

## **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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