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Poultry: Cluck, Gobble, Quack!

Chickens, turkeys, and ducks are called poultry. Poultry are birds that give us food like meat and eggs. Crack open for more about poultry.





WHICH CAME FIRST?

We get meat from chickens, ducks, turkeys, and more. Poultry meat is healthy for our bodies. It is a great source of protein, which makes our muscles strong. Poultry meat can be grilled, baked, or fried. **What is your favorite poultry meat?**

All female birds lay eggs. Most eggs we buy from the store are laid by chickens. Chickens lay one egg each day. Eggs are healthy for us! Eggs give us protein and vitamins. Chicken eggs come in many different colors. **What egg colors have you seen?**

EGG PARTS

An egg has many important parts. Here are some of them.

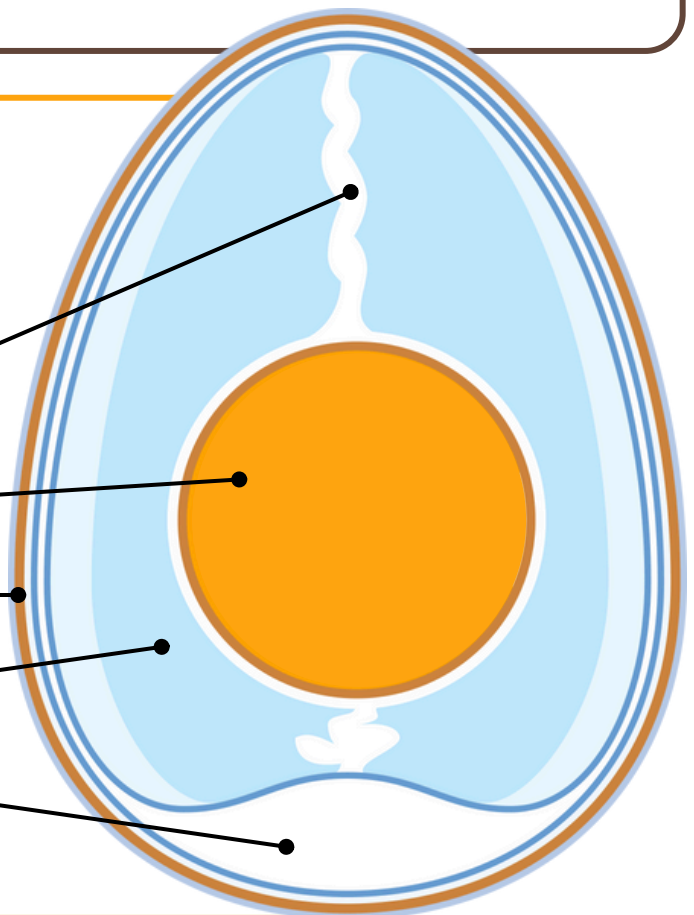
Chalaza: holds the yolk in place

Yolk: holds vitamins and minerals

Shell: protects the egg inside

Albumen (White): cushions the yolk

Air Cell: how the chick breathes when the egg develops



"CHICK" IT OUT!

Poultry hatch from eggs. An egg will only grow into a chick if it has been fertilized by a male. Male chickens are called roosters. Eggs from the store will not hatch into chicks.

You can hatch eggs in an incubator. It takes 21 days for a chicken egg to hatch.



FROM FARM TO FOOD

Yordy Turkey Farm is a farm in Morton, Illinois. They raise 10,000 turkeys each year for Thanksgiving. All of their turkeys are female. The food and water for the turkeys is powered by a computer. It gives the birds fresh food and water every day, all by itself!



YORDY TURKEY FARM



SAFE INSIDE

Most poultry on farms live in barns. Barns keep the birds cool in the summer and warm in the winter. They can get to food and water easily. They also stay safe from danger and sickness. Backyard chickens live in coops where we can collect eggs from their nests.

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POULTRY WORD UNSCRAMBLE

Unscramble the poultry words and write them on the lines.



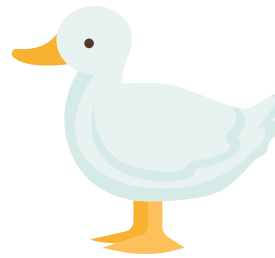
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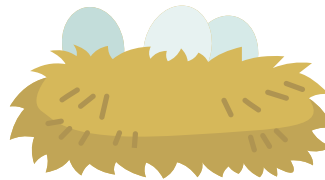
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S N T E

Will an egg from the grocery store hatch into a chick?

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YES

NO

Share one reason why it is good for poultry to live in barns.

