



**Congratulations!** You have decided to compete in the Coastal Plains Chicken Project Showmanship competition. Here are a few questions that you should become familiar with before the show!

**What are the following: pullet? (CLOVERBUD)**

Pullet is a young female less than 1 year old..

**What is a hen? (CLOVERBUD)**

A female more than 1 year old.

**What is a cockerel? (CLOVERBUD)**

A male chicken less than 1 year old

**What is a rooster? (CLOVERBUD)**

A male chicken more than 1 year old.

**How many eggs can a hen potentially lay in 1 year? (CLOVERBUD)**

365, one a day

**What do you feed your bird? (CLOVERBUD)**

Know the ingredients of the feed and brand name.

**What is the breed of your bird? (CLOVERBUD)**

Silver-Laced Wyandotte

**What color eggs does a silver-laced wyandotte lay? (CLOVERBUD)**

Brown

**For a female to lay eggs, does she need the presence of a male?**

No. She needs a male only to produce fertilized eggs.



**In general, what air temperature should be provided for growing chicks?**

About 95 degrees F for the first week, dropping ~5 degrees per week until reaching outside temperature.

**What is the importance of calcium in the diets of laying hens?**

Needed for the calcium of the egg shell

**What categories of nutrients do chickens require each day?**

Protein, carbohydrate, fat, minerals, vitamins, water

**What does "molt" mean for chickens?**

Lose feathers, reproduction stops, renews the bird for another reproduction cycle

**Do chickens ever have teeth?**

Yes, egg tooth at hatch to help break through the shell

**What does "dual purpose" mean for chickens?**

Can be used for both meat and egg production

**Identify the parts of the bird.**

On the head - comb, wattles, earlobes. On the body - tail, breast bone or keel bone, vent. On the leg - foot, spur, shank, hock joint, and thigh.

**Why does the judge ask to see the feet and legs of birds?**

To check for deformities, disease, and parasites

**What are two names for the breast bone of chickens?**

Sternum or Keel

**What are the most common feed ingredients used in poultry diets in the U.S.?**

Corn and Soybean meal

**What is bumble foot?**

An infection in the foot pad of poultry, usually caused by bacteria in the manure (*Staphylococcus aureus*)

**What is the function of the comb and wattles on chickens?**

Sex differentiation, identification, and thermoregulation

**What are the major external parasites of poultry?**

Lice and mites

**What are signs of good health in chickens?**

Alert, active, clear eyes; good manure consistency; no external parasites