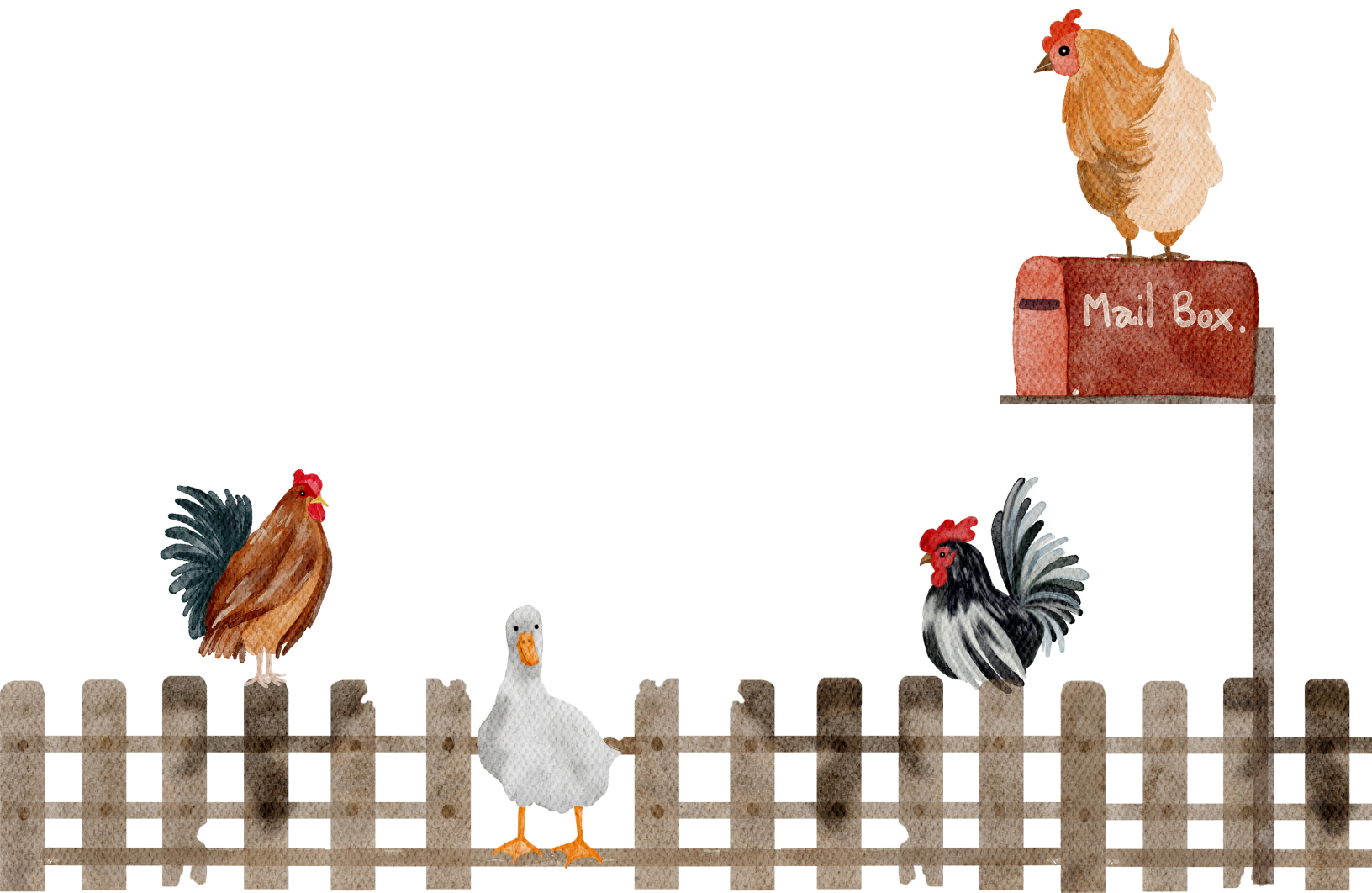


# Mini 4-H Poultry



## Kindergarten, 1st & 2nd Grades

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## Mini 4-H Parent's Page

As a Mini 4-H parent, your job will be to guide and encourage your child through this project. We suggest that you do not complete the activities for them. Instead, help them, guide them, work with them, and let them do all that they possibly can. The 4-H motto is “Learn by doing” and is the best educational tool that we can provide for youth.

If you have any questions about this project, please contact  
Purdue Extension- Hancock County at 317-462-1113 or  
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## Mini 4-H

Welcome to Mini 4-H! You are now a member of the 4-H family. Mini 4-H'ers have lots of fun. There are many activities for you to explore. You can try new things. You can share it with your friends and family.

An adult can help you with your project, and you can bring your project to the 4-H fair. Many people will be able to see what you have done. You will receive a ribbon made just for Mini 4-H.

The 4-H fair is an exciting time for 4-H members and families. It is a week that allows community youth to show their talents, interests, and enthusiasm for learning!

4-H Symbol: A four-leaf clover with an "H" in each leaf

4-H Colors: Green and white

4-H Motto: To make the best, better

4-H Pledge: I pledge my Head to clearer thinking



My Heart to greater loyalty

My Hands to larger service and

My Health to better living,

For my club, my community

my country, and my world.

## Mini 4-H Poultry

Welcome to the Mini 4-H poultry project! You are going to learn a lot of exciting things about poultry! Did you know poultry is more than chickens? Do you know what they eat? Let's find out more!



## What Will I Do?

In Mini 4-H Poultry you will have the opportunity to show your poultry at the  
Hancock County 4-H Fair!

You will bring your own poultry or borrow one from a 4-H'er already attending the fair. It is important that your birds do not have any illnesses. Please check with the poultry superintendent on if your bird needs to be tested before coming to fair.

The Mini 4-H judge may ask you questions about your bird. It's okay if you don't know the answer! They may ask questions like:

1. What kind/breed of bird do you have?
2. How do you take care of your birds?
3. Do you raise your poultry?

## Poultry Housing, Feeding, & Equipment

Poultry can be easily cared for and handled. Each kind of bird has its own special needs. Chickens, ducks, and turkey all have similar needs, but have their own unique needs as well!

An important need for poultry is safety. Be sure the buildings and fencing are secure. You do not want your poultry to get out and be lost or harmed and you do not want animals that might harm them to get inside of the fencing.

Dry, clean litter or bedding is needed for most poultry. Young poultry need warmth for their mother or some other source such as a brooder or light. As some birds grow older, they may need to have a place to roost. Some poultry need special feeders and water containers. Most importantly, make sure your birds get the right kind of feed and plenty of clean, fresh water!



## Types of Poultry

There are several different types of poultry you might see at the fair. Each type has their own special characteristics and purposes!

- Chickens
- Waterfowl- Ducks, Geese
  - Turkeys
  - Guineas

## Grooming Your Poultry to Show

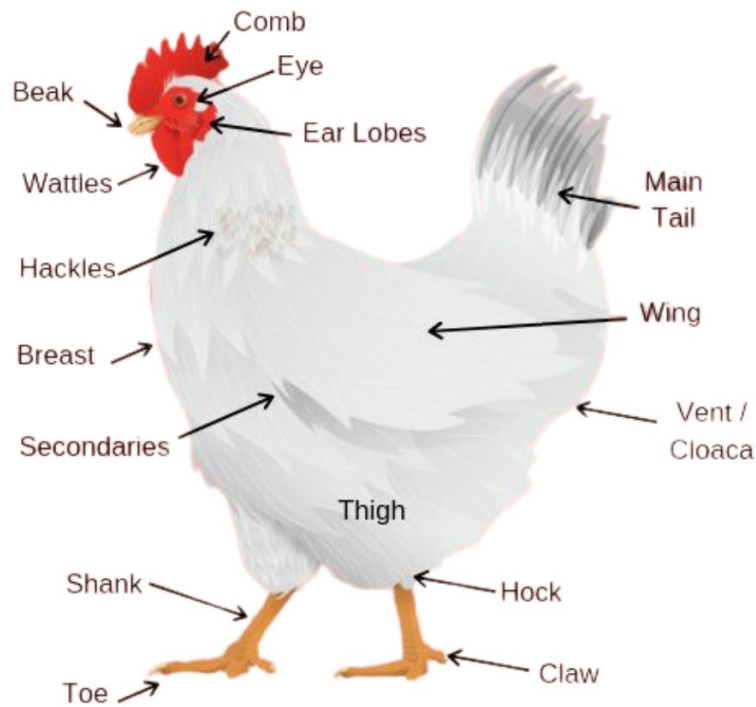
Your leader can help to show you how to handle your birds properly. The most important thing is to be kind, gentle and quiet around your birds. Handling and working with them frequently will make them become tame more easily.

You will need to feed your poultry a little extra for a few weeks before the show to give their feathers shine and their eyes a special sparkle.

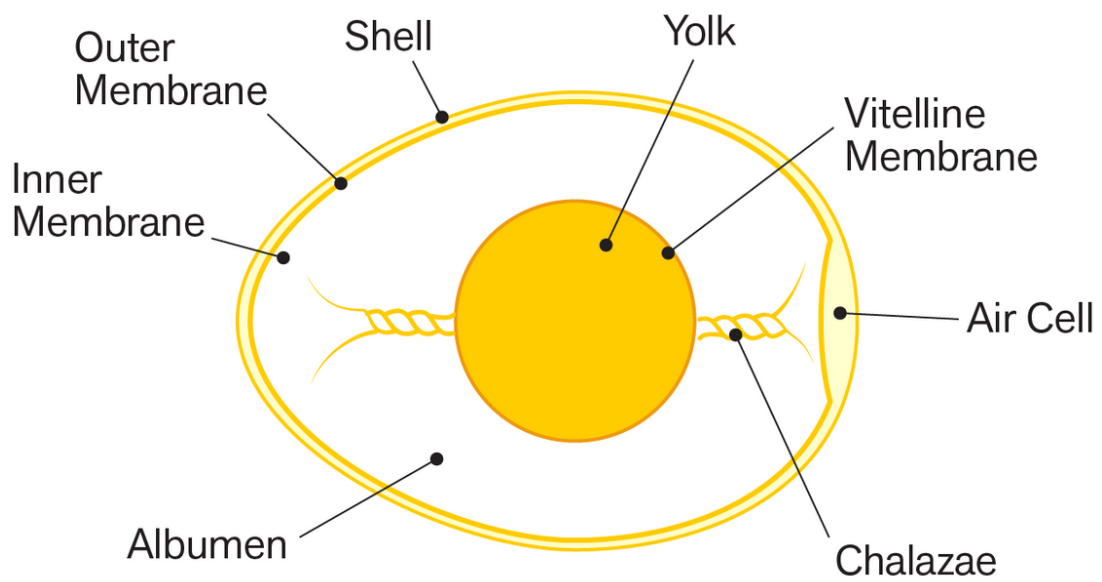
You will also need to keep their housing especially clean so their feathers don't become soiled. If the feathers are dirty, you can wash them gently in warm water with a little mild soap, taking care to rinse them well. Be sure the birds dry in a warm (not hot) draft free area.



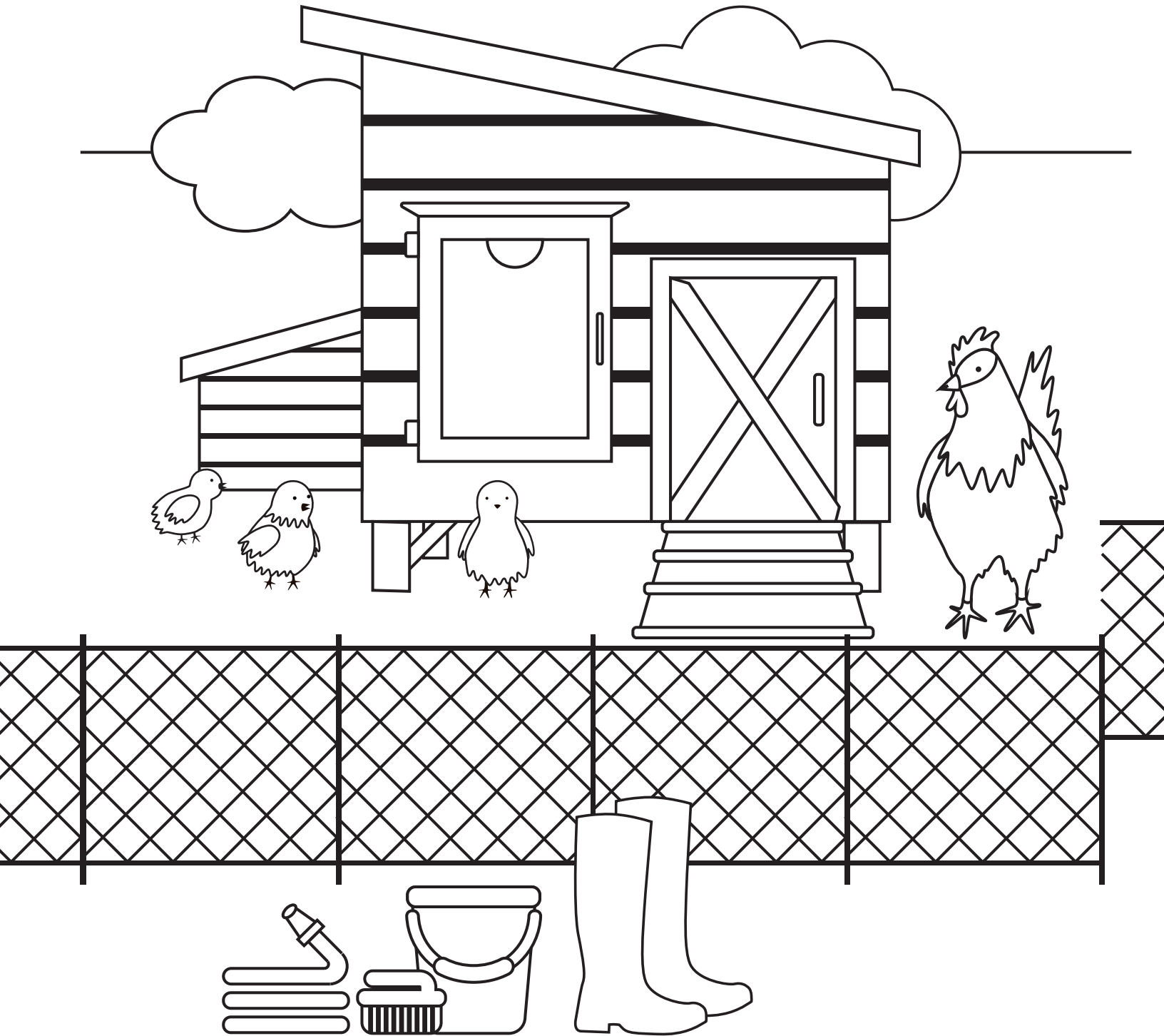
## Parts of a Chicken



## Parts of an Egg



# Practicing Biosecurity with My Colorful Poultry



# Chicken Word Search Puzzle

C H I E G G T O O T H C P K F  
E H N S R L A Y D I F O F E A  
R E C P E C K I N G O R D E R  
D N T T G T C O S C L C O R M  
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## CHICKEN WORD LIST

BEAK	GREGARIOUS
CHICKS	HATCH
CLUCK	HENS
COMB	INCUBATION
COOP	LAY EGGS
DOMESTIC FOWL	MEAT
EGG TOOTH	NEST
FARM ANIMAL	PECKING ORDER
FEATHERS	ROOSTERS
FLOCK	WATTLE