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# Maple Valley Farm

## Pasture-Raised Chicken



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## **A Process That Reflects Our Convictions and Our Standards of Quality**

Our chickens arrive at our farm a day old. They then live in a heated, sheltered brooder for two weeks before being moved to a new shelter on fresh grass. Once they are outside, they enjoy a diet of grass and bugs in addition to the feed and water we provide.



Our feed starts with locally-grown, non-GMO corn and roasted soybeans to which we add oats, fish meal, minerals and probiotics. Our chickens do not need medication because they live outside with plenty of room and consume a healthy diet.

The chicks live in small groups in an outside shelter that allows them to forage on grass and enjoy sunlight while still providing protection from predators and bad weather.

The chicken shelters are carefully moved each day to a new patch of fresh, healthy pasture. Before the chickens are moved into the shelter, our katahdin sheep flock grazes ahead of them to get the grass to a comfortable level for the chickens. This system maintains the health of the land as well as the health of the animals.

Chickens are butchered humanely on the farm using kosher methods.

## Chicken and Your Health

Chicken is a common food in American diets, often touted for its health properties. Unfortunately many people are unaware that typical chicken is raised with immunosuppressants and antibiotics, is given routine medications and appetite stimulants. These things are necessary to make sure the chickens survive in the confined environment in which they are typically raised. In addition, they are routinely injected with dyes and tenderizers during processing.

On the other hand, our chickens enjoy exercise, sunshine and whole foods -- a recipe for health! The chickens need no medication. They are naturally processed with nothing added. You just get chicken!



## Taste and Quality

Pasture-raised chicken has firm meat and a richer chicken taste. They taste like real chicken! Our broilers average 4.5-5 pounds.



## **Our Farm, Our Environment**

We take a lot of pride and care in the way we treat our land. We've spent a great deal of time studying the natural growth patterns of the plants in our pasture and we carefully match the foraging and grazing schedules of our animals to the plant growth curve in order to ensure the most healthy pasture and highest nutrition for our chickens and lambs.

Additionally, we carefully fence off and provide buffer zones around streams, springs and ponds. This practice protects streams from animal waste, provides vegetative cover on banks to reduce erosion and maintains a natural habitat for small woodland and field animals.

You're welcome to visit our farm any time to learn more about what we do.

## **The Howard Family**

Maple Valley Farm is located on 47 rolling acres in northern Monroe County. It is owned and operated by Larry and Tina Howard and their three children.

Our goal is to create an environment where our family can live and work together, with everyone contributing something to our final products. The farm provides many opportunities for the children to have fun, explore and learn -- and, as they grow, they can be involved in creating, developing and maintaining family businesses.

We've been raising delicious, all-natural lamb since 2004 and chicken since 2007. We plan to offer rabbit starting in 2009 and other natural products in the future.



