**White Leghorn Hybrid Pullet**

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**Day 1**
Down covers the body. Egg tooth on the beak falls off in about a day.

**Week 1**
Around 3 days, chicks start growing feathers called primary feathers on their wings.

**Week 2**
Primary feathers start growing on their body and tail.

**Week 3**
The body is fully covered by feathers.

**Week 4 / Month 1**
Cockerels combs (on top of head) and wattles (under beak) start to grow larger than pullets.

**Week 5**

**Week 6**

**Week 7**

**Week 8 / Month 2**
Males start learning to crow.

**Week 9**
Secondary feathers start replacing primary feathers.

**Week 10**

**Week 11**

**Week 12 / Month 3**

**Month 4**

**Month 5**
Pullets combs start to get larger and turn red (some flop over).

**Month 6**
Hen is fully grown and starts to lay eggs.

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**TERMS**

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**Less than 6 months old**

**6 months old or older**

- Egg tooth
- Down
- Primary feathers
- Secondary feathers
- Pullet
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