

CHICKENS

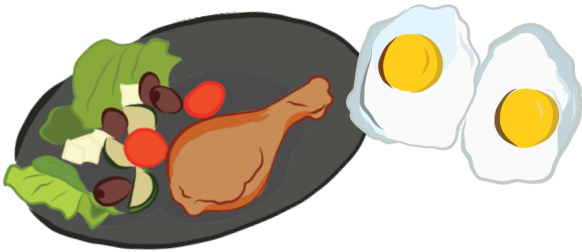
Nutritious and Delicious!

There are many different breeds of chickens. Some are raised for meat and others are raised to produce eggs. Chicken is a low-fat meat that contains protein, amino acids, niacin, vitamin B6, iron, and zinc.

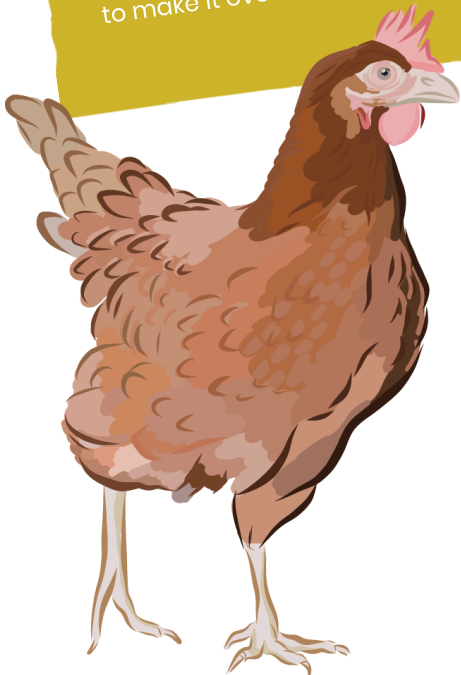


What Do Chickens Eat?

Chickens are omnivores, meaning they eat foods of both vegetable and animal origin. Creating a feed that best meets the nutritional needs of a chicken is a science. The colour of a chicken's fat and skin changes with the type of grain chickens eat. Chicken farmers use a feed that is high in wheat and barley. These grains cause the chicken skin and fat to be white. Feed containing a high percentage of corn results in chicken skin and fat that is yellow.



Chickens are completely flightless!
They can only get airborne enough
to make it over a fence or tree.



A Changing Industry

Chicken farming has changed a lot over the years. The number of chicken farms has decreased but the number of chickens on each farm has increased.

Looking After Chickens

Chicken farmers take good care of their chickens! Chicken barns today are well ventilated. This keeps the air inside the barn at the proper temperature and humidity for the birds. Chickens raised in Saskatchewan are grain fed and have access to fresh water at all times.

