

# Turkey Poults



## DID YOU KNOW?



**Farmer:** Someone who takes care of animals and crop land.



**Brooder Barn:** A building that keeps young animals warm and safe.



**Incubation:** Keeping eggs warm at a controlled temperature to bring them to hatch.



**Poult:** A baby turkey.



**Hatchery:** A place for hatching eggs.



**Flock:** Group of turkeys.

## WHAT COMES FIRST THE TURKEY OR THE EGG?

Female turkeys, also called hens, lay eggs on a farm. The eggs are then taken to a hatchery, where they are cared for and incubated. It takes 28 days for an egg to hatch.

The eggs are kept warm and rotated in the incubator to protect the growing poult from sticking to the shell.

When the eggs hatch, the baby turkey is called a poult. Flat Aggie is showing us a new poult in the brooder barn. How do the poults get to the farmers? Keep reading to find out!







*Turkey barns protect the birds from predators, disease and weather.*

## HATCHING TO FARM

The poults arrive to the farm at one day old. They are placed in plastic boxes with small holes on each side, this allows the poults to breath. There are 100 poults in each box. The poults like to be packed together so they can keep warm on the drive to the farm.

Flat Aggie is standing in front of the brooder barn. The poults are placed in the brooder barn and stay in there until they are 4-5 weeks old. When they first come into the brooder barn the temperature is set to 93 degrees to keep the poults warm, just like a newborn baby.

## TURKEYS NEED FOOD AND WATER, JUST LIKE WE DO!

Inside the brooder barn there are many turkeys. A group of turkeys is called a flock. This farm receives two flocks at a time. Each flock has 3,600 turkeys.

The poults have 24/7 access to clean food and water, just like we do! Turkey feed is designed to give the birds the best nutrition possible.

Turkeys eat corn and soybeans. Behind Flat Aggie is the poult's feed. As the turkeys get bigger their feed ration (recipe) will change.



## FUN TURKEY FACTS

- Poults will begin to get their adult feathers at 12 days old.
- Turkeys are native to North America.

## Brought to you by:

Katie Hermanson & family  
Diane Rinner & family



Buchanan, Delaware,  
Scott & Linn County

## JOKE OF THE DAY

Why did the turkey cross the road twice?  
To prove it wasn't a chicken!