Raises pullets (a young hen) or roosters.  

Chicks stay at this farm until they are 20-22 weeks old.

Once chicks are 20-22 weeks old they go to a breeder farm where they will lay eggs.

Roosters and hens mate to fertilize eggs.

Chickens find a nest to lay fertilized eggs.

Eggs are collected and sorted.
Chickens are kept on this farm for 43-46 weeks.

Hopefully 85-90% of eggs that have been fertilized will hatch.

Chickens are kept for meat.

Chickens grow to be 2.5-8 lbs.

Sold to consumers, grocery stores, restaurants, etc.

Most common type of poultry farm.
Chickens are raised specifically for laying eggs.

Farmers pick the best breed of chicken for laying eggs.

Chickens can produce about 275 eggs/year.

Chickens raised for their feathers.

Hackle: long narrow feathers on the neck or saddle of a bird.

Artificial fishing fly made mainly of neck feathers.
Raised in a chicken coop usually found in the backyard.

Chickens have a small area to run or yard to get exercise, take dust baths, eat and drink.

A few chickens are kept by an individual as livestock for personal use for meat or eggs.