

## Scientists say a duck has fathered a chicken

*The following is an edited excerpt.*

A duck has successfully fathered a chicken at the Central Veterinary Research Laboratory in Dubai.

Researchers injected a duck's germ cells — carrying DNA to produce eggs and sperm — into the reproductive organs of a chicken embryo; once the chicken matured, it began to produce the duck's sperm. Initially looking to genetically modify chicken to produce more fertile hens (the global poultry industry currently maintains some [50 billion](#) chickens), these scientists are now planning to use this technique to allow hens to lay eggs of other birds, including ducks, songbirds, hawks or eagles.

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