

# Urban Backyard Chickens

>> Nick Rizzo, Montgomery County

## FINALIST

## I AM FARM BUREAU



This raised bed has Kale Chard and Artichoke along with mixed Giant Marigolds.



“Happy” one of the many chickens hatched in one of my 4th Grade classes at SpringValley Academy. The kids get very eggcited about hatching chicks in the classroom.



Coturnix Quail raised for meat and eggs.

**WHAT I DO:** My name is Nick Rizzo and I'm a pediatric neonatal Respiratory Therapist who has worked at The Dayton Children's Medical Center since 1993. My job has been to transport and treat premature infants who are having difficulty breathing. In my leisure time I enjoy hunting and fly fishing as well as teaching about keeping backyard chickens.

**MY LINK TO AGRICULTURE:** Over the last couple of years I have researched different ways to be more self-sufficient by growing more of our own food. Although we only have 1 acre of land, we grow more of our own food including livestock, like quail and chickens, for meat and eggs. We planted several fruit trees this year with the hopes of having fresh homegrown fruit in the next few years. I am learning and trying new gardening practices like using raised beds for areas around the house and using a no till methods for our garden plot.

**I AM PASSIONATE ABOUT:** We are passionate about agricultural. We enjoy raising, selling and showing quality showpigs. We love to travel to different State and National hog

shows as a family. We are passionate about growing safe, high quality pork for consumers. We are thrilled to be advocates and leaders in the Agricultural community.

**I AM KNOWN FOR:** Within our community we are known for being advocates for agricultural and Farm Bureau. We are known for raising, selling and showing pigs. Scott is well known as a hog producer and advocate for the pork industry. At school, Tracie, is known for promoting pork and agricultural! We strive to raise our children with strong agriculture beliefs and values.

