

# At the Hen House

## From Our Beak to Yours...Hen Tweets

Can you use the clues in these tweets to learn about hen lifestyles? Who lives under which type of system—conventional, free-range, cage-free, organic, or enriched colony? Read up on egg production systems at [incredibleegg.org/good-egg-project/farm-to-table/common-production-systems-farmers-offer-choice](http://incredibleegg.org/good-egg-project/farm-to-table/common-production-systems-farmers-offer-choice) if you need help!

@beak2beak

Roam here, forage there, we roam & forage everywhere—  
#inandoutgal

Production system: \_\_\_\_\_

@beak2beak

Everything I need is right here: food and water, safe shelter,  
and protection—#24/7hen

Production system: \_\_\_\_\_

@beak2beak

Hey gals, my diet's so special that USDA gives my eggs an  
extra special label—#natural4u

Production system: \_\_\_\_\_

@beak2beak

I live in a barn, my BFH (BestFriendHen) is free range,  
and we *still* get to chat every day—#roamwhereuwant

Production system: \_\_\_\_\_

@beak2beak

To Do: peck, cluck, dust bath, scratch, perch, nest,  
repeat—#girlhasitall

Production system: \_\_\_\_\_

**beak2beak** @beak2beak And here's a gentle reminder  
that no matter the egg production system, eggs are healthy  
and nutritious—and that's no yolk!

## The Cluckster



An eggs-citing blog about life in the  
henhouse as told by our resident hens!

Do you speak “egg”? Some words and/or expressions have two meanings; one that we take literally and another, called an *idiom*, that represents a common image or thought. Underline the idioms below in Henrietta's column.

around here so I don't feel like I'm walking on eggshells?

Sincerely,

Fierce Chicklet

### Dear Henrietta...

### Advice Columnist Eggs-traordinaire

Dear Henrietta,

I'm laying my first egg any minute now! I'm nervous—what if it cracks? After all, I don't want egg on my face!

Eggs-pectantly Yours,  
Ms. Fancy Feathers

Dear Ms. Fancy Feathers,

Cluck not! Your incredible egg already has a shell for protection. And that feed you've been eating? It contains extra calcium and limestone to make sure the shell is strong and well formed. Once laid, your nest egg will gently roll down the nesting box slope to meet the egg conveyor belt and continue its safe journey to the gathering house to be processed with other eggs.

So go ahead, lay an egg!

Dear Henrietta,

I'm a young chick who just arrived at the henhouse, doing my best to fit in. How about a few tips on how things work

Dear Fierce Chicklet,

Welcome to the coop! We're a friendly flock and the farmer is always checking on us to be sure we're comfortable. There's good food, plenty of water, and clean living conditions. Computers control air quality, temperature, and ventilation so we don't get too hot or too cold. Do what comes naturally—scratch around, cluck with your friends, and you'll fit right in!



### Guest Opinions...Your Turn to Cluck

Got something to say about eggs? Write your own blogpost on the other side of this sheet about an egg-related topic of interest. Some ideas include bio-security, nutrition, hen health, etc. For your format, you could create a “farmer and hen” Q&A, a top-10 list, new tweets to follow up on the ones above, a new *Dear Henrietta* post, “A Day in the Life” profile, etc.

Use the resources at the American Egg Board ([aeb.org](http://aeb.org)) and Incredible Egg ([incredibleegg.org](http://incredibleegg.org)) for the information you need. Then follow your teacher's directions to make your contribution to *The Cluckster*!

