

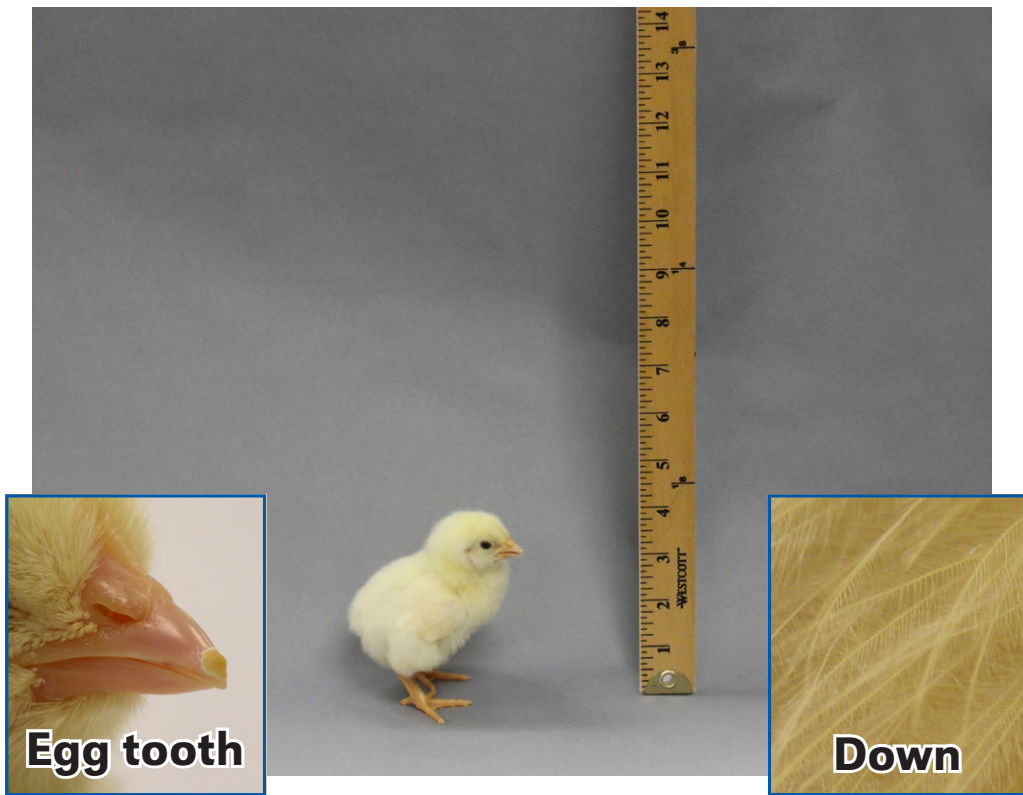
CHICKEN GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

Cornish/Rock Market Broiler Cockerel
(rapid-growing chicken raised for meat)

TERMS

Young Female	Pullet
Young Male	Cockerel

Poster developed by Nebraska Extension in Lancaster County. Photos by Cole Meador, Vicki Jedlicka and Karen Wedding.



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

Weighs about 9 pounds – ready to eat.