

Chicken Coops and Tractors

Make your own!

Web sites: For plans for a geodesic dome tractor similar to the one assembled during the workshop, including materials, dimensions, and detailed assembly instructions, see http://milkwood.net/2009/07/27/how_to_build_a_geodesic_chook_dome/

Also see the second page of this handout for dimensions and instructions.

For close to thirty chicken tractor and coop designs, complete with photos and building instructions, see <http://www.backyardchickens.com/a/chicken-tractors-mobilechicken-coop-designs>. Many of these are artsy or over-built, but some are more everyday and materials-efficient.

For Justin Rhodes' "Chickshaw" see <https://abundantpermaculture.com/mobile-chicken-coop/>

Palmerston North City Library: Backyard Chickens Guide to Coops and Tractors: Planning, Building, and Real-life Advice by BackYardChickens.com (2011). Detailed building instructions with photographs for 13 coops and 3 tractors.

Browse library shelves, Dewey Decimal # 636.5. Most chook books will have a coop design (although maybe not a tractor design).

For Purchase in New Zealand (prices may change and are listed exclusive of GST and freight unless otherwise noted):

<http://www.chooks.co.nz/> (Appletons Nelson) a variety of mobile coops, from tubes for broody hens, to kitsets and larger and heavier wheeled tractors with prices ranging from \$420 - \$600.

Also try TradeMe for tractors and coops with runs.

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