This program is made possible by the generous donations of the Frederick County 4-H and the Frederick County Farm Bureau in cooperation with The Great Frederick Fair.

Teachers sign your class up here!

http://tinyurl.com/schoolhousechicks

Also get access to classroom materials & teacher discussions.

Thanks!
What does signing up mean for classes and teachers? Classes get three visits from our Farmer!

1ST CLASS VISIT - INTRO & SETUP
Farmer brings live chickens to the classroom and discusses the history of chickens in the US, chicken breeds, identifying genders, and comparing and contrasting egg colors. The incubator, eggs and supplies are setup and left for the classroom teacher.

2ND CLASS VISIT - CANDLING
One week after the incubator starts, classes are shown how to look for developing chicks through the egg shell (developing chicks are not harmed by this process). Fertile eggs are returned to the incubator and infertile eggs are removed. Brooder supplies are left for the teacher in preparation for the hatch.

3RD CLASS VISIT - PICKUP CHICKS
Teacher notifies Farmer when chicks are ready to leave the classroom. Class selects a male and female name for their chick to be shown at the Fair. Supplies and chicks are picked up.

GREAT FREDERICK FAIR
One chick from each classroom’s hatch is selected for the Fair. Chickens are shown with the teacher’s name, school name, grade and the name selected for the chicken by the class. Each chicken is awarded a rosette with a superlative such as “Most Eggcellent” or “Most Likely to Catch a Worm”.

The mission of this program is to use chickens and eggs to explain the dynamic nature of living things and to educate school children and faculty about agriculture and life cycles.

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Kindergarten, Green Valley Elem

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