

# Farm To Market: Poultry & Eggs

## Assessment of Prior Knowledge:

- What is poultry? How many different kinds of poultry can you name? Can you name different products that people get from poultry?
- What does a poultry farmer do to take care of his "crop"?

## Vocabulary:

**Poultry:** Chickens, turkeys and other birds that are raised on farms

**Candling:** The process of shining light into eggs in order to inspect them on the inside

**Poult:** A young turkey

**Caruncle:** The fleshy growth on the head and upper neck of a turkey

**Down:** The fluffy feathers on a baby chick, or the feathers from geese and ducks that are used to fill blankets and pillows

## Comprehension Questions:

### Chickens

1. How old are the baby chicks when they are taken to the poultry farm?
2. How long does it take the chicks to grow into adulthood?
3. How can you tell what color eggs a hen will lay?

### Eggs

1. How are eggs collected in the henhouse?
2. How many eggs will the average chicken lay in a year?

### Turkey

1. Which of the turkey's senses are the sharpest?

2. Can turkeys fly?

## Other Poultry

1. What products do we get from ducks and geese?
2. Which birds are the largest on Earth? How tall are they?

## Discussion Questions:

1. Can you think of other animals that people raise to use in different ways? Animals that are raised for milk? Animals that are raised for their fleece? Animals that are raised to work?

## Follow-up Activities:

- Students may want to study different kinds of birds: the ways that birds are similar and the ways they are different. The birds raised on poultry farms are often wild birds that have been domesticated, as in the case of the turkey. How are domesticated birds different than birds in the wild?



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