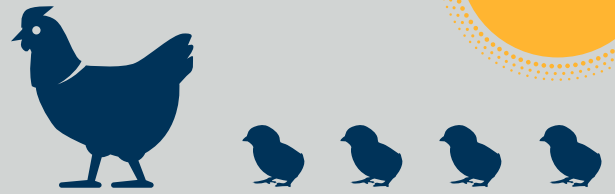


# POULTRY CLASSIFICATIONS

Poultry class definitions are based on the sex and age of the bird when harvested.



## Cornish Game Hen

Immature chicken less than five weeks old, of either sex, with a ready-to-cook carcass weight of two pounds or less.

## Broiler or Fryer

Chicken less than 13 weeks old, of either sex, that is tender-meated with soft, pliable, smooth-textured skin and flexible breastbone cartilage.

## Roaster or Roasting

Young chicken less than 12 weeks old, of either sex, with a ready-to-cook carcass weight of 5.5 pounds or more, that is tender-meated with soft, pliable, smooth-textured skin and breastbone cartilage that is somewhat less flexible than that of a broiler or fryer.

## Capon

A surgically neutered male chicken younger than 8 months old that is tender-meated with soft, pliable, smooth-textured skin.

## Fryer-Roasting Turkey

Immature turkey younger than 16 weeks old of either sex, that is tender-meated with soft, pliable, smooth-textured skin, and flexible breastbone cartilage.

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