

# My MN Farmer

Our Family Blessed  
To Feed Yours

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Farmer Sam exits the front of the livestock pavilion after feeding the hens some vegetable scraps. On the opposite side of the pavilion is a large, open yard where the chickens and ducks run free.

## Happy chickens lay lots of eggs!

My Minnesota Farmer egg customers will be happy to know that their eggs are collected daily from happy chickens who have run of a large, shady livestock pavilion with ample roosts and nesting boxes. Even better, they have a big chicken yard where they can run free and eat vegetable matter and bugs.

My Minnesota Farmer's eggs are cage-free, and Farmer Abby has the BIG job of collecting about 650 eggs each day.

The Gold Star and Bouvan Black chickens share space with 40 Golden 100 ducks. Farmer Sam and Farmer Andy (the twins) took on the duck project at the beginning of the year, and the ducks, along with the chickens, lay eggs every day. Duck eggs are bigger, and the twins say they are "richer" than chicken eggs. Farmer Abby figures they get about 40 duck eggs each day.

So, you might wonder: what's the difference between store-bought eggs and farm-fresh eggs? Lots! Read this link for more information: <https://hcsommers.com/blog/27788/difference-between-store-bought-eggs-and-fresh-farm-eggs>

Farmer Jean tells us the "fun fact of the farm" this week is that when it rains the chickens all retreat from the chicken yard and go undercover in the livestock pavilion. The ducks, however, run out to the yard and splash in the puddles. It doesn't matter how hard the rain comes down, either. For the ducks, raindrops signal "party time!" and they all go out and dance in the rain.

### Why are the eggs different sizes?

Simply, because different aged chickens lay different sized eggs. Teenage chickens, who are just starting to lay eggs, will lay smaller eggs. At My Minnesota Farmer, we rotate our stock, so you may see egg sizes from small to jumbo!



### Duck Eggs for Sale!

Farmers Sam and Andy have a limited number of duck eggs for sale. These super large eggs are great for baking or eating fresh, and cost \$5 per dozen. To order them, visit [mymnfarmer.com](http://mymnfarmer.com), log in to your account, click on the green store button and select eggs. Chicken and duck eggs can be delivered along with your regular share.



Chicken egg on left;  
duck egg on right.

