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Profitable Poultry: Raising Birds on Pasture

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Editor's note

The following abstract describes a publication that is only available through the SARE site (<https://www.sare.org/resources/profitable-poultry/>).

This publication features farmer experiences plus the latest research in a new "how-to" guide to raising chickens and turkeys using pens, movable fencing and pastures. A Kentucky family nets between 90 cents and \$1.50 per pound from Louisville customers for birds raised on pasture. A New Mexico producer who rotates birds across his property year-round has seen drastic improvements to his desert soil. And a Wyoming producer was able to quit a full-time, off-the-farm job to stay home and raise pastured poultry with help from her school-age kids. With those examples and more from around the country, the bulletin touches on the system's many opportunities to improve profits, environment and rural family life. With a page of additional, expert resources, the bulletin offers a jumping-off point for new producers.

(<http://www.sare.org/>) Sustainable agriculture refers to an agricultural production and distribution system that:



- Achieves the integration of natural biological cycles and controls,
- Protects and renews soil fertility and the natural resource base,
- Optimizes the management and use of on-farm resources,
- Reduces the use of nonrenewable resources and purchased production inputs,
- Provides an adequate and dependable farm income,
- Promotes opportunity in family farming and farm communities, and
- Minimizes adverse impacts on health, safety, wildlife, water quality and the environment.

Topics

- Original ideas for marketing poultry products

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