

POULTRY TALKING POINTS

Here at (SCHOOL NAME) we support local farmers. This month we are focusing on poultry. Here is some information on poultry.

What Is Poultry?

Poultry refers to birds raised for eggs, meat, and feathers. Common types include chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese. **Read trivia for the week.**

Chicken Breeds & Unique Types

There are over 500 breeds of chickens worldwide! Some chickens are raised for their colorful feathers. Silkie chickens are fluffy like cotton balls and have blue skin. **Read trivia for the week.**

Health Benefits of Poultry

Poultry is a great source of protein, vitamins B6 & B12, iron, and zinc. It is lower in saturated fat compared to red meat. **Read trivia for the week.**

Fun Poultry Facts

Chickens are the most common poultry worldwide and can lay 250–300 eggs per year. Chickens are smart and can solve puzzles and learn tricks! The largest chicken egg ever laid weighed nearly 1 pound. Turkeys can make over 20 different sounds and have a wattle (neck) and snood (beak). A group of turkeys is called a gang. Ducks have waterproof feathers and can sleep with one eye open. Ducks can quack in different accents depending on where they're from. Egg tip: Spin it! Cooked eggs spin smoothly; raw eggs wobble. **Read trivia for the week.**

Poultry in South Dakota

South Dakota is home to 2.7 million egg-laying chickens and 4.6 million turkeys. Poultry in SD consumes over 69,000 tons of feed, including soybean meal. Nearly 700 million eggs are produced annually. Poultry products like eggs can be sold at Farmer's Markets. There are over 20 registered poultry farms in the state. Huron, SD is home to a major turkey processing plant—produces 320 million pounds of product yearly. **Read trivia for the week.**



HELPFUL TIPS

- Harvest of the Month is not designed to be used in any particular order. Please use it as you see fit.
- Choose a different item to focus on each month.
- Hang the poster in the cafeteria where it can be seen by all students.
- Hand out the Fact Sheets and the Recipes for an option to cook at home.
- Have fun with the color sheets. Create a color contest or an opportunity for students to decorate the lunchroom. Choose a different class every month to be featured as the "Harvest of the Month Artists".
- Trivia questions can be used in any order. Feature one question a week. Read the trivia question with the facts for the week and have students share the answer with you throughout the week. At the end of the week give them the answer to the trivia.
- Trivia question answers can be found on the fact sheets.
- Have fun with the feature. Create some new foods and use as a snack throughout the month.

Adventure Time:

- Take a virtual field trip to a poultry farm. Search virtual field trips on YouTube.
- Research activity: Have classrooms/grade levels research poultry farms in SD. Have a map of SD available for them to label the poultry farms they discover on the map.

