



Lecture title: External Parts of the Chicken Body

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Summary:

External Parts of the Chicken Body

1. Comb

A Comb: is a fleshy growth.

Both male and female have comb.

Most common shape "single comb"



2. Wattles

Wattle: soft meat hanging from the two side of chicken beak.

The functions of wattle & comb is:

1. Cooling
2. Indicating health
3. Indicating sexual maturity



3. Beak

Beak is on the front side of head.

Serve many purpose:

1. Eating
2. Feeding its young
3. As a weapon





4. wings

The chicken has two wings.

Chicken's wing has several flight feathers, the axial feather separates the primary feathers and secondary feathers.



5. Tail

Both cock and hen have a tail.

The feathers of tail of cock get curved to down when it became big sized and it looks like a sickle.

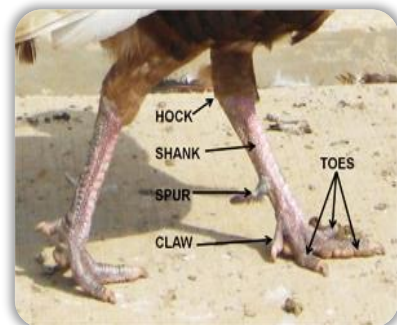
Hens don't have sickle feather.



6. Leg

The chicken has a pair of leg, and every leg consist of:

- A. **Spurs:** is a sharp-horny protrusion that grow on the legs of chickens, and is used for fighting and self-defense. Although all chickens have the potential to grow spurs, large spurs are most common on roosters. Hens can sometimes do have large spurs, but generally do not.
- B. **Hock Joint:** between the thigh and shank.
- C. **Toes:** Most chickens have three toes projecting forward, and one projecting backward, sometimes referred to as Claws.





7. Vent “Cloaca”

A chicken's Vent is the opening where she expels waste & lays her eggs.

"Cloaca" is the anatomical term for the Vent.

