. HomeGrown Poultry LLC will not conduct an inspection, but will encourage buyers to do so and may participate in a site visit as an adviser to the buyer.

These standards may be revised at any time. The most current revision will be posted on the website www.homegrownpoultry.net or by calling 208-278-3471. Growers are referred to the American Pastured Poultry Producers Association (APPPA), the National Organic Program, the Animal Welfare Institute, and the *Label Rouge* poultry production program in France.

HomeGrown Poultry, LLC will purchase poultry for resale only upon prior agreement between the grower and HomeGrown Poultry LLC. That agreement will outline the number of chickens and the production standards for those chickens, a delivery window, target poundage and any other issue of concern to either party. (see Poultry Purchase Agreement). Any grower who offers poultry for resale to HomeGrown Poultry without prior agreement will be paid the lowest price per pound will be paid to the grower. Ideally, the agreement will be made before the chicks are ordered.

HomeGrown Poultry will not purchase any poultry in these categories and weights:

Standard	Weight
HomeGrown Chicken	Less than 3.5 pounds
HomeGrown Free Range	Less than 3.2 pounds
HomeGrown Pastured	Less than 2.8 pounds
HomeGrown Supreme	Less than 2.8 pounds

POULTRY PURCHASE AGREEMENT

HomeGrownPoultry LLC

Date _____

Grower Name _____

Address _____ Phone _____

Number of chickens _____ and type _____

Price per pound, dressed weight

Standard: Chicken \$1.75 Free-Range \$2.00 Pastured \$2.50 Supreme \$3.00

(This price is negotiated and agreed upon this date if different from the agreement date)

Target weight _____ pounds

Delivery date _____ or the week of _____

Homegrown Chicken

The grower certifies they have grown the birds from day-old chicks.

- **Breed Selection**
No requirements
- **Housing / Buildings**
No requirements
- **Maximum density**
No requirements
- **Range / confinement**
No requirements
- **Pasture**
No requirements
- **Pasture management**
No requirements
- **Manure / Nutrient management**
No requirements
- **Feed**
No requirements
- **Flock Health**
Diseased birds are removed from the flock. No diseased birds are knowingly processed.
- **Pesticide and Herbicide use.**
No requirements
- **Humane treatment**
No requirements
- **Slaughter age**
No requirements
- **Sanitation period between flocks**
No requirements
- **Transport**
No requirements
- **Whole Farm systems**
No requirements

Homegrown Free-Range

The grower certifies they have grown the birds from day-old chicks. Additionally, the poultry is allowed free-range.

- **Breed Selection**
No requirements
- **Housing / Buildings**
Must be adequate to protect birds from weather and night predators at all stages of growth. Must be safe for poultry and human caretakers. Poultry must have adequate space in the housing to move about in case of inclement weather at all stages of growth. Interior space must be at least 1 sq. ft. per bird.
- **Range / confinement**
Poultry must be able to range in an area beyond their night-time housing. Minimum range area is 22 square feet per bird year round.
- **Pasture**
No requirements
- **Pasture management**
No requirements
- **Manure / Nutrient management**
No requirements
- **Feed**
No requirements
- **Flock Health**
Diseased birds are removed from the flock. No diseased birds are knowingly processed. Beak and toe trimming are not allowed.
- **Pesticide and Herbicide use.**
No requirements
- **Humane treatment**
No requirements
- **Slaughter age**
No requirements
- **Sanitation period between flocks**
Poultry areas rest a minimum of 21 days between flocks.
- **Transport**
No requirements
- **Whole Farm systems**
No requirements.

Homegrown Pastured Chicken

The grower certifies they have grown the birds from day-old chicks. Additionally, the poultry is allowed free-range on pastures. Pastured poultry offer significant ecological and nutritional advantages.

- **Breed Selection** Poultry breeding must represent selection for pasture.
- **Housing / Buildings** Must be adequate to protect birds from weather and night predators at all stages of growth. Must be safe for poultry and human caretakers. Poultry must have adequate space in the housing to move about in case of inclement weather at all stages of growth. The minimum space is 1 sq. ft. per bird.
- **Range / confinement** Poultry must be able to range in an area beyond their night-time housing. Minimum range area is 22 square feet per bird year round.
- **Pasture** The birds have access to pasture or green feed every day, from day one to processing. They will have access to the outdoors from 9 a.m. to dusk after 6 weeks of age. Pasture is defined as seasonal vegetative cover over 75% or more of range area. In the winter months when there is no green feed available from pastures, fresh greens, alfalfa or other leafy palatable hay is acceptable and must be offered 100% of the time. It is not acceptable to run down a pasture and provide hay when a pasture is still possible.
- **Pasture management** Forage is appropriate for poultry. Pastures are planted and managed for provide a diversity of forage over the course of the growing season. Grazing areas are rotated or rested according to a written plan. This plan shall account for the needs of other livestock that may be grazing it, pest cycles, and nutrient build-up. Over grazing is not acceptable.
- **Manure / Nutrient management** Manure, bedding, and litter are treated as an asset to the fertility of the farm. They are removed from housing areas regularly. These materials are managed to provide the most nutrients to other crops and least risk to ground or surface water quality. Guidelines for the composting or application of these materials follow those of the National Organic Program.
- **Feed** Feed rations are thought out and appropriate for the species. Rations cannot contain medications, animal products, growth stimulants, or other additives. Synthetic amino acids are allowed. Owner must be able to provide rationale for feed composition if home-mixed. Owner seeks sustainably-raised, GMO-free feedstocks. Whole grains and grit are routinely provided for gut health
- **Flock Health** No antibiotics may be used at any time. Only those medications approved for use by certified organic growers are permitted. Owner is proactive and creates a healthy environment for poultry. Diseased birds are removed from the flock. No diseased birds are knowingly processed. Physical hazards in the grazing area or inside the housing are minimized or eliminated. Beak and toe trimming are not allowed
- **Pesticide and Herbicide use.** No pesticides, herbicides, or other substances that are banned from use on a certified organic farm may be used anywhere on the farm where the poultry is raised. No GMO crops may be grown on the farm where the poultry is raised. Definitions of “approved” substances will follow those of the National Organic Program.
- **Humane treatment** Poultry must be raised according to Animal Welfare Institute standards. No certification is required, but product may not be labeled “Animal Welfare Approved”.
- **Slaughter age** No requirements
- **Sanitation period between flocks** Areas must be rested a minimum of 21 days between flocks or according to an approved sanitation / soil testing plan.
- **Transport** No requirements
- **Whole Farm systems** Poultry is part of a whole farm plan.

HomeGrown Poultry Supreme

- **Breed Selection**
Only slow-growing breeds suited for outdoor production are selected. Owner has selects breeds for reasons other than quick growth, convenience or cost of chick. Taste and/or nutrition value of the meat must be a factor.
- **Housing**
Must be adequate to protect birds from weather and night predators at all stages of growth. Must be safe for poultry and human caretakers. Poultry must have adequate space in the housing to move about in case of inclement weather at all stages of growth. The maximum stocking density is 1 sq. ft. per bird.
- **Range / confinement**
Poultry must be able to range in an area beyond their night-time housing. Minimum range area is 22 square feet per bird year round. Shade must be provided.
- **Pasture**
The birds have access to pasture or green feed every day, from day one to processing. They will have access to the outdoors from 9 a.m. to dusk after 6 weeks of age and must be outside for at least 42 days of grow-out. Range requirements are 22 sq. ft. per bird year round. Pasture is defined as seasonal vegetative cover over 75% or more of range area. In the winter months when there is no green feed available from pastures, fresh greens, alfalfa or other leafy palatable hay is acceptable and must be offered 100% of the time. It is not acceptable to run down a pasture and provide hay when a pasture is still possible.
- **Pasture management** Forage is appropriate for poultry. Pastures are planted and managed for provide a diversity of forage over the course of the growing season. Grazing areas are rotated or rested according to a written plan. This plan shall account for the needs of other livestock that may be grazing it, pest cycles, and nutrient build-up. Over grazing is not acceptable.
- **Manure / Nutrient management** Manure, bedding, and litter are treated as an asset to the fertility of the farm. They are removed from housing areas regularly. These materials are managed to provide the most nutrients to other crops and least risk to ground or surface water quality. Guidelines for the composting or application of these materials follow those of the National Organic Program.
- **Feed**
Feed rations are thought out and appropriate for the species. Rations cannot contain medications, animal products, growth stimulants, or other additives. Synthetic amino acids are allowed. Owner must be able to provide recipe and evidence of sufficiency if home-mixed. Owner seeks sustainably-raised, GMO-free feedstocks and utilizes them when available. Documentation must be provided as evidence of search. Feed regimen uses whole grains and grit as required for gut health.
- **Flock Health**
No antibiotics may be used at any time. Only those medications approved for use by certified organic growers are permitted. Owner is proactive and creates a healthy environment for poultry. Diseased birds are removed from the flock. No diseased birds are knowingly processed. Physical hazards in the grazing area or inside the housing are minimized or eliminated. Beak and toe trimming are not allowed.
- **Pesticide and Herbicide use.**
No pesticides, herbicides, or other substances that are banned from use on a certified organic farm may be used anywhere on the farm where the poultry is raised. No GMO crops may be grown on the farm where the poultry is raised. Definitions of “approved” substances will follow those of the National Organic Program.
- **Humane treatment** Poultry must be raised according to Animal Welfare Approved standards.
- **Slaughter age** Birds must be grown a minimum of 81 days (11.5 weeks).
- **Sanitation period between flocks** Poultry production areas must be rested a minimum of 21 days between flocks or in accordance with an approved sanitation / soil testing plan.
- **Transport** No more than 2 hours traveling time or 120 miles to processing plant.
- **Whole Farm systems** Poultry meeting HomeGrown Poultry Supreme standards represent one aspect of a sustainable farming enterprise. A multi-year, whole farm plan, similar to that required by the National Organic Program must be followed.

Standard	HomeGrown Chicken	HomeGrown Free-Range Chicken	HomeGrown Pastured Chicken	HomeGrown Poultry Supreme
Breed Selection	NA	NA	Poultry must be able to utilize pasture.	Only slow-growing breeds suited for outdoor production are selected. Owner has selects breeds for reasons other than quick growth, convenience or cost of chick. Taste and/or nutrition value of the meat must be a factor.
Housing	NA	Must be adequate to protect birds from weather and night predators at all stages of growth. Must be safe for poultry and human caretakers. Poultry must have adequate space in the housing to move about in case of inclement weather at all stages of growth. The maximum stocking density is 1 sq. ft. per bird.	Must be adequate to protect birds from weather and night predators at all stages of growth. Must be safe for poultry and human caretakers. Poultry must have adequate space in the housing to move about in case of inclement weather at all stages of growth. The maximum stocking density is 1 sq. ft. per bird.	Must be adequate to protect birds from weather and night predators at all stages of growth. Must be safe for poultry and human caretakers. Poultry must have adequate space in the housing to move about in case of inclement weather at all stages of growth. The maximum stocking density is 1 sq. ft. per bird.
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Manure / Nutrient management	NA	NA	Manure, bedding, and litter are treated as an asset to the fertility of the farm. They are removed from housing areas regularly. These materials are managed to provide the most nutrients to other crops and least risk to ground or surface water quality. Guidelines for the composting or application of these materials follow those of the National Organic Program.	Manure, bedding, and litter are treated as an asset to the fertility of the farm. They are removed from housing areas regularly. These materials are managed to provide the most nutrients to other crops and least risk to ground or surface water quality. Guidelines for the composting or application of these materials follow those of the National Organic Program.
Feed	NA	NA	Feed rations are thought out and appropriate for the species. Rations cannot contain medications, animal products, growth stimulants, or other additives. Synthetic amino acids are allowed. Owner must be able to provide rationale for feed if home-mixed. Owner seeks sustainably-raised, GMO-free feedstocks. Whole grains and grit are required for gut health.	Feed rations are thought out and appropriate for the species. Rations cannot contain medications, animal products, growth stimulants, or other additives. Synthetic amino acids are allowed. Owner must be able to provide recipe and evidence of sufficiency if home-mixed. Owner seeks sustainably-raised, GMO-free feedstocks and utilizes them when available. Documentation must be provided as evidence of search. Feed regimen uses whole grains and grit as required for gut health.

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Pesticide and Herbicide use.	NA	NA	No pesticides, herbicides, or other substances that are banned from use on a certified organic farm may be used anywhere on the farm where the poultry is raised. No GMO crops may be grown on the farm where the poultry is raised. Definitions of “approved” substances will follow those of the National Organic Program.	No pesticides, herbicides, or other substances that are banned from use on a certified organic farm may be used anywhere on the farm where the poultry is raised. No GMO crops may be grown on the farm where the poultry is raised. Definitions of “approved” substances will follow those of the National Organic Program.
Humane treatment	NA	NA	Poultry must be raised according to AWI Humane standards. Labeling may not be applied unless farm is certified Animal Welfare Approved.	Poultry must be certified by the Animal Welfare Institute as “Animal Welfare Approved”.
Slaughter age	NA	NA	NA	Birds must be grown a minimum of 81 days (11.5 weeks).
Sanitation period between flocks	NA	Poultry production areas must be rested a minimum of 21 days between flocks or in accordance with sanitation plan.	Poultry production areas must be rested a minimum of 21 days between flocks or in accordance with sanitation plan.	Poultry production areas must be rested a minimum of 21 days between flocks or in accordance with sanitation plan.
Transport	NA	NA	NA	No more than 2 hours traveling time or 120 miles to processing plant
Whole Farm systems	NA	NA	Poultry is part of a whole farm plan.	Poultry meeting HomeGrown Poultry Supreme standards represent one aspect of a sustainable farming enterprise. A multi-year, whole farm plan, similar to that required by the National Organic Program must be followed.

**HomeGrown Poultry LLC
Poultry Purchase for Resale
Certification**

Date _____

I _____ certify that the _____ chickens delivered today meet the HomeGrown Poultry LLC standards of

Circle one:

HomeGrown Chicken

HomeGrown Free-Range

HomeGrown Pastured

HomeGrown Supreme

I do hereby acknowledge that if any of my chickens are damaged and require trimming, they are no longer whole chickens and cannot be sold by HomeGrown Poultry. I agree to pay full processing for those chickens that are returned to me.

Payment will be mailed within 10 business days of processing. Any dispute must be reported to HomeGrown Poultry in writing within 30 days of processing.

Authorized signature

The purchase price for dressed whole chickens are:

HomeGrown Chicken @ \$1.75 per pound
HomeGrown Free-Range @ \$2.00 per pound
HomeGrown Pastured @ \$2.50 per pound
HomeGrown Supreme @ \$3.00 per pound

HomeGrown Poultry LLC use only

Total chickens delivered _____ Average weight _____ pounds

Total dressed weight _____ pounds Due to grower \$ _____

Paid \$ _____ on _____ Check no. _____

Approved by: _____