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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.