



Name _____ Class _____ Date _____

Barns: Hen houses have evolved over time and are still changing today. There are many different styles of barns, but each is designed to keep hens safe and healthy.

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1. Over time, chicken coops, hen houses and _____ have been improved to keep hens healthy.
2. Hens living outdoors encounter two major challenges: _____ and _____.
3. All barns are well-ventilated and provide natural or artificial _____.
4. Most barns use conveyor belts to move _____ and _____.
5. Newer barns allow egg farmers to control the _____ during cold winters and hot summers.

True or False

1. The majority of today's egg-laying hens are kept indoors.

2. Indoor housing improves egg production by decreasing exposure to predators and allowing temperature to be controlled.

3. There is not a difference between cage-free and free-range hen housing.

4. All barns should be well-ventilated and provide natural or artificial light.

5. Eggs are all that is moved from barns on a conveyor belt.

6. Hen houses have evolved over time and continue to evolve in the 21st century.

Extension: In addition to moving eggs and manure on conveyor belts, what other things might be automated in barns?

