

## POULTRY: DEFINITIONS OF USE CLASSES<sup>1</sup>

<b><u>CHICKENS</u></b>	
<b>Egg</b>	Includes all developmental stages from <i>in ovo</i> until hatching.
<b>Chicks</b>	Chickens from day of hatch until they are able to survive in ambient temperature (no longer brooded).
<b>Broiler Chickens</b> ( <i>fryers or frying chickens</i> )	Chickens (incl. Cornish game hens and roasters) intended to be raised from hatch to processing for meat.
<b>Laying Hens</b> ( <i>layers</i> )	Mature chickens that produce eggs for human consumption.
<b>Replacement Chickens</b>	Chickens, from hatch to maturity, intended to become laying hens or breeding chickens.
<b>Breeding Chickens</b>	Sexually mature male or female chickens, of any type, intended for the production of fertile eggs; the eggs are <b>not</b> intended for human consumption.
<b><u>TURKEYS</u></b>	
Turkey eggs are not intended for human consumption.	
<b>Egg</b>	Includes all developmental stages from <i>in ovo</i> until hatching.
<b>Poults</b>	Turkeys from day of hatch until they are able to survive in ambient temperature (no longer brooded).
<b>Growing Turkeys</b>	Turkeys intended to be raised from hatch to processing for meat.
<b>Replacement Turkeys</b>	Mature turkeys intended to become laying hens or breeding turkeys.
<b>Breeding Turkeys</b>	Sexually mature male or female turkeys intended for the production of fertile eggs.

<sup>1</sup>All definitions and descriptions of animal use classes are based on information in [Guidance for Industry #191](#) published by the Food and Drug Administration Center for Veterinary Medicine in May 2015