

# SAFE CARE AND HANDLING OF CHICKENS



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Chickens are believed to have been domesticated first in China and India about 3,000 to 5,000 years ago. Later, chickens were brought to North America by Spanish and English explorers.

In the United States and Canada, adult male chickens are called roosters. Female chickens older than one year are called hens while those younger than one year are known as pullets.

For additional information about the safe care and handling of chickens, go to the Clover Safe note at: <http://ucanr.org/cloversafe>.

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