



CHICKENS

THE BASICS:

- ROOSTER : male chicken
- HEN : female chicken
- CHICK : baby chicken
 - PULLET : female baby
 - CAPON : male baby
- INCUBATION PERIOD : 21 days
- Chickens will not lay eggs when it is dark outside.
- The fleshy skin on the top of the head is called the 'comb' and under the chin is the 'wattle'

THE EXTRAS:

- Chickens do not chew their food. Food is stored in the 'crop' until it is taken in by the stomach. The food is digested in the gizzard. Chickens swallow small stones or gravel, which helps to digest their food.
- Hens start laying eggs at five months old. These small eggs are called pullet eggs and will increase in size as the hen gets older.
- The color of the shell does not determine the quality of the egg.
- If the chicken has a blue ear lobe it will lay a brown egg. If the ear lobe is white it will lay a white egg.
- Chickens may lay up to one egg a day during their peak laying period. Usually on chicken lays about 250 eggs per year.

OUR CHICKENS:

- We have Rhode Island Reds, White leghorns, Black Australorps and Barred Rocks (black and white).