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CSU Extension in Arapahoe County hosts May 8 Backyard Poultry workshop

Littleton, Colo. – A trend in backyard chicken farming is taking hold across the country. People are excited to raise their own poultry and flavorful eggs.

Colorado State University Extension in Arapahoe County will host a Backyard Poultry workshop from 6-8:30 p.m., May 8 at the Extension office, 5804 S. Datura St., Littleton. The workshop will educate homeowners on caring for and raising backyard chickens, managing them in limited areas and understanding chicken health and wellness.

Jonathan Vrabec, CSU Extension Livestock and 4-H Agent, and Dawn Wheeler, a local poultry enthusiast and 4-H Poultry Project leader, will present on care and handling of poultry, housing and egg production, and common poultry diseases and prevention. They will also discuss policies and ordinances that govern backyard poultry in communities around Arapahoe County. Chickens are permitted in the incorporated areas of Aurora, Centennial, Englewood, Greenwood Village and Littleton, but restrictions vary and are subject to homeowner association policies.

“A simple coop and a little feed are all people need to try their hand at keeping chickens in their yards, if local policies allow it,” said Vrabec. “Chickens can easily earn their keep by providing fresh eggs, reducing insects, and providing a fun, educational connection to nature.”

The cost is \$25 per person and includes dinner and printed resources. A meal will be provided at 6 p.m., followed by the presentation from 6:30-8:30 p.m. Pre-registration is required by May 5. To download a registration form, please visit www.arapahoextension.org or call 303-730-1920 to request that one be sent to you.

Extension Programs are available to all without discrimination. To request special accommodations to participate in the training, please inform the CSU Extension office at least five days in advance of the event. For more information about CSU Extension in Arapahoe County or the 4-H poultry project, please visit www.arapahoextension.org.

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