



"Be fruitful, and multiply, and replenish the earth, and subdue it. Have dominion over the fish of the sea, and over the birds of the sky, and over every living thing that moves on the earth."

This is an initiative laid out by **The Chicken Barn** to assist families and communities in starting a viable farming endeavour. The challenges of the economy, the poor access to safe protein sources and the constant challenge of food security make this an ideal project to pursue.

The Chicken Barn Starter Kit

- 1 x 6 x 2m Chicken Coop build with PVC pipe and greenhouse sheeting.
- Nest boxes.
- Roosting Bars for chickens to sleep.
- Chicken Feeders and drinkers
- Commercial chicken feed *
- Vegetable seeds.
- Potchefstroom Koekoek Chicks 4-week old *
- Training and support
- Options to resupply your chicken enterprise affordably with additional feed, chickens etc to expand your operation if your so desire.

** quantities supplied depend on the size of the kit purchased.*

There are two kits available to choose from - and can be adjusted to the needs of the community or individuals who are committing themselves to this project.

Prices and subsidies can be discussed with PS MORNE LOTTER, the project manager.

The Process

- 20 x 4-week-old chicks are raised until 20 weeks.
- Chicks sleep and feed in the chicken coops, but roam outside in the daytime.
- A typical diet includes grass, insects, and commercial feeds.
- Chicken manure is removed daily and composted by piling up and watering.
- The coop is moved every six weeks, and manure is worked into the soil where the coop used to stand.
- Vegetable seeds are planted on the fertilized patch of soil.
- The ratio of chicks is usually 60% hens and 40% roosters.
- Two roosters are kept for breeding, and the rest are either slaughtered and sold or sold as live chickens.
- Roosters with good genetics can be sold for around 120 Rand** each.
- Profit from chicken sales is used to buy commercial feed.

***Note: Rand is the currency of South Africa and is subject to market prices and demand fluctuations.*

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