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Minnesota organic farmer says, "Feed your family and heal the earth."

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Wadena, Minnesota - October 14, 2014 - The more Larry Heitkamp learned about soil health, the more he came to realize that chickens were an integral part of the circle of life on his organic farm.

Heitkamp sells organic eggs from the chickens he raises on his central Minnesota farm. "My chickens are free range and forage on grasses all summer long," says Heitkamp.

He also grows organic oats, barley, and peas to make sure the chickens are well-fed in the winter months when grass is not available. He takes his crops to an organic feed mill in nearby Wadena, Minnesota, where they are ground and mixed into a balanced winter diet for his chickens.

The way Heitkamp raises chickens is nothing like the way eggs are produced on industrial farms. A visitor to his farm will find no giant confinement buildings into which thousands upon thousands of birds are stuffed into battery cages. No semi-trucks bring chemically-grown GMO feeds in from distant sources. No antibiotics find their way into his feed mixes.

The organic difference translates into healthier soils, more humane treatment of animals, and a better, safer product for consumers. "Because I grow feed crops organically, with cover crops instead of fertilizers and chemicals, the soil biology is healthier," says Heitkamp. "This, in turn, increases the nutrient density in the eggs my chickens lay."

Larry Heitkamp sees his customers as partners in a grand plan to replenish the land and raise healthy families. He puts it this way: "When you buy my organic eggs, you feed your family and heal the earth."

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