

**WHAT
DO I NEED
TO KNOW
ABOUT
CANADIAN
CHICKEN?**

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WHERE DOES MY CHICKEN COME FROM?

From local families committed to raising high-quality, nutritious chicken. 90% of Canadian chicken farms are family owned and operated.

HOW DO I KNOW THAT CANADIAN CHICKEN IS RAISED WITH CARE?

Chickens raised for meat in Canada are raised by farmers who adhere to the high standards set out in the mandatory Raised by a Canadian Farmer Animal Care Program and On-Farm Food Safety Program, which are audited by third parties.

The Raised by a Canadian Farmer Animal Care Program is based on the Code of Practice developed by the National Farm Animal Care Council.

DO THE BIRDS HAVE ROOM TO WALK AROUND? OR ARE THEY IN CAGES?

Chickens raised for meat in Canada are free run within their barns, which are temperature controlled with ongoing access to fresh water and food. And there are strict regulations about how much floor space is required for each bird in a barn. The amount of space birds have in Canadian barns is greater than, or consistent with, other countries.

ARE CANADIAN CHICKENS FED HORMONES AND STEROIDS?

No. Steroids and hormones are illegal for use in raising chicken in Canada. They have been banned for decades.

WHAT ABOUT ANTIBIOTICS?

Farmers can use antibiotics to protect the health and welfare of the birds. But it's important to remember that when you eat chicken, you are not eating the antibiotics it may have been given. There are strict regulations governing how much time passes between when an animal is last treated with antibiotics and when it is sent to the processing plant.

WHAT DO THEY EAT?

The main ingredient in chicken feed is grain and grain byproducts that are supplemented with other protein sources.

DOES ANYONE MAKE SURE ANIMAL CARE STANDARDS ARE BEING FOLLOWED?

Yes. The mandatory Raised by a Canadian Farmer Animal Care Program and On-Farm Food Safety Program are audited by third parties to ensure compliance.