



Chicken Facts

- Adult male chickens are called roosters or cocks.
- Adult female chickens are called hens.
- A chick is a newly hatched chicken.
- An immature male chicken is called a cockerel.
- An immature female chicken is called a pullet until she begins to lay eggs.
- Hens begin to lay eggs at around 20 weeks .
- Some breeds lay eggs daily, some every other day, some once or twice a week.
- Lots of factors can affect laying routines. Age, health, nutrition, temperature and stress affect a hen's happiness and happy hens lay more eggs for the farmer.
- The egg count naturally decreases as hens age but some healthy, happy hens will continue to lay eggs well into retirement! After the first 2 years, the number of eggs laid will begin to decrease.
- Hens will lay eggs whether or not they've ever seen a rooster.
- Roosters are necessary only for the fertilisation of eggs.

