**Fried chicken** (also referred to as **Southern fried chicken** for the variant in the United States) is a dish consisting of [chicken](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Chicken_(food)" \o "Chicken (food))pieces usually from [broiler](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Broiler) chickens which have been floured or [battered](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Batter_(cooking)) and then [pan-fried](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pan_frying), [deep fried](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Deep_frying), or [pressure fried](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Pressure_frying). The [breading](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Breading) adds a crisp coating or crust to the exterior.