

Farm Animal Facts

So many different names

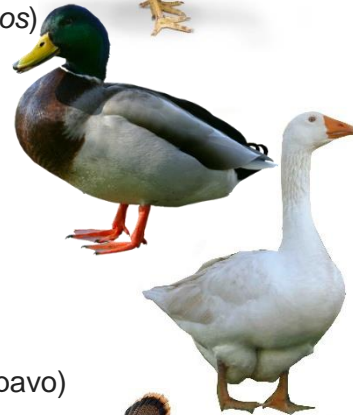
Domestic Chicken (*Gallus gallus*)

Male: Rooster
Female: Hen
Baby: Chick



Domestic Duck (*Anas platyrhynchos*)

Male: Drake
Female: Duck
Baby: Duckling



Domestic Goose (*Anser anser*)

Male: Gander
Female: Goose
Baby: Gosling

Domestic Turkey (*Meleagris gallopavo*)

Male: Tom or Gobbler
Female: Hen
Baby: Poulter



Domestic Goat (*Capra hircus*)

Male: Buck
Female: Doe
Baby: Kid



Domestic Sheep (*Ovis aries*)

Male: Ram
Female: Ewe
Baby: Lamb



Domestic Rabbit (*Oryctolagus cuniculus*)

Male: Buck
Female: Doe
Baby: Kitten



Domestic Guinea Pig (*Cavia porcellus*)

Male: Boar
Female: Sow
Baby: Pup



Domestic Pig (*Sus scrofa*)

Male: Boar
Female: Sow
Baby: Piglet



So many different uses

All of these animals have been domesticated by humans over hundreds or thousands of years for a particular purpose, often for a source of food but also for their fibres such as feathers, hair, fur, leather and wool. These species now no longer survive in the wild in their domestic form. Some domestic species have now also become companion animal species (Our pets!). All of these species are kept in all inhabited continents around the world.



Domestication is the process whereby a population of living organisms is changed at the genetic level, through generations of selective breeding, to accentuate traits that ultimately benefit the interests of humans.

So many different looks

All domestic animals come in a variety of different breeds. Different breeds of farm animals come in different shapes, sizes, colours and personalities. Below are some examples of different breeds from the same species of farm animal:

The Domestic Chicken:



Chinese Silkie Polish Chicken Frizzle Bantam Plymouth Rock

The Domestic Rabbit:



English Spot Rabbit Dwarf Lop Rabbit Angora Rabbit

Farm Animal Diets

Carnivore (Meat Eater)	Domestic Cat
Herbivore (Vegetation Eater)	Sheep, Goat, Horses, Donkey, Sheep, Cattle, Rabbits, Guinea Pigs, Alpaca, Deer
Omnivore (Eats both Vegetation and Meat)	Domestic Dog, Pigs and Rats **Chickens, Ducks, Geese and Turkeys are mainly herbivores – But will eat insects!!