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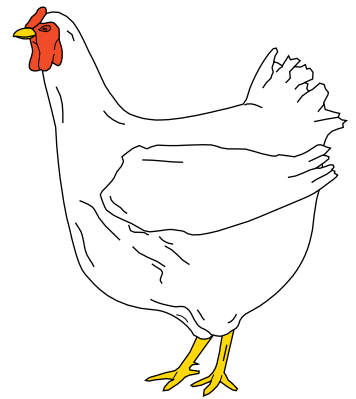
POULTRY

SAFETY & WELL-BEING

Farmers provide safe, clean growing environments for their poultry. Each day they carefully monitor the feeding, watering, lighting and ventilation systems. They also check the conditions of the birds' pens or cages and monitor their behavior. Producers also take extra care to prevent disease transfer by wearing clean clothing and boots on the farm each day. In addition to caring for their birds, producers also work very hard to keep the environment clean and safe.

COMFORT & HOUSING

Poultry are housed in barns where they are protected from predators and severe weather conditions like rain, snow and wind. The barns allow farmers to easily monitor and control the temperature, fresh air and lighting. Some poultry, like turkeys, ducks and broiler chickens, are raised in large pens where they can roam about. Laying hens are housed in cages which allow for more appropriate health care and food safety management practices to be used during egg production. No matter the production system, poultry farmers work to provide a comfortable growing environment for their birds.



INDIANA'S POULTRY
INDUSTRY EMPLOYS MORE
THAN 11,000 PEOPLE

HEALTH & NUTRITION

Fresh feed and clean water are keys to good poultry health. Farmers provide birds with a balanced feed ration made of grain, vitamins, minerals and other nutrients necessary for proper growth, egg production and overall health. Feeds can vary depending upon the age and type of poultry they're feeding. If birds show signs of illness or disease, farmers call their veterinarian for treatment or vaccination.

ANIMAL BEHAVIOR

Ducks, chickens, turkeys and other poultry spend much of their day eating, drinking, resting and preening themselves. Whether raised in pens or cages, poultry are able eat, drink, clean themselves, move about and interact with other birds. Farmers carefully monitor these natural behaviors daily so that they can identify any birds that may be sick.

