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- There are more chickens in the world than there are people.
- There are many different types, or breeds, of chickens. The breed of the chicken will determine the color of its egg. As the egg passes through the chicken's body, pigments (colors) are deposited on the egg.
- There are three main colors for chicken eggs- white and shades of brown. Depending on the breed of chicken, eggs may also be blue, green and pinkish.
- The flavor of a chicken's egg is determined by its diet.
- One breed of chicken, called the Americana, lay multi-colored eggs. The Americana is cross-bred with the Aracuana, a chicken developed in Chile. The Aracuana lays blue to green colored eggs.
- The flavor of the egg is determined by the chicken's diet.
- In many cases, a chicken with white ear lobes will produce white eggs, while chickens with red ear lobes lay brown eggs, although this is not always true.
- Chickens that eat a free range varied diets tend to produce healthier eggs, as their free range lifestyles allow them to consume the dietary minerals they need for their own health, and these minerals will be passed down in their eggs.
- The **Leghorn** is a breed of **chicken** originating in Tuscany, in central Italy. Froghorn Leghorn was a popular Looney-Tunes cartoon character.



