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# **Introduction to Poultry**

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## Basic term in Poultry

- 1) **Chick:** Chick just hatched usually 1 to 7 days old.
- 2) **Clutch:** A group of eggs, 6 or more.
- 3) **Cockerel:** immature male chicken or A male chicken under 12 months of age.
- 4) **Pullet:** A female chicken under 12 months of age.





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## Basic term in Poultry

- 5) **Cock:** a male that has finished one season as a breeder. Usually refers to older birds. (a common term is **Rooster**).
- 6) **Hen:** adult female poultry that has finished one season.





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## Basic term in Poultry

- 7) **Broody Hen (Broody):** A hen that is sitting on eggs with the intent of hatching them, The eggs do not have to be her own eggs, She will typically set on any eggs and raise those babies.
- 8) **Broiler:** Is the term used for a meat-type chicken.
- 9) **Layer:** Is the term used for a egg-type chicken.





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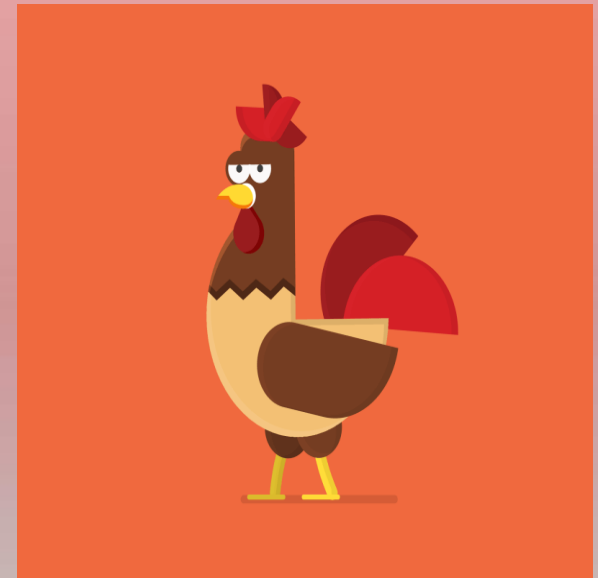


## What is Poultry

- ❑ Poultry: are domesticated birds kept by humans for the purpose of their eggs, their meat or their feathers.

The characteristics of poultry are that it has:

- 1- Feather
- 2- Lack Teeth
- 3- Wings
- 4- Biped.





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## History through the eyes of a chicken

- ❑ In ancient time all poultry birds lived in forest.
- ❑ India and middle area of east Asia is considered as the original homeland of chicken.





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❑ Then people used to hunt bird from jungle and raise them at home for chicken fight as a source of entertainment.

❑ It is thought that, modern chicken originated from red jungle chicken of that time.





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## Classification Of Poultry

For successful poultry farming, learning about classification of poultry is a must.

1. Scientific classification
2. Economical Classification
3. Geographical Classification







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### First: Scientific classification

- ✓ Kingdom : Animalia
- ✓ Phylum : Chordata
- ✓ Class : Aves
- ✓ Order : Galliformes
- ✓ Family : Phasianidae
- ✓ Genus : **Gallus**
- ✓ Scientific N.: **Gallus gallus domesticus**





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## Second: Economical Classification

### A- Egg Production Breeds:

☐ These breeds are raised for **egg production**.

☐ it can produce **more than 280 eggs** per year, and **Standard body weight 2Kg**.

☐ Such as:



Leghorn



Minorca



Ancona



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### B- Meat Production Breeds:

☐ These breeds are raised for **meat production**.

☐ It is known for its low **production of eggs 90-120** per year and has a high body weight of **4.5 kg** as the average for mature females.

☐ Such as:



Sussex



Cornish



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## C- Dual Purpose Breeds(Meat and Egg):

❑ These breeds are raised for **egg** and **meat production**.

❑ it can produce **more than 180 egg** per year, **body weight about 3Kg**.

❑ Such as:



**New Hampshire**



**Rhode island red**



**Plymouth Rock**



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### Third: Geographical Classification

Poultry are classified according to origin as following:

**A**

**American chicken**

**New Hampshire**

**Plymouth Rock**

**Rhode Island  
Red**

**B**

**British chicken**

**Cornish**

**Sussex**

**Orpington**

**DorKing**

**C**

**Asiatic chicken**

**Cochin**

**Brahma**

**Langshan**

**D**

**Mediterranean  
chicken**

**Leghorn**

**Minorca**

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