

POULTRY VOCABULARY



ROOSTER	an adult male chicken used for breeding
HEN	an adult female chicken or turkey who lays eggs
CHICK	a baby chicken
FLOCK	a number of animals of one kind that are kept, fed, or herded together
PULLET/POULT	a young female chicken or turkey who has not yet laid her first egg
INCUBATOR	a box which maintains a constant temperature and is used to hatch eggs
ALBUMEN	the clear-like portion of the egg that is the major source of egg protein. It is called the "white" because it turns white when cooked
YOLK	the yellow portion of the egg. The yolk is a major source of vitamins, minerals, and almost half of the protein in the egg
SHELL	outer covering of the egg, composed largely of calcium carbonate, that provides protection to the rest of the egg
AIR CELL	pocket of air formed at the large end of the egg between the shell membranes that increased in size with age.
BREEDING PEN	a small group of animals kept together to produce purebred offspring
FERTILE	an egg laid by a hen who has been exposed to a rooster. Fertile eggs will develop into chicks



Knowing the proper words and their definitions allows us to communicate more clearly about a topic! Use these vocabulary terms when discussing this topic.