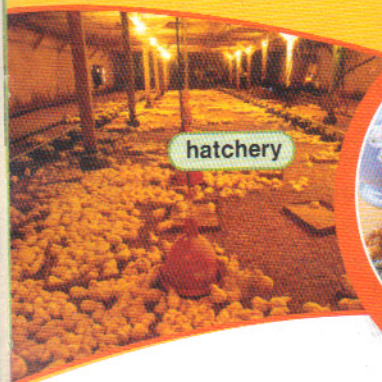




hen



rooster



hatchery



poultry

Cluck Farms



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Welcome to Cluck Farms. We are a **primary breeder** of twenty-seven varieties of commercial chickens.

We provide **hens** and **roosters** to over four hundred operations nationwide. Depending on your needs, we can provide you with chickens ranging from one-week old **chicks** to one-year-old **pullets**.

In addition to breeding, we operate a small production facility. Our **layers** produce only the best eggs. All of our **broilers** and **roosters** are raised in a **free-range** manner.

We are available to consult with **poultry** operations in neighboring states. With sixty years' experience, we can advise you on **intensive** farming methods, free-range techniques, and effective **litter** removal. Call us today to take a tour of our **hatcheries**.

Get ready!

- 1 Before you read the passage, talk about these questions.

- 1 What products come from the poultry industry?
- 2 How common is poultry in your country?

Reading

- 2 Read the page from a website. Then, choose the correct answers.

- 1 What is the purpose of the website?
 - A to describe a business
 - B to explain product prices
 - C to compare breeding methods
 - D to give advice on chicken farming
- 2 Which type of chicken produces eggs?
 - A pullets
 - ☒ C layers
 - B roasters
 - D roosters
- 3 Which service is NOT provided by the farm?
 - A consultation for nearby farms
 - B breeding of commercial chickens
 - C production of poultry products
 - ☒ D removal of farm litter



chick

Vocabulary

- 3 Match the words (1-7) with the definitions (A-G).

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|-------------|-----------------------|
| 1 — rooster | 5 — chick |
| 2 — layer | 6 — hatchery |
| 3 — hen | 7 — intensive farming |
| 4 — broiler | |

- A a baby chicken
- B a female chicken that produces eggs
- C a female chicken
- D a male chicken
- E a facility where eggs are hatched
- F a medium-sized chicken sold for food
- G a method for raising chicken indoors

- 4 Fill in the blanks with the correct words and phrases from the word bank.

Word Bank

free-range roasters primary breeder
poultry litter pullets

- 1 Free-range chickens exercise more than confined chickens.
- 2 Litter is the waste produced in a coop.
- 3 Robert's Farm is the primary breeder for most local farms.
- 4 Chicken is a major poultry product.
- 5 Roasters cost a lot because they are so big.
- 6 Those pullets will be layers soon.

- 5 Listen and read the page from a website again. Apart from breeding, what other services does Cluck Farms provide?

Listening

- 6 Listen to a conversation between a breeder and a farmer. Mark the following statements as true (T) or false (F).

- 1 T The farmer wants advice on raising free-range chickens.
- 2 T The breeder recommends two chicken breeds.
- 3 F The farmer will buy a dozen roasters.

- 7 Listen again and complete the conversation.

- Farmer: Hi, I'd like to order some chicks.
Breeder: Is there a particular breed you're interested in?
Farmer: I'm 1 not exactly sure. I have a small farm, and I'd like to raise a dozen or so chickens 2 free-range.
Breeder: Well, we have a few good 3 options. Meat or egg production?
Farmer: Could you 4 say that again?
Breeder: Are the chickens going to be used for meat or egg production?
Farmer: 5 Probably both. I want the hens to lay eggs for a few years. But I'll occasionally slaughter them for meat. Maybe one or two a year.
Breeder: In that case, I'd recommend Iowa Blue or Delaware. Both produce excellent eggs and grow into 6 meat quickly.
Farmer: Did you say roasters or roasters?
Breeder: Roasters. Both breeds can grow rather large. They make good roaster chickens.
Farmer: Oh, I see. Well then, I'll take a half dozens chicks of each.

Speaking

- 8 With a partner, act out the roles below based on Task 7. Then, switch roles.

USE LANGUAGE SUCH AS:

Hi, I'd like to order some chicks.

Are the chickens for meat or egg production?

I'll take a half dozen.

Student A: You are a breeder. Talk to Student B about:

- production
- types of chicks
- chick growth

Student B: You want to raise chickens. Talk to Student A about which type to buy.

Writing

- 9 Use the conversation from Task 8 to fill out the order.

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Customer Name: _____

Chicks for: Meat / Egg

Breeds: _____

Number of Chicks: _____

