

Talking Biotech: Chicken is the most widely grown animal in the world, but where did this popular bird come from?

The chicken is by far the most abundant animal farmed on earth, grown for meat and eggs. But where did it come from? What kinds of birds were domesticated? When? Where? What were the traits that came from wild jungle fowl that give us today's familiar bird? These questions and more are answered by Dr. Greger Larson from Oxford University. Dr. Larson combines data from genomics, archaeology, and anthropology to reconstruct the ancient history of various animals, illuminating how they became part of agriculture. This episode explores the fascinating history of domestic chickens.

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