Marquette Food Co-op

POULTRY SOURCING GUIDE

We do our best to offer an array of options with special consideration for local sourcing, USDA Organic, and the more ethical treatment of the animals. Federal law mandates that chickens, turkeys, and ducks, whether raised for meat or for eggs, are not to be treated regularly with antibiotics or given added artificial grown hormones. Our policy extends further, as we only sell products from "cage-free or better" farms. In many cases, there are no legal USDA standards for industry terms, so we go by the standards laid out by Certified Humane, a nationally recognized nonprofit certification organization.

Here are some quick definitions of these sometimescontroversial terms:

CAGE-FREE: raised indoors without cages, minimum 1.5 sq. ft/bird, other requirements for air cleanliness, feeder space, drinker space, all animal byproducts prohibited.

FREE-RANGE: raised outdoors, weather permitting (in some areas of the country, seasonal) for a minimum of 6 hours per outdoors day, minimum of 2 sq. ft/bird, plus all cage-free standards.

PASTURE-RAISED: raised outdoors year-round, weather permitting, with mobile or fixed housing for refuge from weather and predators, fields must be rotated, and minimum 108 sq. ft/bird, plus all free range standards.

SUPPLIER	GERBER AMISH	LARRY SCHULTZ	JUST BARE	MFC / SANDERSON FARM	FERNDALE MARKET
PRODUCT	Chicken	Chicken	Chicken	Chicken	Turkey
LOCATION	Kidron, OH	Owatonna, MN	U.S. Family Farms	U.S. Family Farms	Cannon Falls, MN
CERTIFICATION	FACTA Humane Certified	USDA Organic	American Humane Certified		
CAGE-FREE	√	√	√	√	✓
FREE-RANGE	√	√			✓
ORGANIC FEED		√			







