



Chicks in the Classroom

BONUS LESSON – MEET A CHICKEN FARMER

KEY TERMS

Career, Poultry Producer

TIME NEEDED

45-60 Minutes

MATERIAL LIST

- Guest Speaker or Video
- Several Types of mature birds
- Completion Certificates



EXPECTED LEARNER OUTCOMES

OBJECTIVE 1 – Youth will begin to identify hobbies and careers associated with eggs, chickens, and animal husbandry.

OBJECTIVE 2 – Youth will develop further understanding of farm to table concepts related to eggs and chickens.

BACKGROUND

This lesson is optional, but is designed to connect your classroom with a real poultry farmer or 4-H member who is passionate about the project. This is a great opportunity for youth to see what will happen to their chicks after they leave the classroom as well as to get any questions they may have answered.

VOCABULARY

Poultry Farmer - Someone who raises poultry for a living or a hobby.



ACTIVITY PREPARATION

Invite a guest speaker to the classroom to talk about raising birds. If they have a mature bird available to bring to the classroom that is tame, this is awesome for the class to see how big they get. If you need assistance with finding a local poultry producer, you can reach out to your [SDSU Extension County Office](#) and they may be able to assist you.

If you are unable to connect with a local individual there are virtual interviews and field trips available to you and your classroom:

Stephanie Peterson from Fruit of the Coop in Brandon, SD shares a bit about her chosen career path and her 200 chicken poultry operation in this video: https://youtu.be/MR_grlX3xuI

The American Egg Board has also created a variety of egg farm field trips for you to utilize: incredibleegg.org/professionals/k-12-schools/eggs-in-the-classroom/virtual-egg-farm-field-trips

and

incredibleegg.org/on-the-farm/

ACTIVITY INSTRUCTIONS

If you are having a guest either physically coming to your classroom or Zooming in, it is a great idea for you to have your youth brainstorm question ideas ahead of time. Below are some suggestions related to careers that you may want to consider:

- Where did you go to college and what did you get your degree in?
- Why did you choose your current profession?
- Describe what a typical day looks like on the poultry farm?
- What is the most challenging thing about raising poultry?
- What is your favorite thing about raising poultry?
- What would you tell someone who is interested in getting chickens?

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