



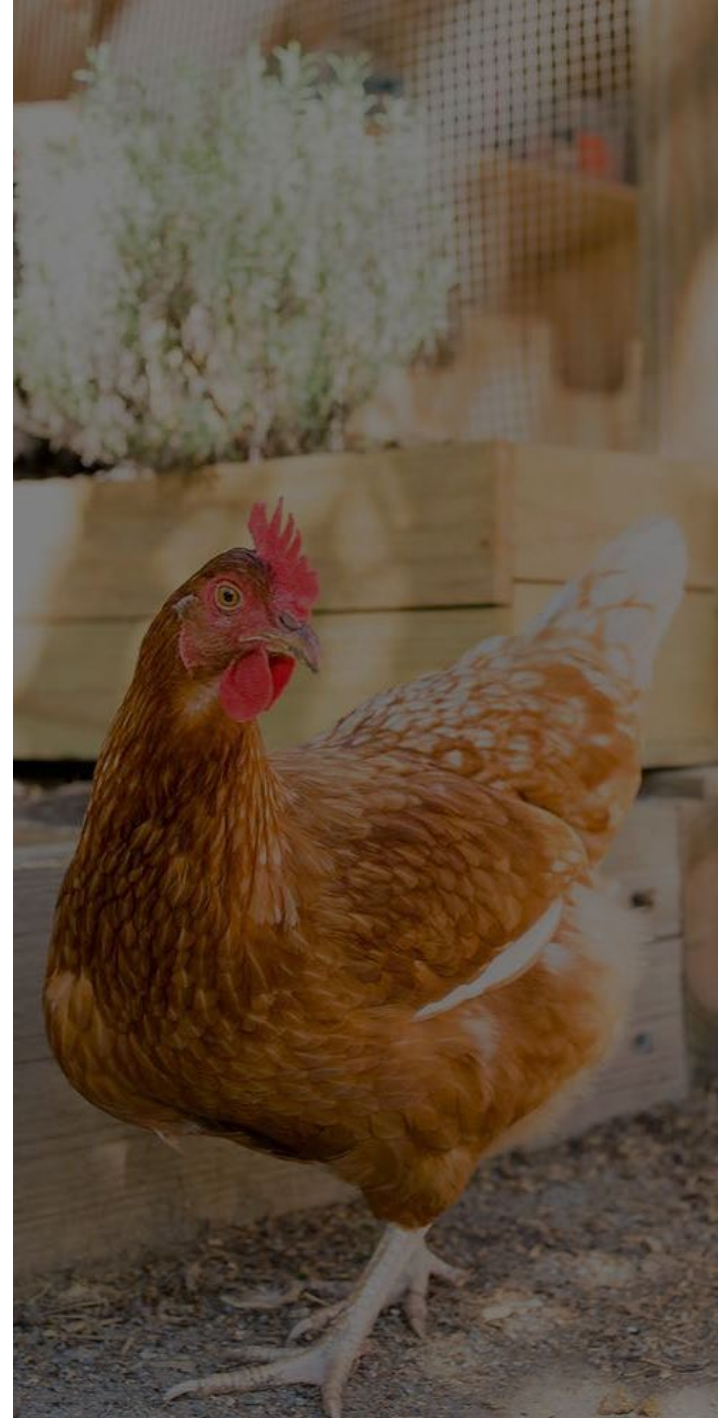
Chicken Ordinance

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THE ASK

Per Mayor Daddario's request, Staff are seeking direction in possible changes to the code dealing with the keeping of backyard chickens.



OVERVIEW

1. Review Chicken Ordinance (CMC 6.20 Keeping of Female Chickens)
2. Review Chicken Ordinances in other Jurisdictions
3. Discuss Options for City Council Consideration





Review Chicken Ordinance (CMC 6.20 Keeping of Female Chickens)

CMC 6.20

- ▶ License required from Animal Services (\$116)
- ▶ Keeping of female chickens permitted in single-family residential zones
- ▶ Minimum lot size requirement of 10,000 sq ft
- ▶ Maximum 5 chickens
- ▶ Chickens must be older than 6 months of age
- ▶ CMC outlines distance, containment, and maintenance requirements for the keeping of chickens
- ▶ Commercial use prohibited
- ▶ Roosters prohibited



Lot Size and Containment Requirements

| Minimum Lot Size | Maximum Number of Chickens |
|-----------------------|----------------------------|
| 10,000 - 14,999 sq ft | 2 |
| 15,000 - 19,999 sq ft | 3 |
| 20,000 - 26,999 sq ft | 4 |
| 25,000 sq ft + | 5 |

▷ Note: 1 Acre = 43,560 sq ft

- ▷ Containment
 - Chickens cannot run at large on the lot
 - Must be contained within a suitable house or coop with an enclosed runway
 - Must be protected from weather

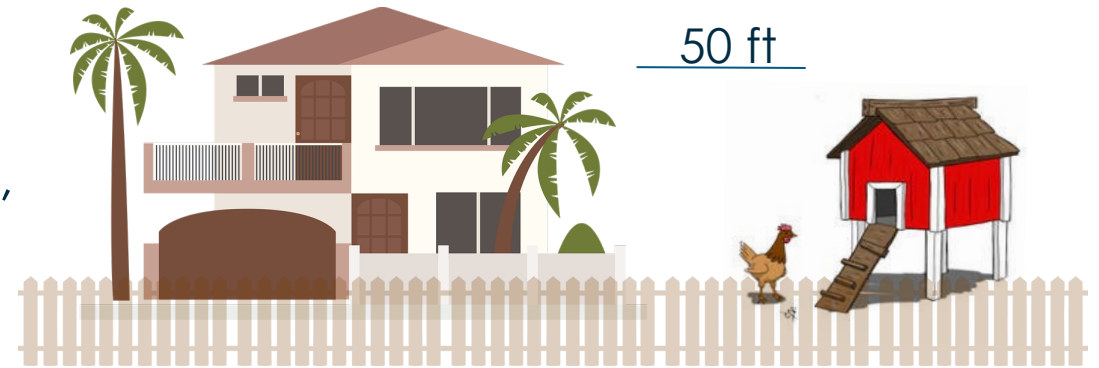
Maintenance and Distance Requirements

▷ Maintenance

- Access to food and water
- Kept in clean and sanitary condition and free from offensive odors
- Shall not be subject to suffering, cruelty, or abuse
- Slaughtering prohibited

▷ Distance

- Chicken containment cannot be within 50 feet of any dwelling
- Additionally, cannot be within 100 feet of any school, hospital, hotel, day care facility, health care facility, food establishment, restaurant or similar institution



Animal Services Administrative Responsibilities

- ▷ Permit Required
 - \$116 Application fee
 - One-time fee
- ▷ Violation Fees
 - First violation - \$100
 - Second violation - \$200
 - Third violation - \$300
 - Fourth violation – permit revoked
- ▷ Number of Permits Issued in 2022
 - 2 permits
- ▷ Number of Current Permits
 - 20 Total Permits



Current Ordinance Summary

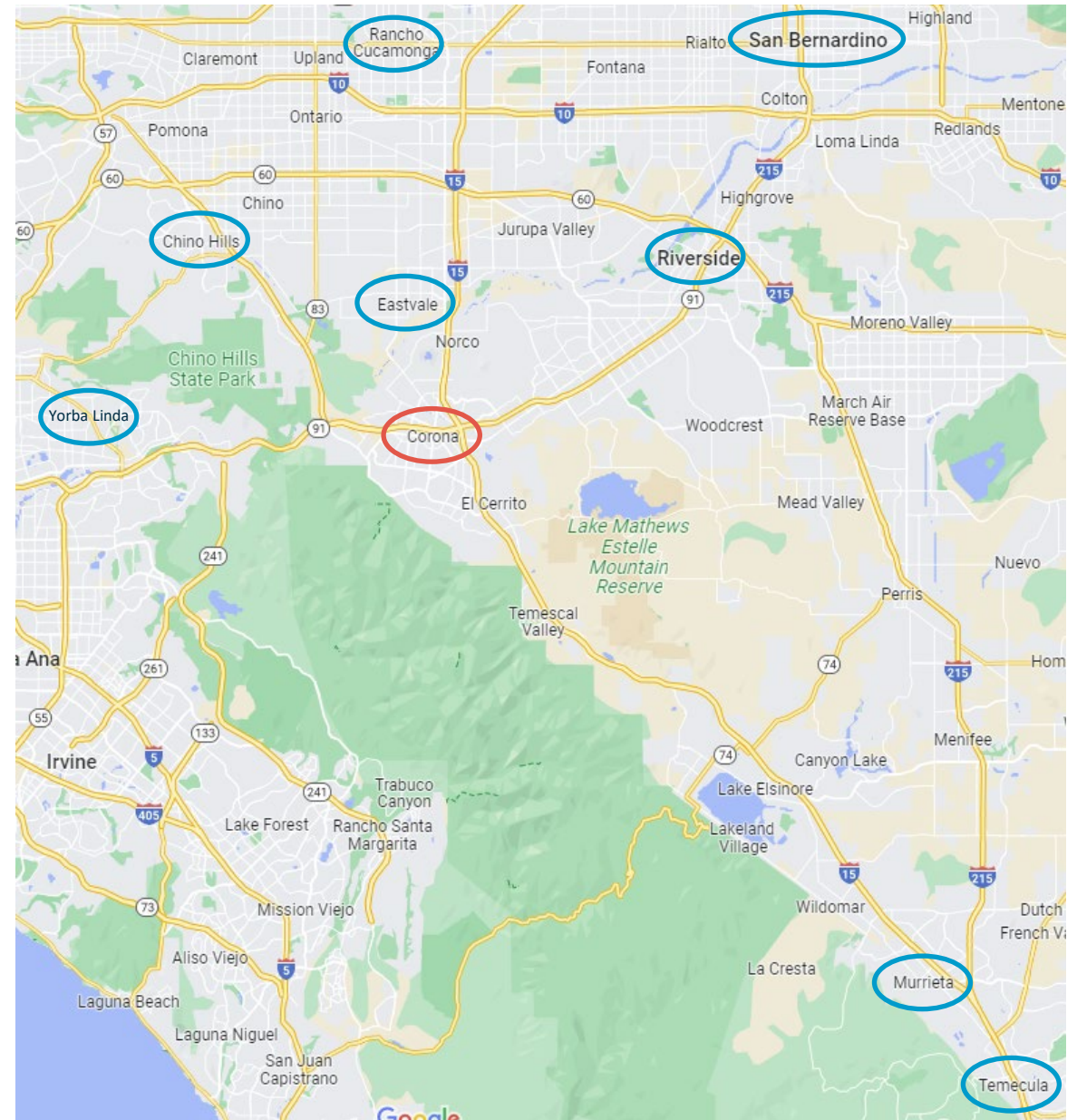
| Ordinance Breakdown | Description |
|---------------------|---|
| Permit | Required |
| Zone | Single-family Residential Zones |
| Lot Size | Minimum lot size 10,000 sq ft |
| Maximum Chickens | Five |
| Chicken Age | 6 Months+ |
| Containment | Covered enclosure and cannot run at large |
| Maintenance | Clean and access to food and water |
| Distance | 50 ft from dwelling / 100 ft from other |
| Commercial Use | Prohibited |
| Roosters | Prohibited |



Review Chicken Ordinances in other Jurisdictions

Eight Non-rural Neighboring Jurisdictions Reviewed

- ▷ Temecula
- ▷ Chino Hills
- ▷ Rancho Cucamonga
- ▷ Eastvale
- ▷ Murietta
- ▷ San Bernardino
- ▷ Riverside
- ▷ Yorba Linda



Permit and Zone Requirements

| Corona Permit | Other Jurisdictions | | |
|---------------|---------------------|----|-----|
| | Yes | No | N/A |
| Required | 2 | 2 | 4 |

| Corona Family Residential Zone | Other Jurisdictions | | |
|--------------------------------|------------------------------|--------------------|-----|
| | Residential Zoning Districts | All or Mixed Zones | N/A |
| Yes | 2 | 4 | 2 |

Lot Size, Number of Chickens, and Age Requirements

| Corona Minimum Lot Size | Other Jurisdictions | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|---------------|-----|
| | Minimum 7,200 sq ft | ≥ 10,000 sq f | N/A |
| 10,000 sq ft | 3 | 1 | 4 |

| Corona Chickens Allowed | Other Jurisdictions | | |
|-------------------------|---------------------|-----|-----|
| | Max 5 | ≥ 9 | N/A |
| Max 5 | 1 | 6 | 1 |

| Corona Chicken Age | Other Jurisdictions | | |
|--------------------|---------------------|-----------|-----|
| | 3+ Months | 6+ Months | N/A |
| 6+ Months | 1 | 1 | 6 |

Containment and Distance Requirements

| Corona Containment | Other Jurisdictions | |
|--------------------|----------------------|-----------------|
| | Similar Requirements | No Requirements |
| Covered enclosure | 8 | 0 |

| Corona Distance | Other Jurisdictions | | | |
|---|----------------------------|---------------------|-----------------------|-----|
| | ≥ 10 ft from property line | 20 ft from dwelling | ≥ 50 ft from dwelling | N/A |
| 50 ft from dwelling / 100 ft from other | 4 | 1 | 6 | 1 |

Commercial and Rooster Requirements

| Corona Commercial Use | Other Jurisdictions | | |
|-----------------------|---------------------|---------|-----|
| | Prohibited | Allowed | N/A |
| Prohibited | 2 | 4 | 2 |

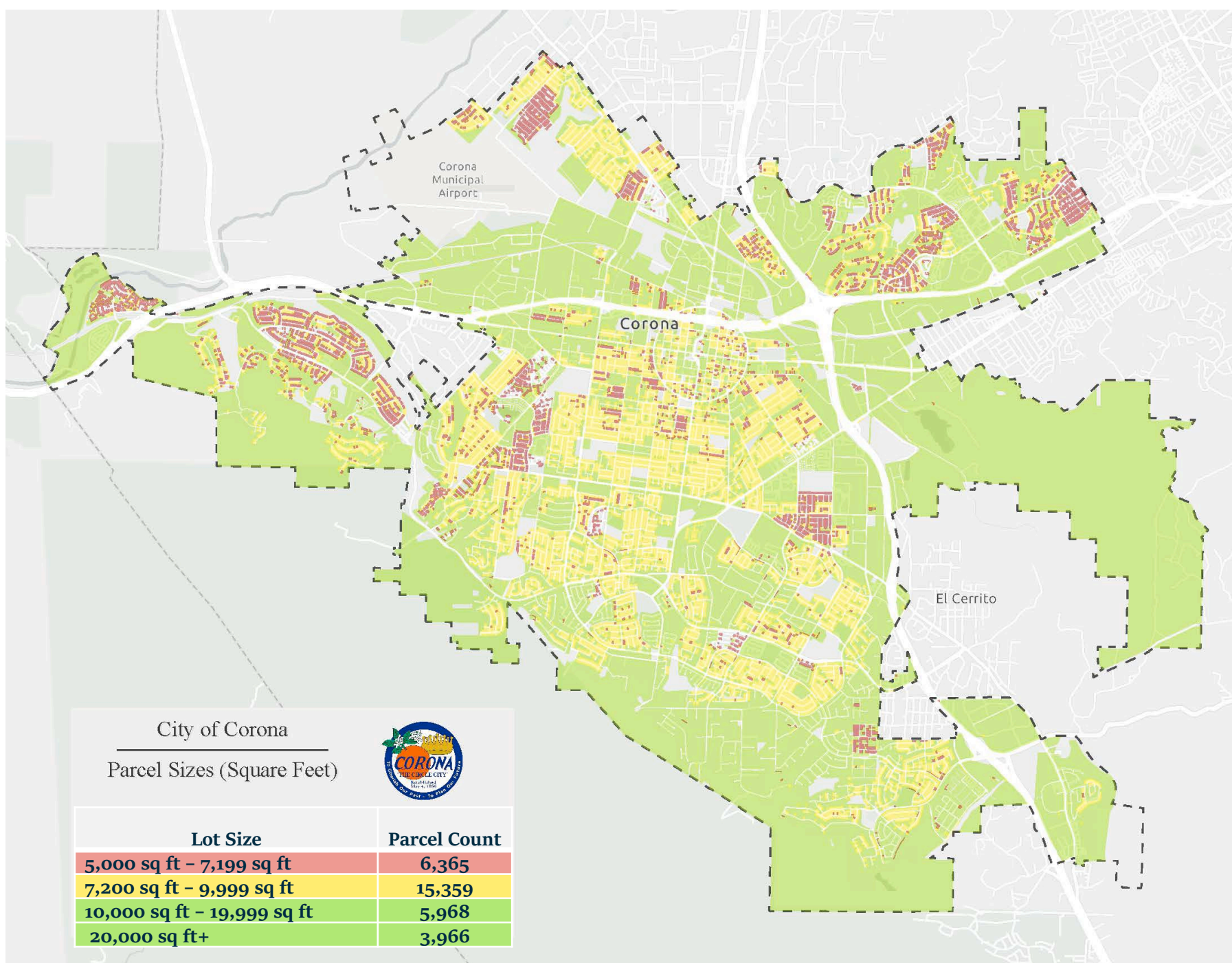
| Corona Roosters | Other Jurisdictions | |
|-----------------|---------------------|---------|
| | Prohibited | Allowed |
| Prohibited | 4 | 4 |



Discuss Options for City Council Consideration

Optional Changes to Chicken Ordinance

| Ordinance | Description | Options |
|------------------|---|---|
| Permit | Required | No Changes |
| Zone | Single-family Residential Zones | No Changes |
| Lot Size | Minimum lot size 10,000 sq ft | #1: Reduce minimum to 7,200 sq ft |
| Maximum Chickens | Five | #2: Increase to Ten |
| Chicken Age | 6 Months+ | No Changes |
| Containment | Covered enclosure and cannot run at large | #3: Add 6 ft height maximum |
| Maintenance | Clean and access to food and water | No Changes |
| Distance | 50 ft from dwelling / 100 ft from other | #4: Reduce to 10 ft from property line |
| Commercial Use | Prohibited | No Changes |
| Roosters | Prohibited | No Changes |



Lot Size Flexibility

| Minimum Lot Size | Max | Proposed |
|-----------------------|-----|----------|
| 7,200 – 9,999 sq ft | 0 | 2 |
| 10,000 - 14,999 sq ft | 2 | 4 |
| 15,000 - 19,999 sq ft | 3 | 4 |
| 20,000 - 26,999 sq ft | 4 | 10 |
| 25,000 sq ft + | 5 | 10 |

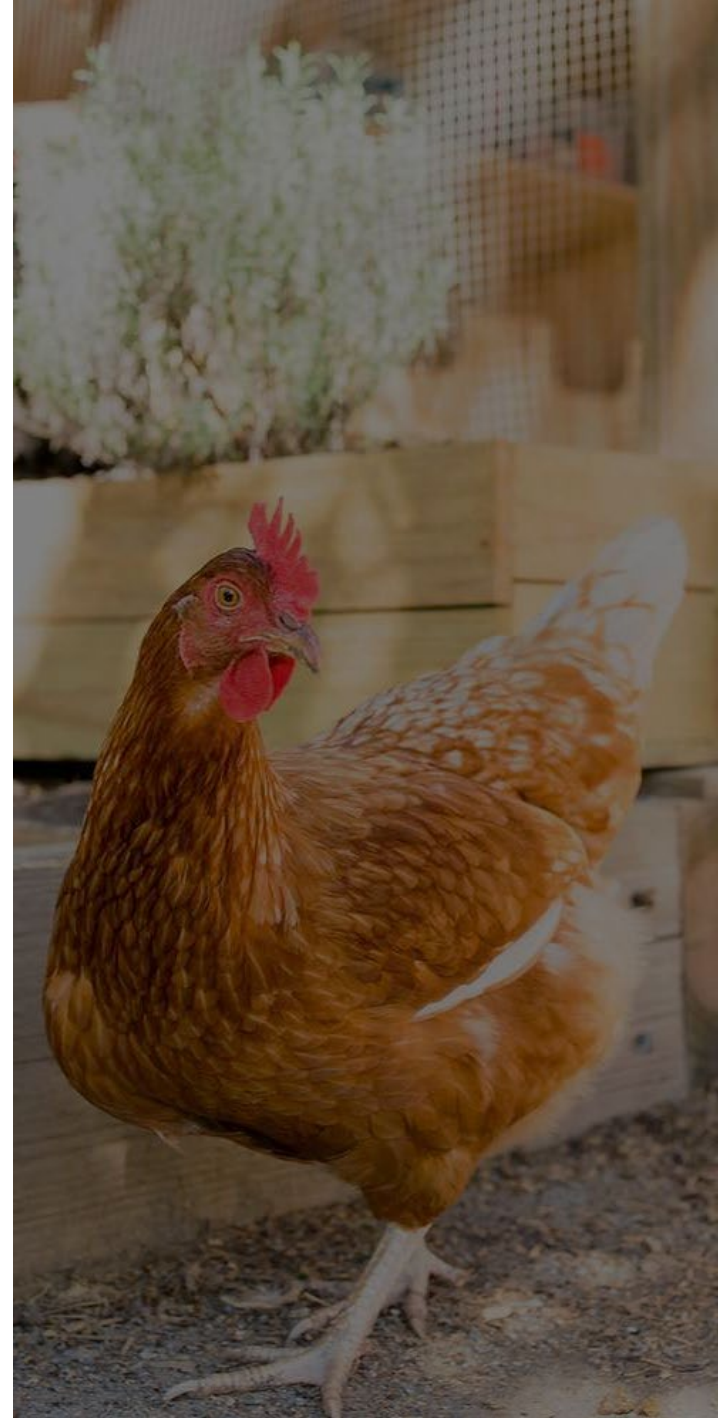
Summary of Options

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**Additional option to conduct a 1-year pilot program.*

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Questions?



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