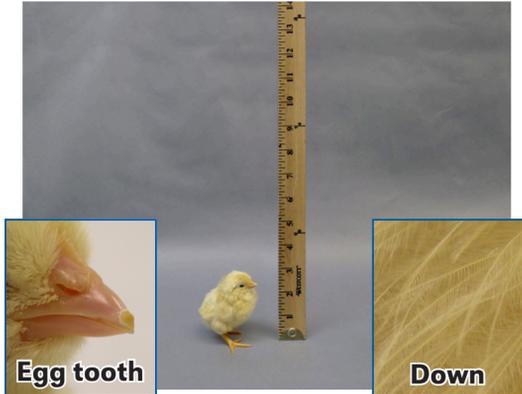


CHICKEN GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

White Leghorn Hybrid Pullet

TERMS	Less than 6 months old	6 months old or older
Female	Pullet	Hen
Male	Cockerel	Cock (Rooster)

Poster developed by University of Nebraska–Lincoln Extension in Lancaster County. Photos by Cole Meador and Vicki Jedlicka. Funding provided by the Poultry and Egg Division, Nebraska Department of Agriculture.



Day 1

Down covers the body. Egg tooth on the beak falls off in about a day.



Week 1

Around 3 days, chicks start growing feathers called primary feathers on their wings.



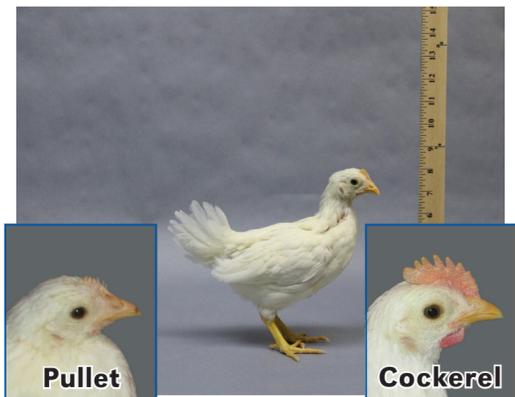
Week 2

Primary feathers start growing on their body and tail.



Week 3

The body is fully covered by feathers.



Week 4 / Month 1

Cockerels combs (on top of head) and wattles (under beak) start to grow larger than pullets.



Week 5



Week 6



Week 7



Week 8 / Month 2

Males start learning to crow.



Week 9

Secondary feathers start replacing primary feathers.



Week 10



Week 11



Week 12 / Month 3



Month 4



Month 5

Pullets combs start to get larger and turn red (some flop over).



Month 6

Hen is fully grown and starts to lay eggs.