

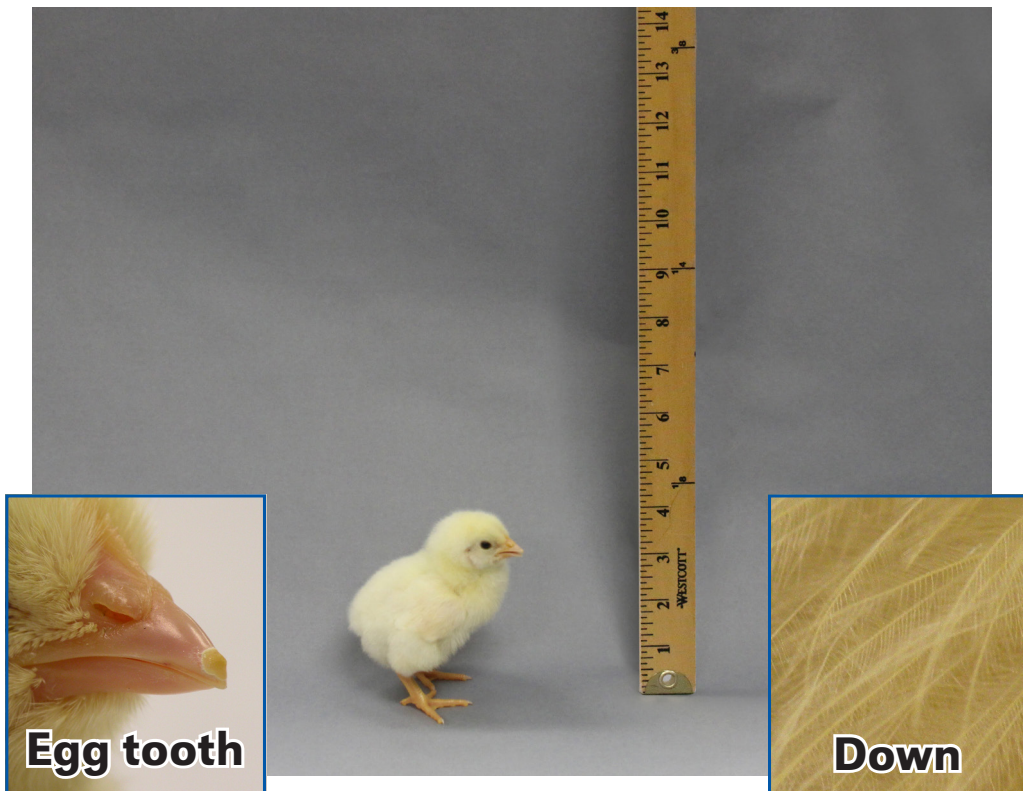
# CHICKEN GROWTH & DEVELOPMENT

**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

Weights about 9 pounds – ready to eat.