

## **Summer 2008 update**

After spending the winter indoors in the Poultry Barn, the ladies are back outside eating dandelions, lamb's-quarter, and honest-to-goodness insects: a smorgasbord of goodies. In May of 2008, we gave away the original five roosters that had been with the flock since its establishment at Cornercopia. We also found homes for about a dozen hens so that we could house the remaining 30 or so in two moveable coops on the farm site. We plan to compost and incorporate the organically approved bedding that the hens used while overwintering indoors. The two coops are moved around on pasture that was seeded with a spring mix of field peas, rye, and vetch. After the hens have munched down the greens, the coops are moved to a new section (about every other day), and the section will get reseeded with pasture seed mix again. Collectively the group produces between 10- and 18-dozen eggs a week, and there is strong interest on campus for the weekly egg sale, which coincides with the Student Organic Farm veggie sale on Fridays.

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