

The bees are more than just a means for making honey. They pollinate plants that respond by sending more plants into the world. The plants in turn use more CO₂ and give off more oxygen, a gas that animals need to survive. Without the bees, plants can't make more plants. It is that simple. In addition to making more plants, they make more fruit, more nuts, more seeds that animals eat for food.

The animals on the Know Your Food ranch browse on all kinds of forage which provides them with a balanced diet of vitamins, minerals, proteins and fats. Limiting their diet to only grass leaves them deficient in proteins and some minerals. The bees help the cows, the chickens and the sheep to have a more rounded diet. Chickens in particular depend on the health of soil where many of the bugs they eat live. When plants in the environment are not reproducing, the health of the soil becomes imbalanced leaving the chickens with fewer protein meals to eat. Everyone at Know Your Food depends on each other for better growth. The bees are an important part of this ecosystem.

Save Yourself from the Rapture, Own Your Own Chickens

Chickens are an excellent form of natural pesticide. They love to eat Grasshoppers, also known as Locusts. Locust swarms can devastate a field of corn. They can eat more plant material in a week than a cow will eat in a year.

Chickens eat bugs as a source of protein, which gives their bodies an excellent balance of omega-3 and omega 6 fatty acids. This in turn means their meat not only tastes better but is better for you.

In addition to being a good investment for your family, the fact that chickens eat many bugs that can be devastating to crop lands means that owning your own chickens reduces the cost to other farmers for raising other forms of food. When the cost of raising food goes down, there is more food raised and the food prices tend to stabilize. Farmers are less dependent upon chemical pesticides that can be toxic to both animals and humans that eat the plants they grow.

There is a whole circle of benefit for the food cycle when it comes to owning your own chickens. The average American eats more chicken than beef. But when the majority of those chickens are raised in cages or even in barns where they never get a chance to eat bugs and scratch the soil, then the benefit to others doesn't exist.

Chickens raised on pasture complete this cycle of balance for the environment and give you a better food for your table. What better way to make the plague of locusts less damaging than to own your own chickens who live at Know Your Food?