

10 fowl facts



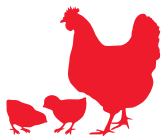
Chickens are omnivorous, with a diet of seeds, worms and sometimes larger prey such as mice.



Chickens have good memory and can distinguish more than 100 faces of their species.



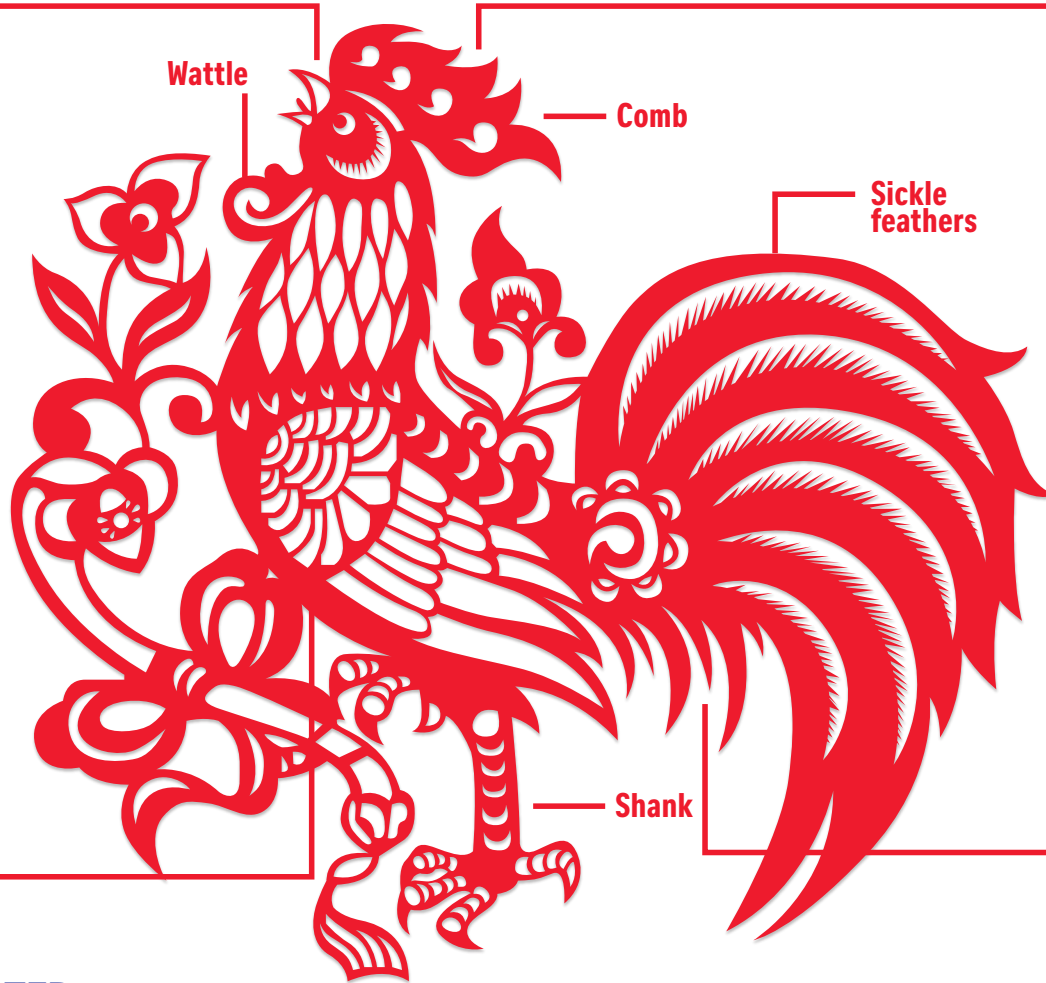
There are more chickens than humans on earth: more than 19 billion chickens, compared with about 7.3 billion humans.



Chickens were first domesticated more than 10,000 years ago.



Roosters crow at dawn not due to the light from the rising sun, but because of an internal biological clock.



Roosters perform a mating dance called tidbitting. Their comb and wattle help them get the attention of hens.



Scientists have discovered that the protein make-up of the Tyrannosaurus Rex is similar to that of a chicken.



The colour of a hen's egg is determined by the breed of chicken. Typically, chickens with white earlobes lay white eggs.



Chickens communicate with one another with more than 24 calls and sounds, such as different warnings about predators in the air and on the ground.



Chickens can navigate using the sun, an ability that helps them locate food and water and gives them a sense of time.

YEARS OF THE ROOSTER

1909 • 1921 • 1933 • 1945 • 1957 • 1969 • 1981 • 1993 • 2005 • 2017