

# The hen made the egg or the egg the hen

a handbook of  
information about  
hens

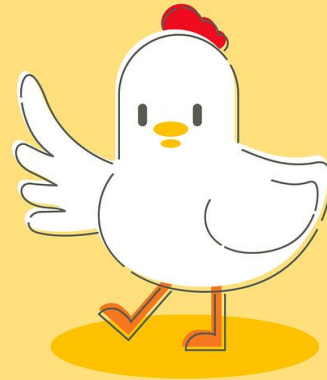


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Chickens are essential to a farm, primarily for egg and meat production. They also contribute to the biological management of waste, while their presence can also provide socio-economic benefits to rural communities.

If you decide to get your own chickens, you should definitely know the following information...



# Did you know .....that chickens talk to their eggs?!

**Mother hens will talk with their baby chicks while they are still in the egg.**

**They do this by making a purring noise toward their eggs.**

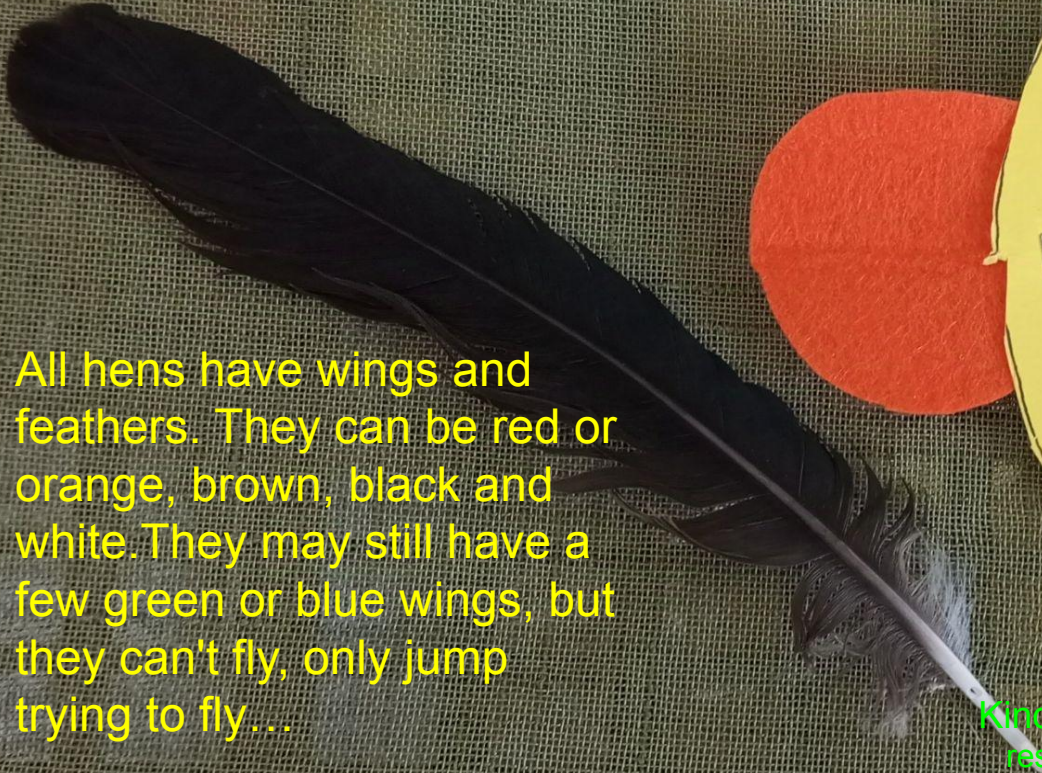
**What's even more interesting is that the baby chicks will peep back!**



**15th Kindergarten of Aghia Paraskevi, teacher Sofia Margariti**



Did you know... that hens don't fly?



All hens have wings and feathers. They can be red or orange, brown, black and white. They may still have a few green or blue wings, but they can't fly, only jump trying to fly...

Kindergarten of Charaka, Crete- Greece  
responsible teacher : NTENTH GEOACPA

# Hen's favourite food

hen's favourite food  
includes corn, carrots  
and many other fruits and  
vegetables.

The food they love  
most is worms!!!



Special Education Kindergarten of Ierapetra, teacher Goni Pelagia

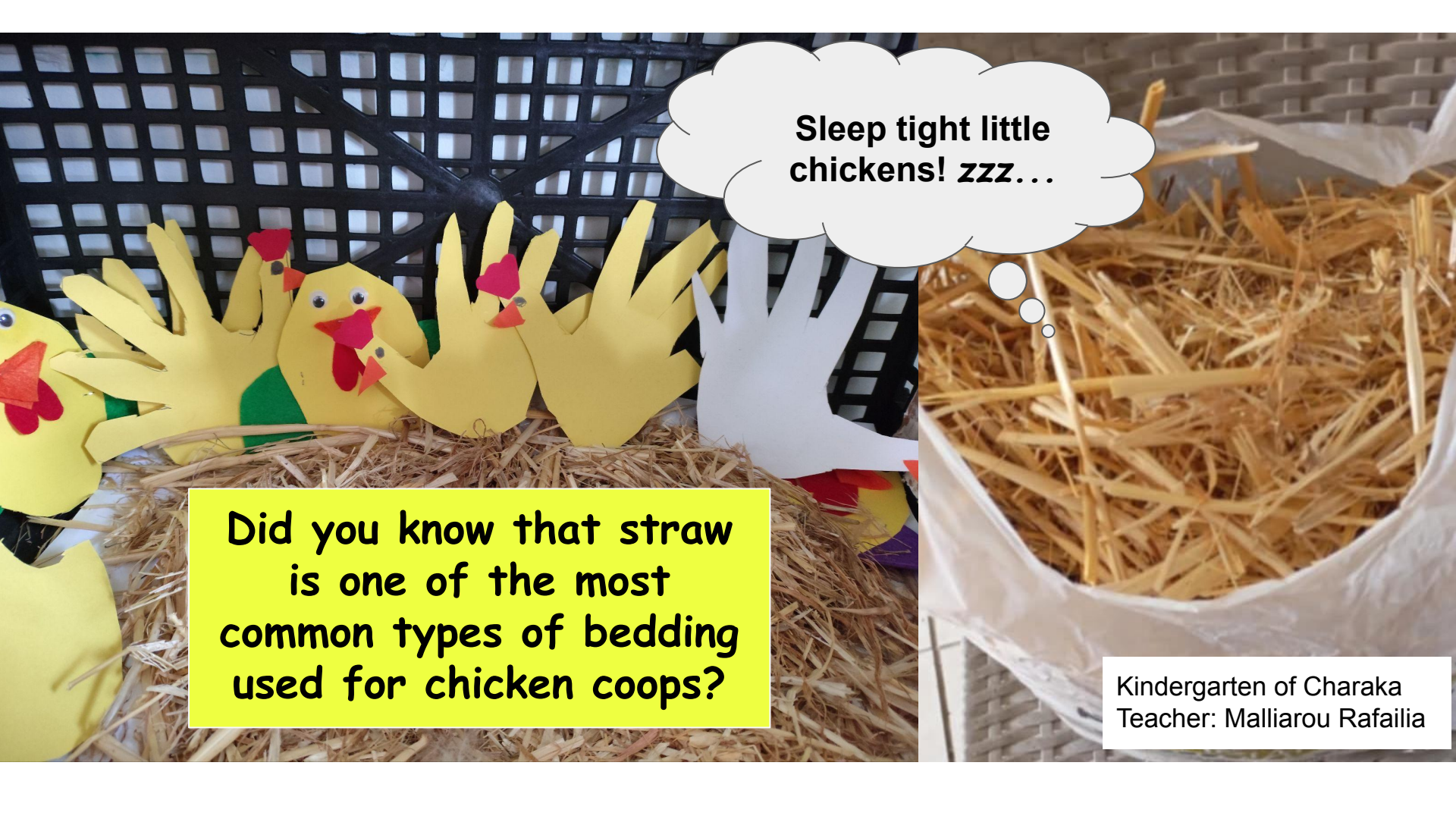


# How many eggs do hens lay?



**Do you know that every  
hen lay one egg per day?  
So, hens can lay 300  
eggs a year!!!!**

***19o Kindergarten of Maroussi,  
Athens***



**Sleep tight little chickens! zzz...**

**Did you know that straw is one of the most common types of bedding used for chicken coops?**

Kindergarten of Charaka  
Teacher: Malliarou Rafailia

How long does a chicken live?

The lifespan of a chicken can vary depending on the breed, but they generally live between 6 and 10 years. However, if properly cared for, some chickens can live to be 15 years old.

!!!The "oldest chicken in the world" reached the age of 21 years, 156 days.





A Video about Chicken Hatching  
24 kindergarten Alexandroupolis



## How clever are the hens?



THE SPINNING BIRD, WHO HAS LIVED JUST 24 HOURS, SHOWS A SET OF SKILLS AND REFLEXES THAT IS ONLY POSSIBLE IN A THREE-YEAR-OLD CHILD.

1. Remember more than 100 faces

2. Distinguishes the person caring for it from other people at a distance of more than 10 m

3. Understand when it is morning, afternoon and evening

4. Finally, to be trained relatively easily

1st kindergarten of asimi, Steiakaki Eleni



When a hen listens to classical music  
she lays bigger and heavier eggs.



2nd Kindergarten Asimiou. Tsagkaraki Athina.



## ***Interesting facts about chickens!***



***Chickens love to play, run, jump and flutter. They also enjoy basking in the sun.***

***The hen teaches the chicks different sounds even before they hatch.***

***The cognitive skills of a hen are similar to those of a dog or a cat.***



***Hens make friends. Some become so close that when one "friend" dies, the other grieves so much that she soon follows her into heaven.***

**Rumiana Peneva, kindergarten  
"H. Kr. Andersen", Bulgaria**

# Chickens: Experts in Face Recognition!

Did you know that chickens can recognize up to 100 different faces, including humans? 🐔 👁️ They have an impressive memory and can distinguish between members of their flock and even people who visit them frequently. So, if you take care of chickens often, there's a good chance they'll remember you! 😊

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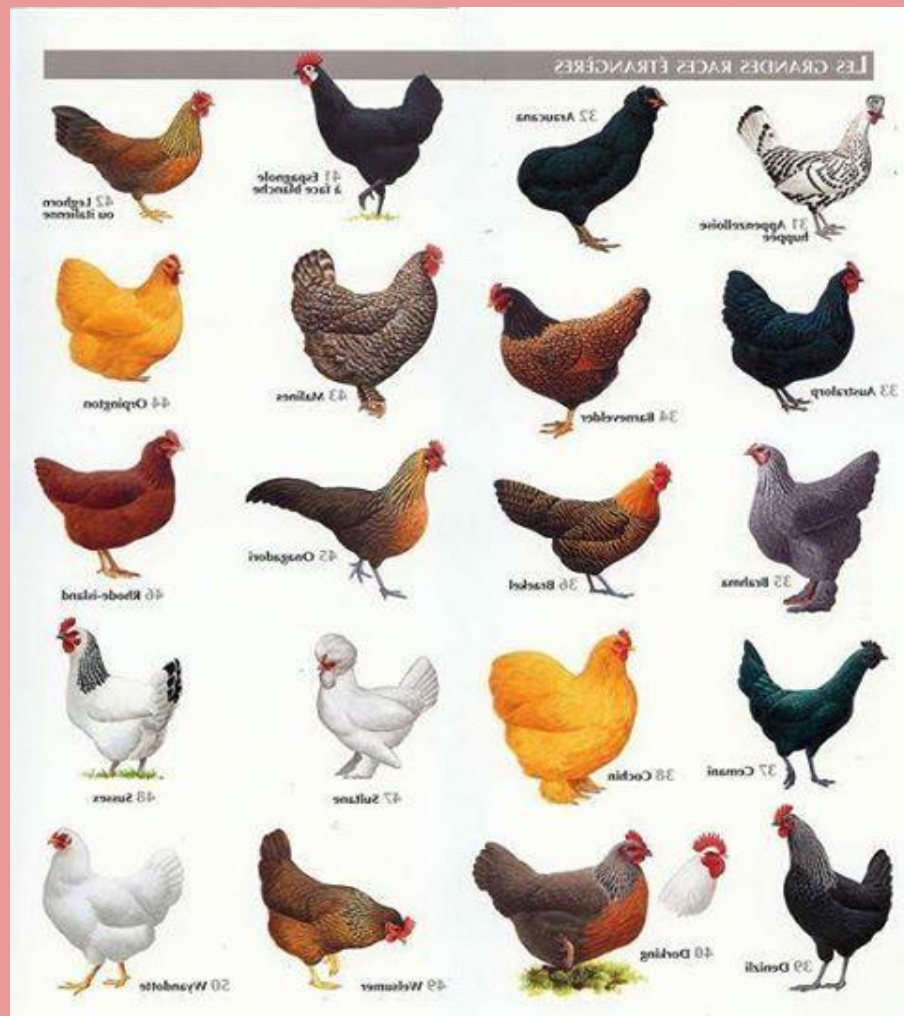




Chickens, whose scientific name is *Gallus domesticus*, are flightless domestic birds. There are over 150 different breeds of chickens, in different colors, patterns and sizes.

<https://www.youtube.com/shorts/3qVtWS9zhul>

Muşat Ioana , Grădinița Rotărăști,  
Romania



# Family life

Family life is particularly important to hens, as they are dedicated mothers.

We used the Quiver app to turn a simple coloring sheet into an interactive educational experience. The children colored pictures representing the stages of the chicken's life cycle (egg - chicken - hen), then watched in amazement as their drawings came to life in 3D, directly on the tablet screen.

Miliana Marcu

Kindergarten Castelul Fermecat Craiova, România



- There are more chickens in the world than people. There are eight billion people and more than twenty billion chickens.
- Chickens see colours better than humans.
- Chickens can dream.
- Chickens feel. They have pain receptors and can feel pain and suffering.
- Chickens like dust baths. Such bathing helps to protect against parasites and to keep their feathers safer.

Vilma Matijošaitienė,  
Jurbarko r. Skirsnemunės Jurgio Baltrušaičio  
pagrindinė mokykla,  
Lithuania





## Why do we love chickens?" interesting reasons

- 1.They are useful and familiar
- 2.Their behavior is cute
3. Connection with nature and simple living
4. Emotional attachment
5. They're funny

So, while we might not think of chickens as pets or sources of affection at first glance, they can actually be surprisingly beloved – for all they offer us and for how lively and interesting they can be.

Dragoi Maria-Kindergarten "Castelul Fermecat", Craiova, Romania



**For all of the above and even more, we love chickens and we should take care of them like all animals.**