



Poultry Breeds Information Sheet

CHICKEN BREEDS								
AMERICAN CLASS	USE	Egg Color	Broody	Forager	Unusual Characteristics	Chick Down Color	Adult Wt.	Temperament
Buckeye	dual purpose	brown	variable	yes	rick,dark red plumage pea comb	light red, pea comb	cockerel 8# pullet 5.5#	
Delaware	dual purpose	brown tint	variable	yes	rare breed,white w/ black on hackles,tail	cream color w/a few black spots	cockerel 7.5# pullet 5.5#	
Dominiques	dual purpose	brown	variable	yes	barred plumage, rose comb	black w/ white spot top of head	cockerel 6 # pullet 4#	
Holland	dual purpose	white	variable	yes	rare breed,barred plumage	black w white spot on head	cockerel 7.5# pullet 5.5#	
Java	dual purpose	brown	variable	yes	rare breed, black & mottled types		cockerel 8# pullet 6.5#	
Jersey Giants	dual purpose	brown	variable	yes	slow grower, bottom of feet is yellow	black w/ white wing tips, chest & belly	cockerel 11# pullet 8#	quiet disposition
New Hampshires	dual purpose	brown	variable	yes	developed from Rh Is Reds	lt.red w.lt chest & wing tips	cockerel 7.5# pullet 5.5#	cocks can be aggressive
Rocks	dual purpose	brown	variable	yes	many colors, barred most common	barred: black w/ white spot on head	cockerel 8# pullet 6#	quiet breed

Rhode Island Reds	dual purpose	brown	variable	yes	lustrous dark red plumage, single & rose comb	dark red w/darker streaks on back	cockerel 7.5# pullet 5.5#	hardy, assertive
Wyandottes	dual purpose	brown	variable	yes	many colors, rose comb	gld laced: brown & black with dark stripe silver laced: black w/ white stripe on back	cockerel 7.5# pullet 5.5#	gentle
ASIATIC CLASS								
Brahmas	exhibition	brown	yes	yes	several colors, pea comb, feathered legs	Buff: blk back, gold heads. Dark: brown back&head, graychest	cockerel 10# pullet 8#	quiet, gentle
Cochins	exhibition	brown	yes	yes	many colors: soft, lots of fluff, cushion & feather legged	variety of colors feather legged	cockerel 9# pullet 7#	quiet, gentle
Langshans	exhibition	brown	yes	yes	close fitting feathers feather legged	black: black down white: yellow down sparse leg feathers	cockerel 8# pullet 6.5#	quiet, gentle more active than other asiatic breeds
ENGLISH CLASS								
Australorp	dual purpose	brown	often ok	yes	black plumage, bottom of feet pinkish white	black w/ white wing tips, chest & belly	cockerel 7.5# pullet 5.5#	quiet
Cornish	meat, exhibition	lt. Brown	no	ok	deep, broad breast legs set apart, hard & narrow feathers	dark: brown w/ light streaks on back	cockerel 8.5# pullet 6.5#	slow grower
Dorking	dual purpose	white	variable	yes	5 toes, short legs	grayish, striped 5 toes	cockerel 8# pullet 6#	quiet

Orpingtons	dual purpose	brown	variable	yes	buff commonest color	light buff	cockerel 8.5# pullet 7#	quiet
Sussex	dual purpose	brown	variable	yes	speckled	dk brown backs w/ 2 lt streaks; bottom of feet pinkish white	cockerel 7.5# pullet 6 #	quiet
MEDITERRANEAN CLASS								
Anconas	egg	white	no	yes	mottled plumage	black backs; white head,chest, belly	cockerel 5# pullet 4#	active
Andalusians	egg, exhibition	white	no	yes	blue plumage	3 shades in each hatch is the norm	cockerel 6# pullet 4.5#	active
Catalana	egg, exhibition	white	no	yes	rare breed, buff plumage	buff	cockerel 6.5# pullet 5#	active
Leghorns	egg	white	no	yes	single and rose comb many color varieties	brown: brown w/ 2 lt. streaks on back white: pale yellow	cockerel 5 # pullet 4#	active, flighty
Minorca	egg	white	no	yes	black or buff plumage	black: black backs & top of head,bellywhite buff: buff, brown spot top of head	cockerel 7.5 # pullet 6.5#	active
Scilian Buttercups	exhibition, egg	white	no	yes	cup shaped comb, rare breed	buff w/ black marks down back;blk head	cockerel 5.5# pullet 4#	active

CONTINENTAL CLASS

Campine	exhibition	white	no	yes	barred plumage, silver or golden	both colors are striped	cockerel 5# pullet 3.5#	
Crevecouer	exhibition	white	no	no, poor vision	V comb, crest & beard; rare	black w/ white belly, chest; crest& muff	cockerel 7# pullet 5.5 #	
Faverolles	exhibition meat	brown tint	variable	yes	5 toes, beard & muff feather legged	lt yellow w/ 5 toes & little beards & muffs	cockerel 7# pullet 5.5#	
Hamburg	exhibition egg	white	no	yes	rose comb, spangled or pencilled plumage	gold.spangled: brown backs w/ lt streaks; silverspangled: black backs w/ lt streaks;	cockerel 4# pullet 3.5#	flight, active
Houdan	dual purpose	white	variable	yes	5 toes, V comb mottled plumage	black backs; white head&belly; 5 toes	cockerel 7# pullet 5.5#	
Lakenvelder	exhibition egg	white	no	yes	white body w/ black hackle & tail	black w/ white head, chest & wing tips	cockerel 4# pullet 3.5#	active
Polish	exhibition	white	no	no, poor vision	crested, many colors may have beards:all have slate-blue legs	buff laced: lt yellow gold laced:blk& brwn silver: black & silver wh.crested black: blk w/white crest	cockerel 5# pullet 4# all chix have crests, bluish legs	flighty
Welsummers	dual purpose	rich, dark brown	variable	yes	dark brown w/ stripes		cockerel 6# pullet 5#	

ALL OTHER STANDARD BREEDS

Aseel	exhibition	brown tint	no	yes	upright carriage; muscular; rare breed	dark brown backs w/ lt streaks; chest & belly lt tan	cockerel 4.5# pullet 3#	very aggressive & pugnacious
Cubalaya	exhibition		no	yes	long, sweeping tail carried below horizontal	lt. Yellow	cockerel 4.5# pullet 3#	
Malay	exhibition	brown	no	yes	tall, long leg, upright carriage	dark brown backs w/ lt. Stripes; chest, belly tan	cockerel 7# pullet 5#	
Phoenix	exhibition		no	no, confine for tail	longtailed bird, silver common color	brown backs w/ lt stripes;	cockerel 4.5# pullet 3.5#	
Shamo	exhibition		no	yes	tall, upright carriage, short, hard plumage		cockerel 9# pullet 6#	
Sumatras	exhibition	white	no	yes	lustrous black color; mult. Spurs, long sweeping sickles	black w/ white wing tips, abdomen	cockerel 4# pullet 3.5#	
Yokohamas	exhibition		no	no confine for tail	profuse saddle & tail feathering	red head, back w/ white stripes.	cockerel 4# pullet 3#	
Sultans	exhibition	white	no	no, poor vision	5 toes, vulture hock; crest, beard & muff feather legged	cream w/ feather legs crest & muff	cockerel 5# pullet 3.5#	
Turkens	egg exhibition	brown	variable	yes	absence of neck feathers	variety of colors	cockerel 7.5# pullet 5.5#	
Ameraucanas	dual purpose	blue, green tinted egg	variable	yes	gray legs, feet; beard & muffs. Many colors	variety of colors	cockerel 5.5# pullet 4.5#	quiet
Modern Games	exhibition	light tint	variable	yes	upright carriage, short hard feathers, many colors	variety of colors	cockerel 5# pullet 4#	

Old English Games	exhibition	light tint	variable	yes	round breast, upright carriage, many color patterns	variety of colors	cockerel 4# pullet 3#	sprightly
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BANTAMS most bantam breeds have a standard counterpart, with the same characteristics other than size. Please review info under the standard breeds where appropriate. Following breeds are in bantam size only.

Belgian d'Anvers	exhibition	lt. Brown	variable	yes	rose comb, clean legged	variety of colors	cockerel 22 oz. pullet 20 oz	sprightly
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Belgian d"Uccle	exhibition	lt. Brown	variable	yes	sgl comb, feather legged mille fleur, porcelain	variety of colors	cockerel 22 oz pullet 20 oz	sprightly
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Frizzles	exhibition	lt. Brown	variable	yes	featherlegged; feathers curl outward & upward	variety of colors	cockerel 22 oz pullet 20 oz	quiet
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Japanese	exhibition	lt. Brown	variable	yes	creeper legs, squirrel tail in male several color varieties	variety of colors	cockerel 22 oz pullet 20 oz	active
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Sebrights	exhibition	lt. Brown	variable	yes	males are hen feathered golden and silver pattern	???	cockerel 22 oz pullet 20 oz	sprightly
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Silkie	exhibition	lt. Brown	yes	yes	silkie feathering, black skin, 5 toes	variety of colors	cockerel 32 oz pullet 28 oz.	quiet
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