

## Backyard Chickens Vocabulary

**Hen:**

A female chicken

**Rooster:**

An adult male chicken

**Pullet:**

A young hen that is less than a year old and has not started laying eggs.

**Chick:**

A baby chicken (newly hatched)

**Hen and chicks****Crumbles:**

Chicken feed

**Molting:**

Shed feathers that will be replaced by a new growth.

**Nesting box:**

A box provided for a chicken to make her nest and lay her eggs in a quiet, secure place.

**Perch or roost:**

A place where chickens settle or congregate to rest at night.

**Scratch:**

A mixture of ground corn, grain, and millet that is a special treat for chickens.



Different colors of eggs that can be laid by hens.  
Check the ear color and you can predict the egg color.