



Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

Hens: There are many different breeds of hens, but each produce eggs with the same genetic make-up and nutritional value.

Fill in the Blank

1. Egg laying hens are all _____. Roosters are all male.
2. Egg farmers select strong healthy birds with good egg-laying records and genetics that help with things like _____.
3. Before hens are mature, they are first called _____ and then _____.
4. Hens are ready to lay eggs around _____ of age.
5. Hens are fed a _____ - based diet.

True or False

1. The most common eggs come from the Rhode Island Red.

2. Usually, an eggshell's color is determined by the color of the hen that laid it. Brown eggs normally come from brown hens, and white eggs normally come from white hens.

3. The earlobe color of a hen is another way to determine eggshell color.

4. Regardless of shell color, all eggs have the same genetic makeup and nutritional value.

5. Before they are ready to lay eggs, hens are called pullets.

Extension: Why might hen lifespans be longer than ever?

