

Madelaine's Eggs

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Hi I am 15 and I started showing an interest in birds when I was 8.

So my parents decided that it would be a good idea if we all had businesses so when I was eight and showing an interested in birds we went to see a chook breeder. We chose ten chooks at \$15 each they were Minorca™s which is an old breed.

They started laying the next day. I started selling eggs to friends and family at \$2.50 a dozen. It took me four months to pay back my parents.

Then I was given chickens from a friend who had an egg hatching business in schools. She provided schools and kindergartens a dozen eggs, they would watch them hatch and have them for ten days. After that she would get them back and give them to me.

I raised them and built up my flock. The excess I took to the Lancefield farmers market and started selling them there.

During that time my parents went organic and so with them I did too. I had to change my feed and keep record of my eggs. I bought grain from a organic farmer in Donald and also a poultry mix from Queensland.

Price of grain when I started was \$300 a ton now the last shipment from Queensland cost me \$1043 a ton. My egg prices have increased over the last five years.

I have roughly a flock of hundred birds. You can get my eggs from:

Viv™s organics in Lancefield

Slow Living Organics in Kyneton

Natures Garden in Woodend

Living The Good Life in Bendigo

or go for

a meal Braeside cafe in Macedon or Calenso in Woodend and ask for my eggs.

The other way is to

come to me at the Lancefield and Riddells Creek farmers market. I™m not always there, life is busy at Fourteen.

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