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**Eggs Part 1:** Hens in the United States produce more than 75 billion eggs each year. Eggs can vary in size, but each contains the same three parts and an abundance of nutrients.

## Fill in the Blank

1. Eggs all share the same basic characteristics. Name two characteristics that all eggs share:  
\_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
2. The color of the \_\_\_\_\_ depends on what the hen eats.
3. The size of eggs vary, based on the \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_ of the hen laying them.
4. Albumens, or egg whites, are at their best when they are \_\_\_\_\_ and \_\_\_\_\_.
5. Grade AA and A eggs normally are sold at grocery stores, while Grade B eggs are made into liquid eggs or \_\_\_\_\_.

## True or False

1. On average, hens produce about 365 eggs per year.  
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2. There is approximately one egg-laying hen for every person in the United States.  
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3. Yolks contain all the protein found in an egg.  
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4. The eggshell is made of calcium carbonate.  
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5. At about 17 cents per egg, eggs are the most affordable source of protein on the planet.  
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**Extension:** According to USDA guidelines, eggs are graded and labeled as AA, A, and B. Find out what characteristics these grades are based on.

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