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Stress-Free Chicken Tractor Plans: An Easy To Follow, Step-by-Step Guide To Building Your Own Chicken Tractors.



Synopsis

Inside these pages, you will find step-by-step instructions for a mobile broiler chicken shelter for pastured poultry that is used by farmers and homesteaders all over the country. Raising chickens on grass provides them with a healthy lifestyle and a delicious flavor. You can raise just enough of them to feed your family or scale up to include pastured poultry as a profitable part of your farm business. John Suscovich has raised thousands of chickens using these mobile shelters, a main enterprise on his farm in Connecticut. These chicken tractors were created using the best elements from other designs. They are easy to move and provide a good life for the chickens. With a little bit of creativity, they can also be modified for seasonal egg-layer housing, rabbits, ducks and forts for your kids. Not only does this book contain the plans and supply list to build your first chicken tractor, but it gives you some insight into how to use it and what mindset you should have if you are to become a happy and successful farmer. John also walks you through the light carpentry skills you need to build these chicken tractors and teaches you the most commonly used knots on a farm. You may learn these skills for this project, but youâ™™ll be able to apply them on your farm for years to come.

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I bought John's original chicken tractor plans a little more than 3 years ago. I could see he'd put a lot of thought into them as well as his method of raising meat birds for his CSA. I assembled my chicken tractor from his plans and as it came together I could see that it really was a good design. His original plans had a few exclusions - the type and size of wheels weren't specified, but I

picked up some 10" pneumatic wheels at Harbor Freight and they did the job quite well. I've had no problems with the bearings, the wheels just slide over the 5/8" bolt I screwed through the frame. I also elected to cover the whole roof area with a tarp, to give the birds plenty of shade on hot days. They get enough sun through the sides in the morning and afternoon to keep plenty healthy. I found the PVC tube feeder in John's plans to be an excellent way of feeding the birds... it has a large capacity and doesn't cause any problems when moving the tractor. Just make sure to move the tractor smoothly so that the feeder doesn't turn into a battering ram! One small improvement I made was to nail a 6' 2 X 3" stud alongside the frame bottom so that it extends about 30" from the front of the tractor. I found that it was a lot easier to move the tractor with that little extra bit of leverage, and wasn't as apt to run into your feet. I've used the tractor now for 3 sets of 24 Cornish Cross birds and sometimes with a few ducks or laying chickens thrown in. They grow extremely fast and do very well in the tractor. I move the tractor twice a day, feeding the birds in the morning. I like that the door is tall and easy to get through, and I can almost stand upright inside the tractor to pour the feed into the trough and fill the water bucket.

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