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### Poultry Facts

- A chicken will lay bigger and **stronger** eggs if you change the lighting in a way to make her think a day is **28** hours long.
- Over 9 billion chickens are raised for food annually in the US.
- A hen must eat about four pounds of feed to produce one dozen eggs.
- The wild turkey is native to northern **Mexico** and the eastern United States.
- Wild turkeys also have more dark meat than domesticated turkey, which is bred to have more white meat.

### Albumen

- The **white** portion of the egg.

### Broiler

- Young chickens less than **12** weeks of age.

### Brooder

- A warmed and protected enclosure where young chicks are raised.

### Capon

- A **neutered** male chicken produced for the specialty and holiday meat markets.

### Chick

- An **immature** chicken or young chicken.

### Clutch

- A batch of eggs that are **hatched** together.

### Cock

- A mature male chicken over **one year** of age.

### Cockerel

A **male** chicken under one year of age.

### Coop

- The house or building that birds live in.

### Cornish Game Hen

- A young chicken (usually four to six weeks of age) not more than two pounds in **dressed** weight.

### Crop

- The **pouch** in the chicken's throat where food collects.

### Dander

- Small particles of dead skin or **feather** particles.

### Drake

- A male duck.

### Duck

- The term used to describe a **female** duck.

### Duckling

- A **young** duck.

### Flock

- The term used to describe a group of **chickens**.

### Gaggle

- A group of **geese**.

### Game Birds

- Birds hunted for **food**.

### Gander

- The term used to describe a male goose.

### Giblets

- The term used to describe the portion of poultry carcasses that consist of **hearts**, **gizzards**, and livers.

### Gizzard

- An internal organ that uses **grit** to grind up the fiber that a chicken eats.

### Gosling

- A young **goose**.

### Goose

- The term used to describe a **female** goose.

### Hatch

- The process by which a bird comes out of the egg.

### Hatchery

- A business that hatches **poultry** eggs.

### Hen

- The term used to describe a female of all classes of poultry.

### Incubator

- The machine where eggs are kept in a controlled **environment** until the chicks hatch.

### Layers

- Hens** of pullets producing shell eggs.

### Poult

- A young **turkey**.

### Pullet

- A female chicken that has not yet started **laying eggs**.

### Roaster

- Heavy young chickens less than 12 weeks of age with live weights heavier than **seven** pounds.

### Rooster

- A male chicken usually kept for **breeding**.

### Scratch

- The grain fed to chickens.

### Spent Hen

- A hen that is no longer **laying** well.

### Spurs

- The sharp protrusions on a rooster's **shanks**.

### Tom

- A **mature** male turkey.

### Yolk

- The **yellow** portion of the egg composed of water, protein, and glyceride.