

# “How are Chickens Raised for Meat in Australia? Chicken Welfare in the Meat Industry”.

Fill in the blanks. Key words are listed below to help you out.

Over \_\_\_\_\_ chickens are slaughtered in Australia every \_\_\_\_\_.  
That's over 24 times the number of humans in \_\_\_\_\_. Chickens are \_\_\_\_\_ animals.  
They can count to \_\_\_\_\_ and learn faster than \_\_\_\_\_. They are very sociable  
and have a \_\_\_\_\_ order. In a natural environment, they prefer to live in small \_\_\_\_\_  
and sleep in \_\_\_\_\_ branches, perch on bushes, forage for \_\_\_\_\_, make \_\_\_\_\_, bathe in  
\_\_\_\_\_ and do all the things that chickens enjoy doing.

In \_\_\_\_\_ farming systems, most meat chickens live out their lives in windowless sheds,  
until they're taken to the slaughterhouse. The \_\_\_\_\_ within these  
sheds is high with typical sheds housing approximately \_\_\_\_\_ chickens in a space  
only slightly larger than five basketball courts. This can cause suffering and stress as it's hard for them to  
express their natural behaviour.

Due to \_\_\_\_\_ and feed, they grow at a very fast rate. They can grow from  
chick to slaughter age in just \_\_\_\_\_; a much shorter life span than the at least seven year  
lifespan of their relations in the wild. It can be difficult for their \_\_\_\_\_ bodies to support this  
\_\_\_\_\_ weight gain. Fast growth makes the process quicker and more \_\_\_\_\_.

Some chickens are farmed differently, in \_\_\_\_\_ - \_\_\_\_\_ or \_\_\_\_\_ systems.  
However there can still be welfare issue in these farms as well. Like all \_\_\_\_\_ animals,  
chickens deserve to be treated with \_\_\_\_\_ and compassion and live free from suffering.

Intensive	year	Australia	insects
FLOCKS	40, 000	PECKING	NESTS
DUST	FIVE	INTELLIGENT	35 DAYS
FREE-RANGE	YOUNG	SELECTIVE BREEDING	SUDDEN
SENTIENT	PROFITABLE	ORGANIC	RESPECT
600 MILLION	TREE	HUMAN TODDLERS	STOCKING DENSITY

