

**Answer Key**

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

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

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

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

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

**Hen** The term used to describe a female of all classes of poultry

**Layers** Hens of pullets producing shell eggs.

**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.

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

Game Birds **Birds hunted for food.**

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

Chick **An immature chicken or young chicken.**

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

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

Drake **A male duck.**

Duckling **A young duck.**

Gander **The term used to describe a male goose**

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

Gosling **A young goose.**

Poult **A young turkey.**

Tom **A mature male turkey.**

Brooder **A warmed and protected enclosure where young chicks are raised.**

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

Coop **The house or building that birds live in.**

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

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

Gaggle **A group of geese.**

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

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

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

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

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**

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