



# Pastured Egg Production

# Why Chickens?

- Eggs can be a profitable addition to your farm
- Can increase soil nutrition
- Low maintenance animal



# Purchasing



- Chicks vs ready to lay
- How to choose your breeds?
- Where to purchase

# Chicks

- Pros

1. You know the background and health of your hen.
2. They are fun to raise.
3. Most likely you will have a large variety of breeds to choose from.



# Chicks

- Cons

1. Time consuming
2. Lots of extra supplies that don't need for grown birds
3. You inevitably will lose a percentage of the chicks in the first few weeks



# Ready to Lay Hens

- Pros

1. Immediate eggs
2. Less equipment needed

- Cons

1. Sickiness can more easily be brought into your flock
2. More front expense



# Breed Selection

- There's really no right or wrong breed, but here are things to consider
  1. Desired Egg color
  2. Cold/Heat tolerance
  3. Aesthetic appeal
  4. Egg laying capabilities

# Where to Purchase

- Murry McMurry Hatchery
- Hoovers Hatchery
- Craigslist



# Tips on Raising Chicks

- Having sufficient heat is crucial
- A round Brooding Pen is ideal
- Make sure they have enough space to not crowd each other out.



# The Coop





# Things to keep in mind while building

- Keep it as light weight and low as possible
- Mesh floor is ideal so you don't have to clean it out
- Make access to the inside as easy as possible







# Nesting Boxes

- Roll out nesting boxes are ideal
- Hen Gear is my favorite system
- Keeps your eggs clean
- Keeps them away from the chickens



# Fencing

Kencove Farm Fence Supplies

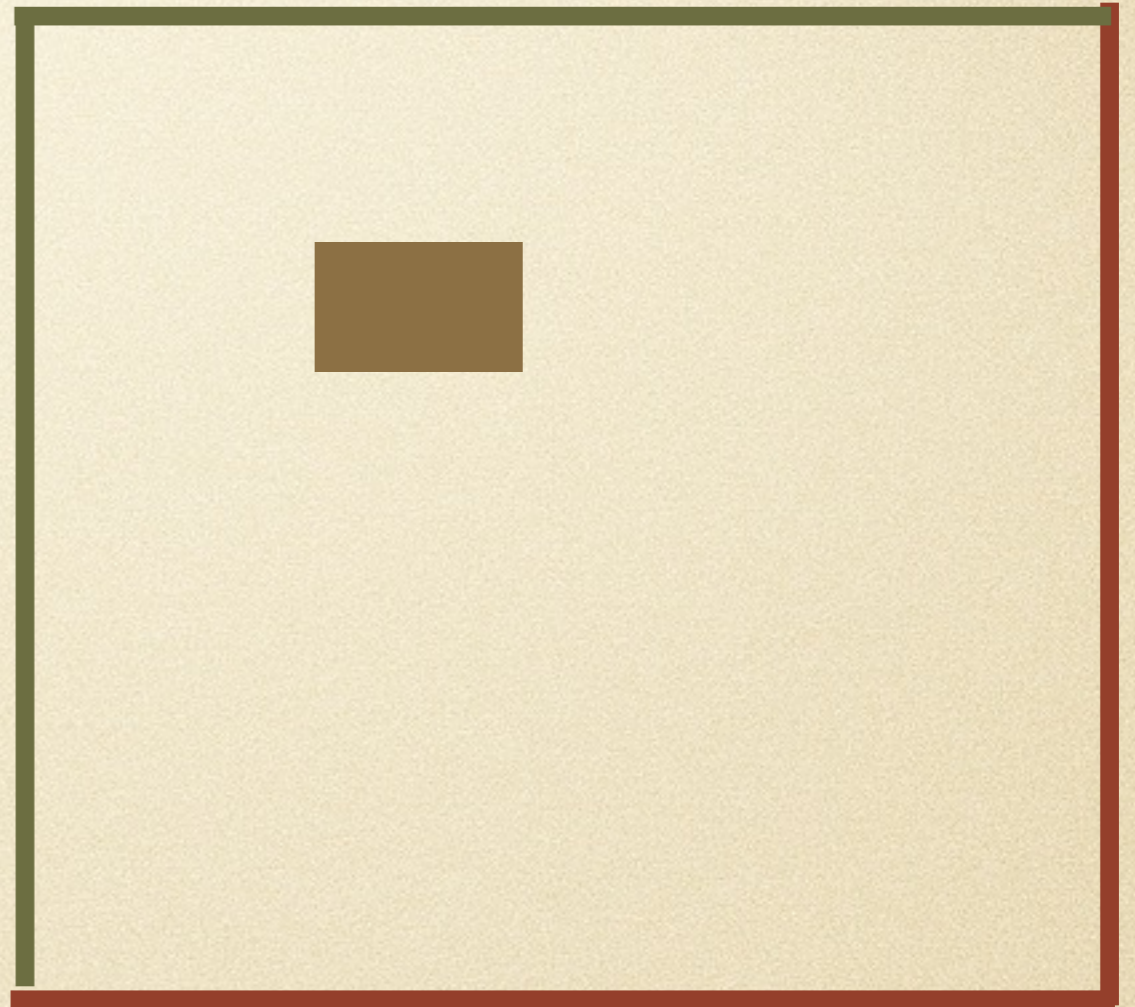
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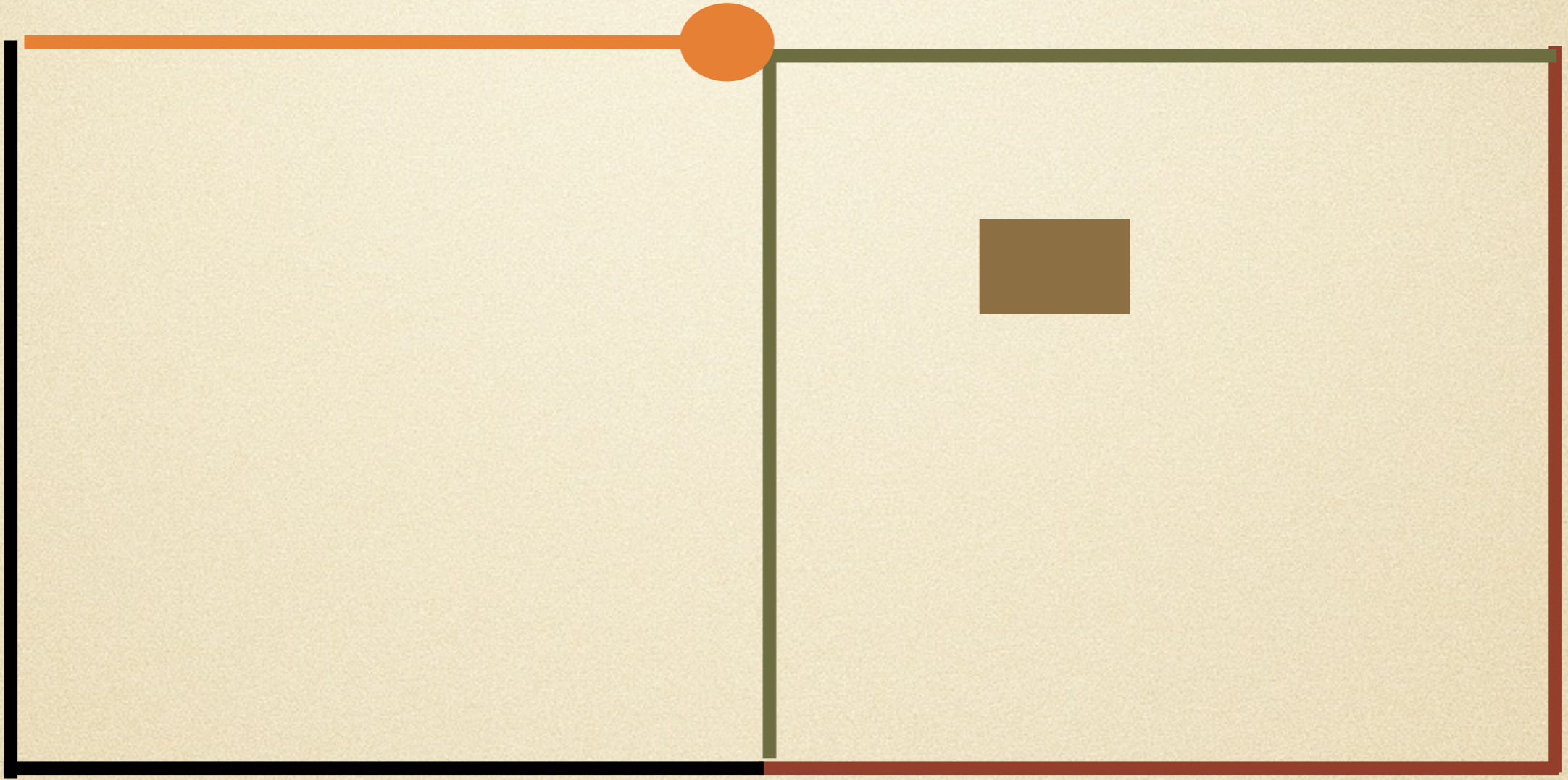


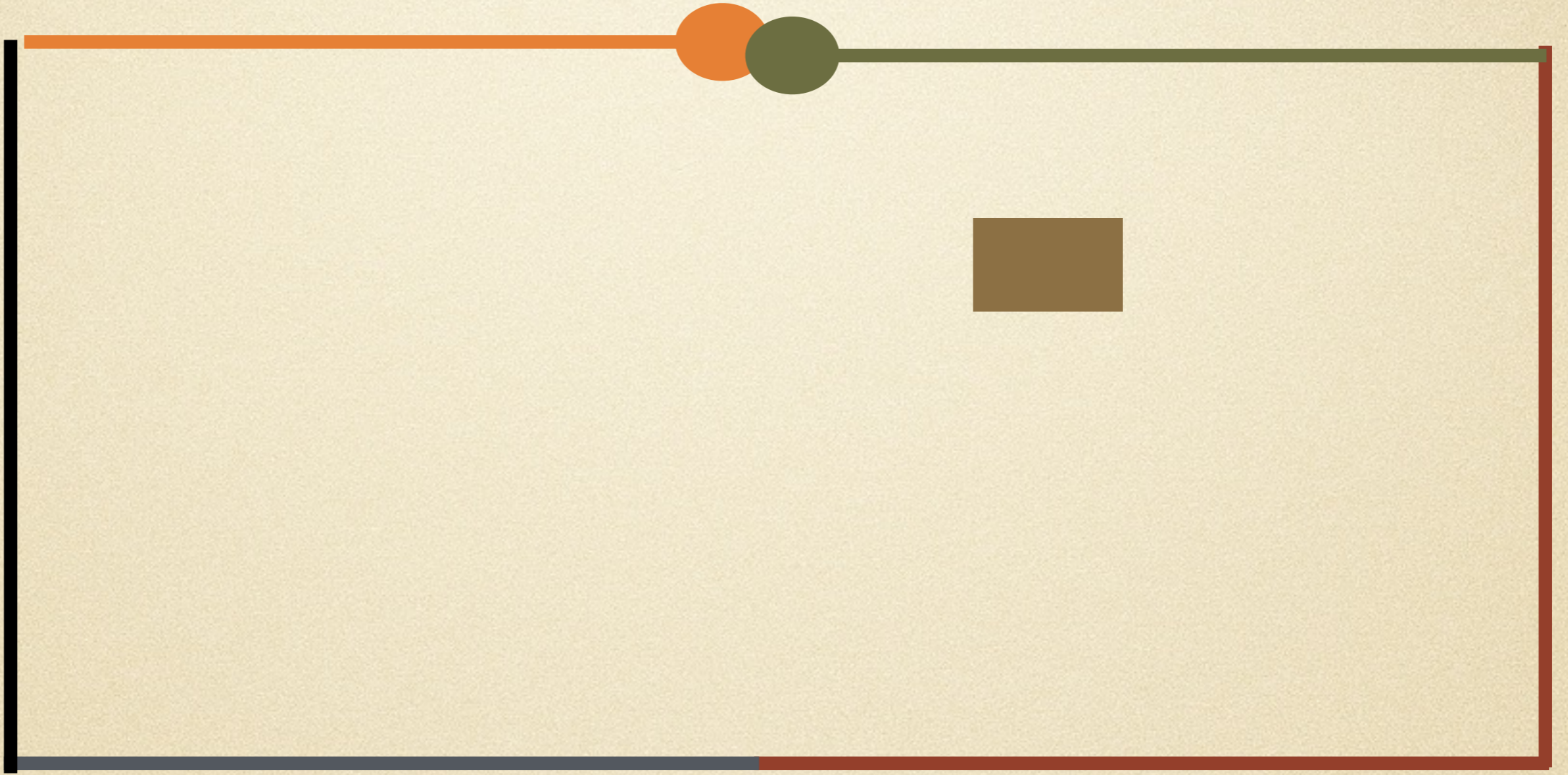
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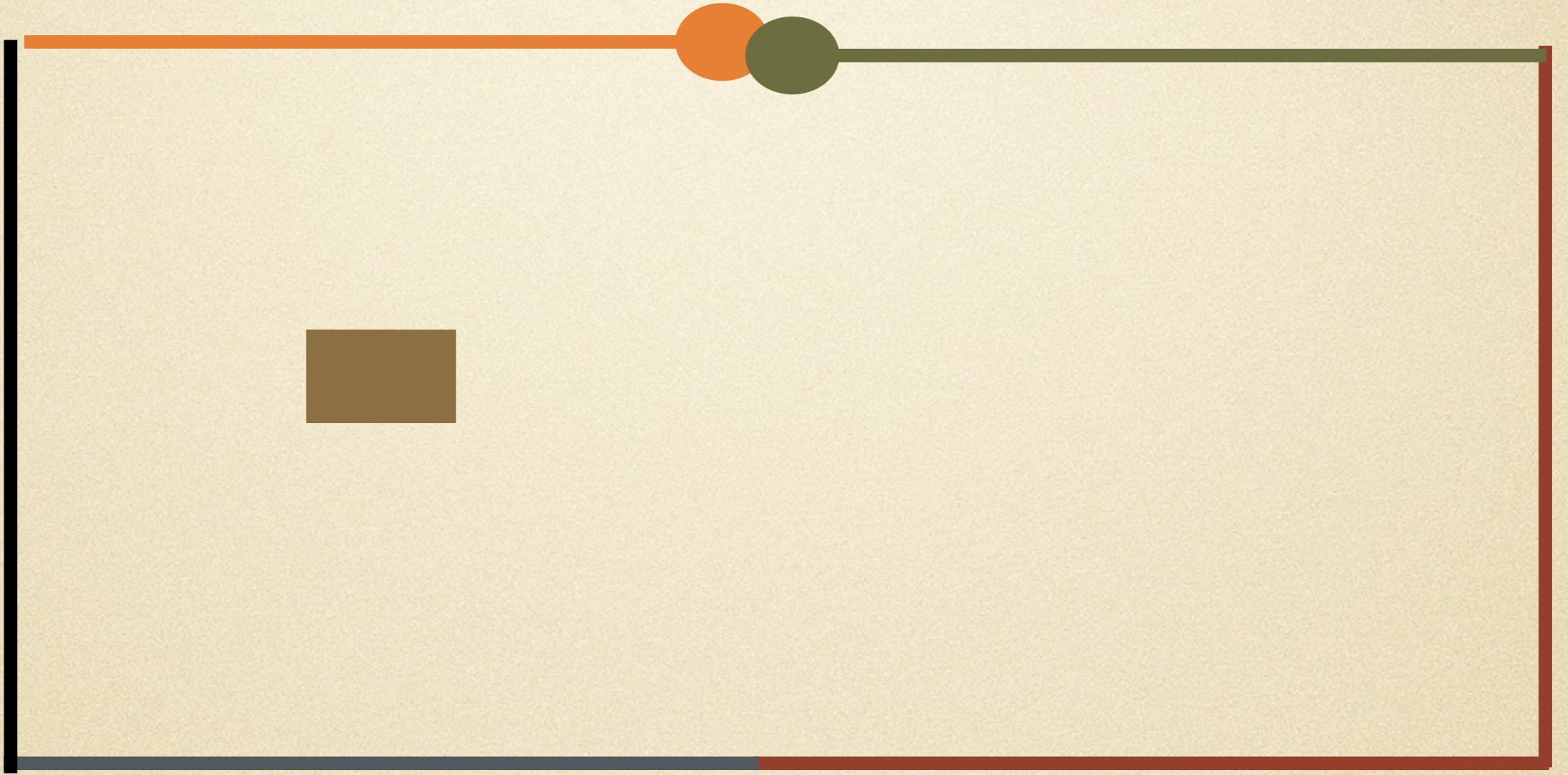
- Its easily movable
- Always keeps your hens on fresh grass
- Keeps most predators away
- Much less expensive than permanent fencing

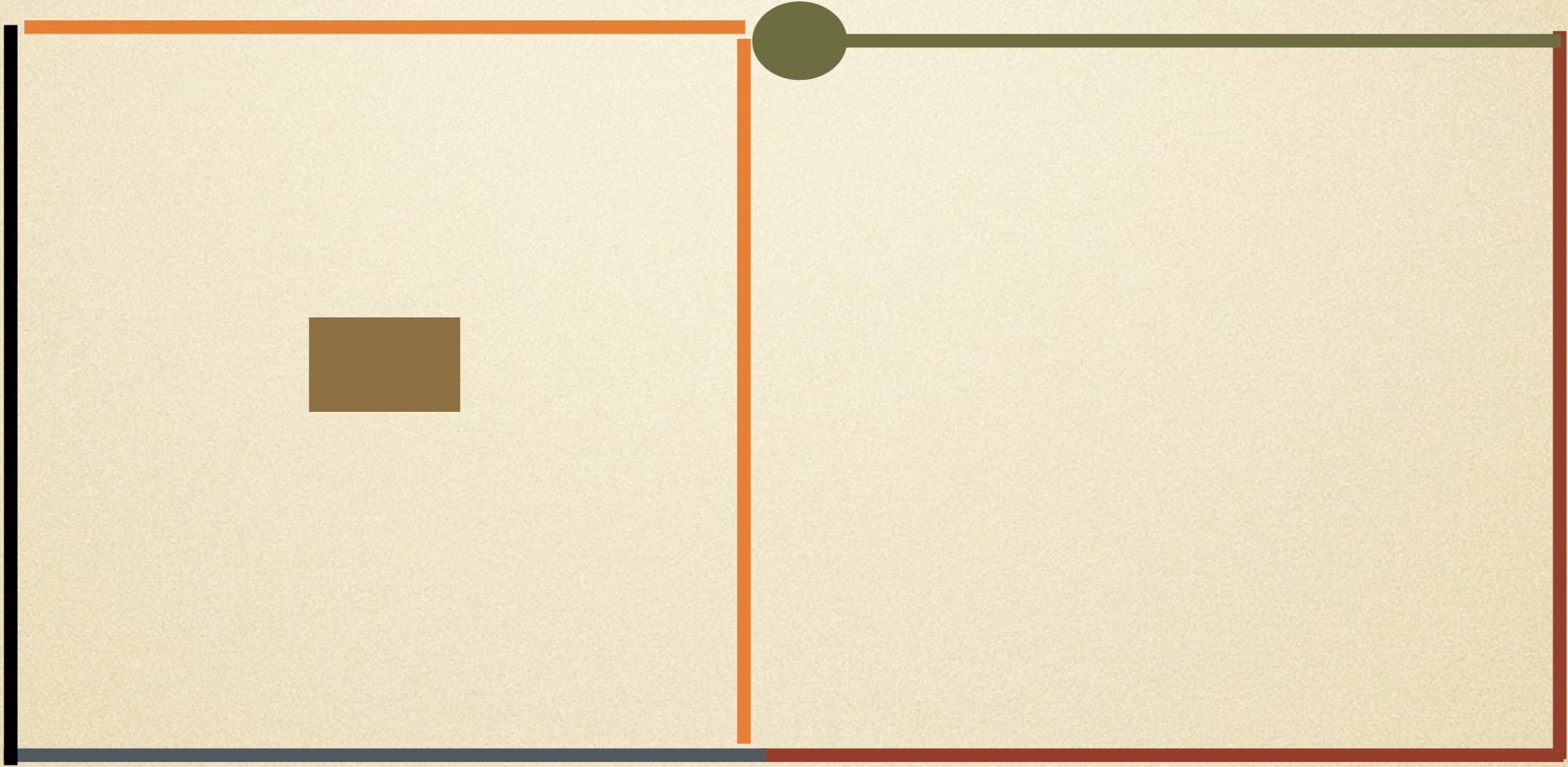


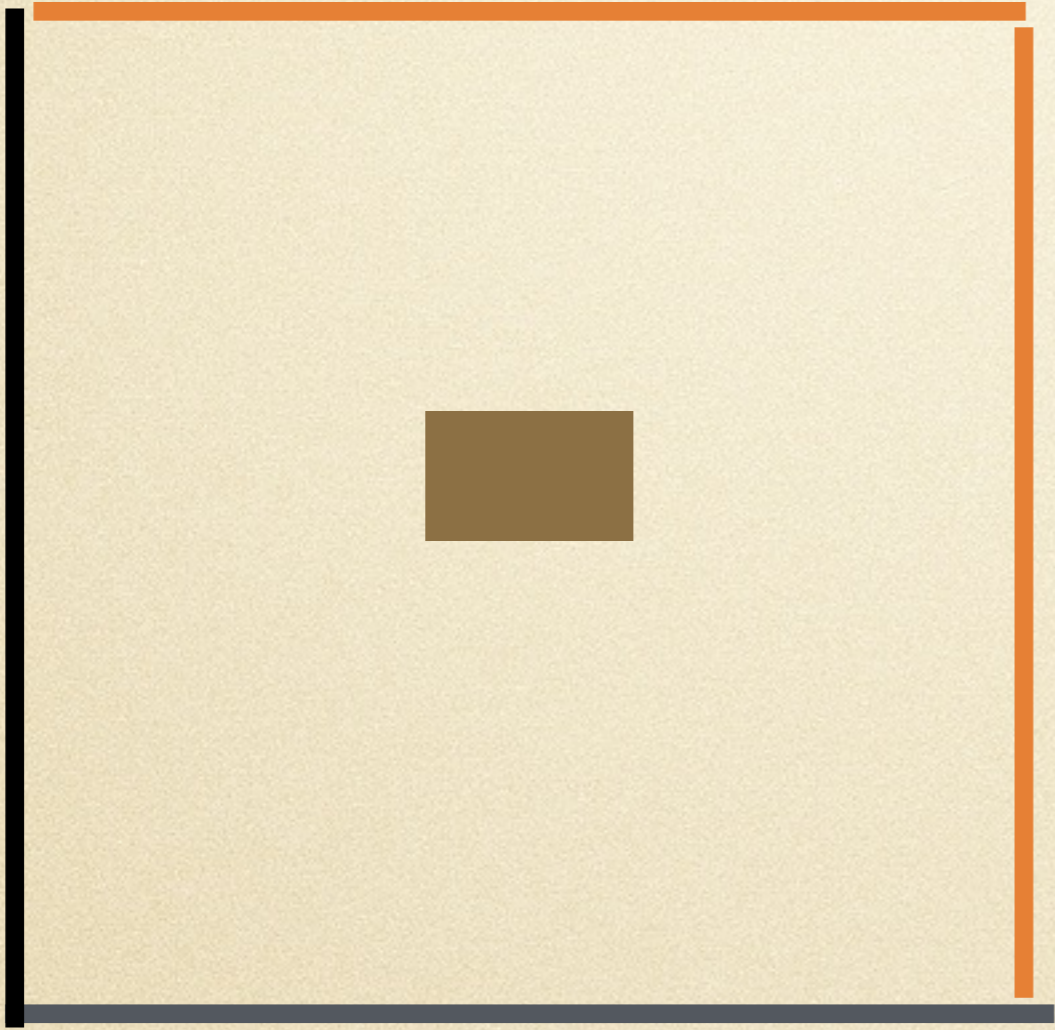
















# Chicken Health

- Keep them moving so they are always on fresh grass
- If you notice a chicken looking sick pull it out of the flock immediately
- Fresh garlic, thyme, oregano, ACV. Vet Rx.

