

Farm Animal Trivia Facts

The first bird domesticated by man was the goose.

There are more chickens in the world than people.

Chickens absorb vitamin-D through their combs from sunshine.

The average hen will lay 300 eggs a year

A group of geese on the ground is gaggle, a group of geese in the air is a skein.

A duck's quack doesn't echo, and no one knows why.

The underside of a horse's hoof is called a frog. The frog peels off several times a year with new growth.

The placement of a donkey's eyes in its' heads enables it to see all four feet at all times.

A female swine, or a sow, will always have a even number of teats, usually twelve.

Twelve or more cows are known as a "flink."

The longest recorded flight of a chicken is thirteen seconds.

A Holstein's spots are like fingerprints -- no two cows have the same pattern of spots.

It is physically impossible for pigs to lookup into the sky.

Pigs and light-colored horses can be sunburned.

Goat's eyes have rectangular pupils.

A 1,200-pound horse eats about seven times it's own weight each year.

A Cornish game hen is really a young chicken, usually 5 to 6 weeks of age, that weighs no more than 2 pounds.

A normal cow's stomach has four compartments: the rumen, the reticulum (storage area), the omasum (where water is absorbed), and the abomasum (the only compartment with digestive juices).

Egg shell colour is determined by the breed of hen and has no effect on its quality, nutrients or flavour.

Female chickens, or hens, need about 24 to 26 hours to produce one egg. Thirty minutes later they start the process all over again. In addition to the half-hour rests, some hens rest every three to five days and others rest every 10 days.

In its entire lifetime, the average worker bee produces 1/12th teaspoon of honey.