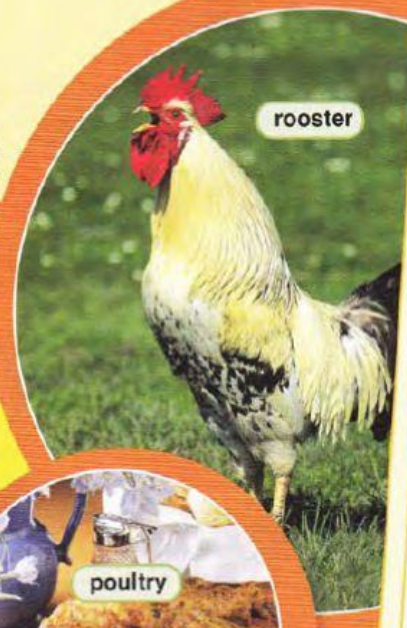
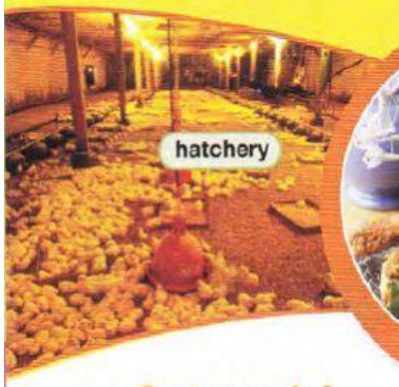
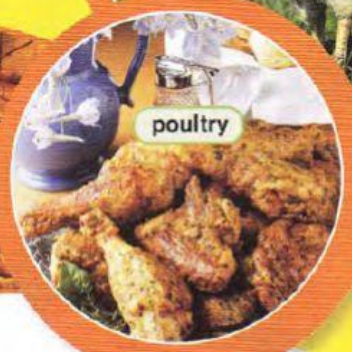
3 Poultry industry









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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 **roasters** 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
- B roasters
- C layers
- 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

Vocabulary

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

1 __ rooster
2 __ layer
3 __ hen
4 __ broiler
5 __ chick
6 __ hatchery
7 __ intensive farming

- 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

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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 _____ chickens exercise more than confined chickens.
2 _____ is the waste produced in a coop.
3 Robert's Farm is the _____ for most local farms.
4 Chicken is a major _____ product.
5 _____ cost a lot because they are so big.
6 Those _____ 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 __ The farmer wants advice on raising free-range chickens.
2 __ The breeder recommends two chicken breeds.
3 __ The farmer will buy a dozen roosters.

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 _____ _____ _____. I have a small farm, and I'd like to raise a dozen or so chickens 2 _____ - _____.
Breeder: Well, we have a few good 3 _____. Meat or egg production?
Farmer: Could you 4 _____ _____ _____?
Breeder: Are the chickens going to be used for meat or egg production?
Farmer: 5 _____ _____. 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 _____ quickly.
Farmer: Did you say roosters 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.**

Cluck Farms

Customer Name: _____

Chicks for: Meat / Egg

Breeds: _____

Number of Chicks: _____



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