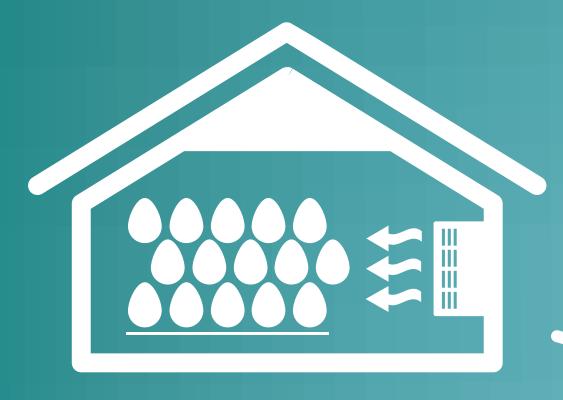


### What is a Broiler?

A bird used for meat production. They grow to market weight in 6 to 8 weeks.



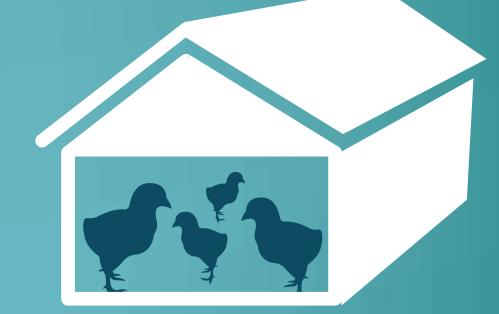
#### **Broilers in Texas**

There are over 700 million broilers in Texas, and they are primarily raised in East and South Central Texas.

# The Hatchery

A chicken's life begins in a hatchery where fertilized eggs are incubated and then hatched.

Once hatched, they are transported to farms where they are raised until sold for meat production.



# The Broiler Farm

(Grow Out Farm)

- They grow to market weight in about 6-8 weeks.
- Unlimited feed and water is provided.
- Temperature, humidity and ventilation are carefully controlled.
- When the chickens are large enough to be sold for meat consumption, they are transported to the processing plant where they are harvested.

# Processing Plant

The chickens are taken to the processing plant to be harvested into the products that we regularly consume.

## **Broiler By-products**

- Fertilizer
- Pet food
- Feather boas
- Cosmetics
- And more

