Sheboygan County

4H Poultry Project



Washing Chickens Before A Show

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Washing birds for a show is easy but takes good preparation and a lot of time. Do not get a bird wet until you have assembled everything you need. Of course, you need things to clean and dry your birds. You will also need a clean place to put your clean birds; don't but them into a dirty coop.

The most important part of washing birds is drying them. Birds are chilled and then get sick more easily than you might imagine. A light breeze on a hot day can be dangerous for a wet chicken. Have a good supply of towels. It takes at least one towel for each bird. You also need a hair dryer.

The second most important part of washing birds is to be gentle. If you are not gentle, you will break feathers; your feathered friend will be stressed when you wash, unless you are gentle. If you are gentle, birds learn to tolerate being washed and to love being blow-dried.

Wash your birds at least two days before the show. Your birds will preen their feathers into place and use their oil gland to restore their sheen. Keep the coops extra clean from just before you wash your birds to when you leave for the show.

Get these before you wash a bird:

- A clean coop
- A warm draft free place to wash and dry your birds
- One towel for each bird
- A hair dryer
- Baby shampoo
- Toothbrush
- Cream rinse (optional)
- Laundry bluing if your birds have white feathers
- Glycerin
- Two tubs, one for washing, one for rinsing (a kitchen sink, laundry tub, or bathtub are good places to wash)

Washing Your Birds

Use warm water. Don't chill or scald your birds.

Wet the entire bird before washing because dry feathers break much more easily than wet feathers. Get your bird wet with water and a little baby shampoo. Without a little shampoo, natural oils make the feathers difficult to get wet.

If you have a feather legged bird, do not pick the manure off the foot feathers. The feathers will break. After your bird has stood in water for 16 minutes you can rinse the manure off those foot feathers.

After the feathers are completely wet, put shampoo on them and gently work it into the feathers. Pay special attention to the feathers around the vent. Gently scrub your bird's feet with a

toothbrush. You can also stroke stained feathers with a toothbrush dipped in baby shampoo. Only stroke in one direction: from the base of the feather towards the tip.

Rinse your bird thoroughly with warm water. Be sure to rinse out all the shampoo. You can use conditioner, it helps rinse out the soap and conditions the feathers. Look for feathers that did not get clean. Add more shampoo and wash the problem areas.

Final Rinse Solution

After rinsing out all the shampoo, you can give a final rinse in glycerin, bluing and warm water. Bluing makes white feathers appear whiter, you don't need bluing if your bird has no white feathers. You can buy glycerin at a drug store, sometimes you have to as the pharmacist because they use glycerin to make lotions. If you add too much bluing, you will have a blue bird. I've seen quite a few. Here's the formula for the rinse water:

- Warm water (not hot, not cold)
- 2 ounces (4 tablespoons) glycerin per gallon of water
- 2 drops bluing per gallon of water

Dip your bird in the warm rinse water. Hold your bird a few seconds, while the water drains. Immediately wrap your bird in a towel; do not leave it uncovered, even on a hot day.

Dry Your Bird Carefully and Thoroughly. You must thoroughly dry your bird. Never leave a wet bird in even a slight breeze, even if it's a hot day.

Wrap you bird in a dry towel and place your bird in a draft free warm place. After 5 minutes, rewrap you bird in a dry section of the towel.

Blow-dry your bird with the hair dryer. Be **VERY** careful with the heat. I have seen birds with blistered chests caused by an enthusiastic novice. Once good safeguard is to always have the palm side of your fingers between your bird and the dryer. My favorite hair drying has a "turbo" button that gives high-speed unheated air. I keep the drying set to medium (NEVER hot). I keep the turbo button pressed about 80% of the time.

If your birds are docile enough, you can line up 4 to 6 of them and blow-dry them together. I give each bird about 10 seconds and rotate around the group.

Wet feathers stay plastered to your bird's body. It helps if you gently lift the wet feathers and separate them while blow-drying. Remember to be gentle. You don't want to break feathers or stress your bird. Be sure your bird is completely dry. Don't let the warmth of the feathers fool you; your bird must be dry.

Final Steps

Put your lean bird into a clean coop. Why not give your friends a little treat like chopped greens, a little grain, a section of winter squash, or that special treat you know they love. Keep the coop clean until you go to the show.

Enjoy the show. Talk to people about your birds and theirs. Corner the judge and learn from him. **Disagree alone. Learn in public!**

Preparing for Showmanship

- 1. Choose a well-feathered, clean and tame bird.
- 2. Practice putting the bird into the cage and taking it out, head first. Make sure you are holding it correctly.
- 3. Work on identifying as many parts as you can on your bird.
- Know your variety, breed, sex and class of your bird (bantam or large fowl also). Example: *I am holding a black <u>Cochin bantam pullet</u>*. Or: *I am holding a white Pekin drake*.
- 5. The breed of my bird is: _____.
- 6. The variety of my bird is: ______.
- 7. The sex of my bird is:
- 8. Do you know a poultry disease? It's cure?
- 9. What is a disqualification or defect that may exist on a bird such as yours?
- 10. What is your bird's diet made up of?
- 11. Name a poultry parasite. Where do you look for them?
- 12. Your **ATTITUDE** and **APPEARANCE MATTER**! Dress in a long sleeved shirt. Be POSITIVE! Do your best.

Scorecard Poultry Showmanship

Name

No.

Appearance of Animal	(20)	
Appearance & Attitude of Show person	(25)	
Handling and Carrying of Animal	(25)	
Questions and Knowledge	(30)	
Total	(100)	

Entry Day Check List

- 1. Entry Tags Pick up at fair office prior to entry day.
- 2. Paperwork Health papers, signed sale agreement for Class O
- **3.** Feed Be sure to bring feed along for your birds
- 4. Check In Bring one bird in at a time. Bring corresponding tag and bird to desk for check in prior to putting your bird in cage. If you don't already have one, your bird will be given a leg band and that number will be recorded. You can then put your bird in a cage and hang entry tag on cage.

NOTES



Common External Parasites in Poultry: Lice and Mites

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Parasites can be detected on the external surfaces of the body by way of a thorough physical examination. Periodical examination of the flock can help to detect an early infestation and can help to prevent a larger flock outbreak. It is important to detect infestations early because of the restrictions on treatments available for food-producing birds. Moreover, many of the parasites have an environmental component so treating the environment is also necessary for controlling infestations. Prevention and early detection are the keys to successful treatment and control of external parasites in poultry flocks. The most common external parasites seen in poultry are lice and mites.

Poultry Lice

Poultry lice are tiny, wingless, 6-legged, flat-bodied, insects with broad, round heads. They lay their eggs on the host bird's feathers, especially near the base of the feather shaft (Figure 1). A female louse will lay 50 to 300 eggs at a time, which she cements to the feather shaft. There are several species of lice that affect poultry, and multiple species can affect a bird at any given time. Some species can be localized on specific locations like the quill lice; or others can be found over most of the body surface like the chicken body lice. The lice found on poultry do not suck blood as the lice found in other species of animals; rather they feed on dry skin scales, feathers, and scabs. However, they will ingest blood extruding from irritated skin. The entire life cycle of the lice occurs on the host bird, primarily in the feathers. Poultry lice are host specific and cannot be transferred to humans.

Fall and winter are the most common times to observe lice infestations. Inspect the ventral region of the bird for live lice crawling on the bird and for nits (lice eggs) as most infestations start in this area of the bird's body. Eggs are white and commonly appear in bunches on the lower feather shaft. Feathers of infested birds may have a moth-eaten appearance. Due to the feather damage, the bird may have a dull or roughened appearance.

Poultry Mites

There are two major types of mites found on the body of poultry. They are the Northern Fowl Mite (or in tropical environ-

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ments, the Tropical Fowl Mite) and the Chicken Mite (or Red Roost Mite).

The Northern Fowl Mite is the most common external parasite in poultry, especially in cool weather climates. It sucks blood from all different types of fowl and can live in the temperate regions of the world. As compared to the Chicken Mite, the Northern Fowl Mite primarily remains on the host for its entire life cycle. These mites can live off the host bird for 2 to 3 weeks. These mites are small and black or brown in color, have 8 legs, and are commonly spread through bird-to-bird contact. The Tropical Fowl Mite is comparable to the Northern Fowl Mite but lives in the tropical regions.

The Chicken Mite is a nocturnal mite that is primarily a warm weather pest. These mites suck the blood from the birds at night



Figure 1. Lice eggs at the base of the feather shaft

and then hide in the cracks and crevices of the houses during the day. Chicken Mites are dark brown or black, much like the Northern Fowl Mite.

The life cycle of mites can be as little as 10 days, which allows for a quick turnover and heavy infestations. Mites can be transferred between flocks by crates, clothing, and wild birds. Mites are capable of living in the environment and off the host bird for a period of time. Diagnoses of mite infestations are similar to that of lice; however since mites can live off the bird and some are nocturnal, inspect birds and housing facilities at night especially if you suspect that the Chicken Mite is the cause of the infestation. Observable signs may include darkening of the feathers on white feathered birds due to mite feces; scabbing of the skin near the vent; mite eggs on the fluff feathers and along the feather shaft (Figure 2); or congregations of mites around the vent, ventral abdomen, tail, or throat. Since mites congregate around the ventral region, they can also reduce a rooster's ability of successful matings.

Flock Symptoms

Flocks infested with lice or mites show similar general symptoms. Birds will have decreased egg production; decreased weight gain; decreased carcass-grading quality; increased disease sus-



Figure 2. Mites and eggs along the feather shaft.

ceptibility; and decreased food intake. If any of these generalized symptoms are observed, a visual evaluation is recommended. Inspect birds around the ventral region for signs of lice or mites since infestations usually start in this area of the bird.

Treatments

Sanitation and cleanliness are the keys to lice and mite control. Sanitation includes cleaning and disinfecting housing facilities and equipment between flocks. Moreover, reducing people traffic through housing facilities is recommended. Eliminating the contact between flocks and wild birds can reduce the potential transfer of external parasites. Chemical control can include the use of carbaryl (Sevin®). Treat the walls, floors, roosts, nest boxes, and the birds simultaneously. When dusting an entire house, be careful to avoid feed contamination. One treatment method for small flocks or individual birds is the use of a dusting bath with Sevin[®]. Place the bird into a garbage bag containing the medicated powder with the birds' head out and rotate/shake the bag to completely cover the bird with powder. Be sure not to inhale the medicated powder during treatments. The use of a facial mask is recommended to prevent inhaling this medicated powder. Because the life cycle of lice and mites is. approximately 2 weeks, treatments should be repeated every 2 weeks as needed. Carefully read all labels prior to treatment to make sure withdrawal times are followed for food-producing poultry. Severe lice or mite infestations can be treated initially with a kitten strength dose of a pyrethrin-based medicated spray on the birds to reduce the initial numbers. If problems persist, contact a veterinarian for treatment with such medications as Ivermectin®. Prevention is the best method of treatment. For poultry used in exhibition or for new poultry entering the flock, a minimum quarantine period of 2 weeks is recommended. During this time birds should be physically examined and treated if necessary.

	Lice	Mites
Size	2-3 millimeters long	1 millimeter diameter (ground pepper)
Speed	Fast-moving	Slow-moving
Color	Straw-colored (light brown)	Dark reddish black
Egg location	Base of feather shaft	Along feather shaft
Egg color	White	White or off-white
Best detection time	Daytime	Nighttime or Daytime
Location	Lives only on host	Lives on host and in environment

Table 1. Comparison chart to distinguish between lice and mites.

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EXTERNAL SYMPTOMS FOR DIAGNOSING POULTRY DISEASES

BODY

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<u>Symptom</u>	Possible Cause
Emaciation	Off-feed; nutritional deficiencies; <u>lymphoid leukosis; enteritis;</u> gizzard impaction; tuberculosis; unknown
Stunted, uneven growth	Gizzard impaction; bluecomb disease; <u>alfatoxin poisoning</u> ; synovitis; <u>contaminated hatching egg</u>
Swellings	Ruptured air sac; edema
Twitching, muscular spasm	Botulism; infectious bursal disease
Trembling	Epidemic tremors; encephalitis (brain damage)
Paralysis	Botulism; Marek's disease; arthritis; aflatoxin poisoning; epidemic tremor
Dehydration	Acute lack of water; <u>coccidiosis</u> ; <u>infectious bursal disease</u> ; nutritional imbalance-dietary salts
Nervousness	Hysteria; drug intoxication; Newcastle; fungus infection
Lying on breast, legs paralyzed	Algae poisoning; acute lack of water; yellow jasmine poisoning; <u>botulism</u> ; drug toxicity

FEATHERS

<u>Symptom</u>	Possible Cause
Moist under wing	Infectious coryza
Loss of	Molting
Deposits at base of shafts	Lice or <u>mite</u> eggs
Soiled hackle feathers	Infectious coryza, eye infection
Feathers picked	Lice; nutritional deficiency-methionine; birds not debeaked
Depigmented	Nutritional deficiencies-lysine, iron or folic acid
Broken on upper thigh	Self picking
Feather eating	Nutritional deficiency-methionine

Skin

<u>Symptom</u>

Pigmentation excessive ... Nodules, mainly legs... Nodules over vent... Moist, necrotic, edematous... Darkened, purplish... Crusted areas... Scabby hip... Gangrenous, green... Vent irritated... Pale... Poor production; high pigment intake <u>Marek's disease</u> Flukes (rare) Necrotic dermatitis, exudative diathesis <u>Erysipelas; fowl cholera</u> <u>Erysipelas; scab; gangrenous dermatitis</u> Self picking, inflicted by other birds Hemmorhage; arthritis; gangrenous dermatitis <u>Northern fowl mite; lice</u> (occasionally) Anemia; nutritional deficiencies-iron, copper, or vitamin B₁₂

Possible Cause

Head

<u>Symptom</u>

Swollen, puffy...

Ruptured air sac; infectious coryza; injury; Newcastle disease

Possible Cause

Comb

Possible Cause

SymptomMottled, red and white margins...FrozenEruptions, nodules...Fowl poxWhite, scaly, powdery...Favus

Symptom

Eyes

Possible Cause

Watery	Infectious coryza
Blindness	Fowl pox; aspergillosis; Arizona paracolon; paratyphoid
Watery, red, inflamed, closed	Laryngotracheitis; ammonia burn; <u>Newcastle disease</u> ; nutritional deficiency-vitamin A
Cataracts	Epidemic tremor
Crusts on eye lids	Nutritional deficiency-vitamin A; fowl pox
Pupil irregular, blindness	Marek's disease
Blood in eye	Hemorrhagic anemia
Large, swollen	Mycoplasma infection

Face

<u>Symptom</u>

Possible Cause

Swollen...

Darkened, purplish... Nodules...

Symptom

Symptom

Infectious coryza; Newcastle disease; nutritional deficiencyvitamin A; E. coli Erysipelas; fowl cholera; septicemia; injury Fowl pox

Nostrils

Possible Cause

Infectious coryza; chronic respiratory disease; infectious bronchitis; influenza

Mouth

Possible Cause

Pustules... Crusts at margins...

Beak soft, rubbery...

Swollen, bulbous...

Nodules...

Twisting...

White coat over tongue and in mouth... Ulcers...

Nutritional deficiency-vitamin A Nutritional deficiencies-pantothenic acid or biotin Nutritional deficiencies-vitamin D or calcium-phosphorus imbalances

Wet form of fowl pox

Mycotoxins; chemical injury

Wattles

Possible Cause

Infectious coryza; fowl cholera Fowl pox

Neck

Possible Cause

Botulism; yellow jasmine poisoning Newcastle disease; fowl cholera; brain infection; improper injection of Marek's vaccine Newcastle disease; nutritional deficiency-thiamin Nutritional deficency-vitamin E; Newcastle disease Improper injection of drugs; other injury

Legs

Symptom

Paralysis...

Possible Cause

Marek's disease; botulism; heat stoke; epidemic tremor; cage layer fatigue; vitamin E deficiency; algae poisoning; yellow jasmine

Discharge...

Symptom

<u>Symptom</u>

Paralysis (limber neck)...

Retracted over back...

Retracted under breast...

Scabby necrotic areas...

	poisoning; acute lack of water
Rough, scaly	Fowl pox; scaly leg mite
Bowed, weak	Nutritional deficiency-vitamin D; osteodystrophy
Bone bends	Nutritional deficiency-vitamin D
Joint swelling	Infectious synovitis; paratyphoid; <u>pullorum</u> ; zinc deficiency; staphylococcosis; tenosynovitis; arthritis
Tendon at hock displaced	Perosis (nutritional deficiency-manganese or choline)
Stilted gait	Tenosynovitis
Shank depigmented	Nutritional deficiency-vitamin A; <u>coccidiosis</u> ; any low grade slow disease (for any length of time)
Toes twisted	Genetic

Feet

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<u>Symptom</u>	Possible Cause
Joints fixed	Tenosynovitis
Swollen foot pad	Infectious synovitis; bumblefoot
Toes curled	Nutritional deficiency-riboflavin; genetic; management deficiency
Foot pad cracked, dermatitis	Nutritional deficiency-biotin or pantothenic acid; management deficiency
Bird walks on toes	Tenosynovitis
Toes twisted	Genetic

Droppings

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Profuse... **Bloody...** Green... Sulfur yellow... Light yellow or yellowish-green... Fowl typhoid; fowl cholera Foamy...

Possible Cause

Enteritis; excess roughage in diet Cecal coccidiosis; Newcastle disease Feed intake low; bile not diluted Blackhead Intestinal parasites (protozoa)

Egg Production

<u>Symptom</u>	Possible Cause
Sudden severe drop	<u>Newcastle disease</u> ; <u>infectious bronchitis</u> ; laryngotracheitis; influenza-A, <u>mycotoxin</u> , mismanagement (no lights, feed, or water)
Unsatisfactory	Infectious coryza; fowl cholera; chronic respiratory diseases; diet deficiencies; gizzard impaction; fowl pox; hepatitis; lice; mites;

	<u>ascarids; capillaria; lymphoid leukosis; coccidiosis; enteritis;</u> <u>pullorum;</u> fowl typhoid; <u>aflatoxicosis</u> ; adenovirus infection; toxins
Egg wrinkled, depigmented	Necrotic enteritis; infectious bronchitis
Production pause	Epidemic tremor
Poor shell quality	<u>Newcastle disease; infectious bronchitis;</u> adenovirus infection; diet deficiency; <u>T-2 fusariotoxin</u>

Death

Symptom Instant, few or no prior signs...

High mortality-producing diseases...

Aortic rupture; acute lack of water; fowl cholera; overheated, fatty liver hemorrhagic syndrome Fowl cholera; erysipelas; exotic Newcastle disease; acute coccidiosis; aflatoxin; botulism; poison; fatty liver hemorrhagic syndrome

Possible Cause

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URL: http://www.msstate.edu/dept/poultry/diagext.htm

Tips for Caring for Chicks

-Provide warm, dry housing without drafts (such as a cardboard box). Line bottom with newspaper and wood shavings if desired (2-5" deep).

-Keep day old chicks at 90-95 degrees F. Use a heat lamp approximately 20" above the chicks. Place a thermometer at chick level. If chicks huddle under the light; it's too cold. If chicks huddle in corners, it's to hot. Reduce 5 degrees F each week until a minimum of 65 degrees F.

-Space Requirements for Chicks:

-Hatch to 6 weeks-0.8 to 1.0 ft² per chick

-6 weeks and older-1.0 to 2.0 ft² per chick

-Space Requirement for Mature Turkeys:

-4.0 to 5.0 ft²

-Space Requirement for Layers

-2.5 to 3.5 ft²

-Provide nesting boxes for birds by 18-20 weeks of age.

-Provide fresh, cool (not cold!) water at all times. Dip each chick's beak in the water to encourage drinking.

-Keep feeders full at all times; be sure feed is dry and mold free. Clean feeders on a regular basis. Provide 1 foot of feeder space for every 25 chicks. Provide 3 feet of feeder space for 25 adult chickens, ducks and geese. Provide 8.5 feet of feeder space for 25 adult turkeys.

-Feed Recommendations:

-<u>Egg Laying Chicks</u>-Feed Start & Grow MP or HG Duck, Goose & Chick Grower until 18-20 weeks of age. At that time switch to Layena.

-Broiler Chicks (meat)-Feed Start & Grow MP from start to finish.

-<u>Ducks/Geese</u>: Feed Flock Raiser or HG Duck, Goose & Chick Grower from hatch on. These birds DO NOT need medication.

-<u>Turkeys</u>: Feed HG Turkey/Pheasant Starter 30% AMP up to 8 weeks of age. Switch to Purina Turkey Grower from 8 weeks to finish.

Medicated feeds are generally recommended for chickens and turkeys for coccidiosis control.

*Check out <u>www.purinasunfreshrecipe.com</u> for more information.

Feeding Your Birds

- Water is the most important nutrient!!!
- Lack of water decreases feed intake.
- Water is a major component of blood, it removes waste products, carries nutrients, cools the body.
- Water intake should be 2 times the feed intake amount.

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Nutrients



- Carbohydrates
 - Make up the biggest share of the poultry diet.
 - CHOs provide energy in the form of starch.
- Fats
 - Highest energy feeds-2.25 times the energy in CHOs.
 - Addition of fat increases the palatability and physical consistency of feed.

Nutrients

- Proteins
 - · Made up of amino acid chains.
 - · Proteins make up body tissues.
 - · Protein quality and source are important.
- Minerals & Vitamins
- · Often added to grains to balance ration.
- The right balance is required for vitamins and minerals to be effective.

Nutrients

- Vitamins
 - · Vit. A--digestive, reproductive, respiratory tract
 - Vit. D--Bone formation, Ca & P metabolism
 - B Vit .-- Energy Metabolism
- Minerals
 - · Eggshell, bones, blood cell formation

Selecting Feed

- A balanced ration is the key!
- Know what type of bird you are raising.
 - Finisher/Layer
 - Age of Bird
 - Kind of Bird
 - Then so the feed d
- Change the feed depending on growth stage.



Selecting Feed

- Feed is an investment!!!
 - 70% of the cost of poultry production is feed.
 - · Cheapest is not best--you get what you pay for!
- Purchase feed from a reputable dealer.
- Keep feed cool and dry to maintain freshness.

Selecting Feed

- The better the nutrition provided, the more likely an animal will meet its genetic potential.
- An animal's confirmation is influenced 90% by genetics and 10% by nutrition.



KLC Poultry Program

Meat Birds (Broilers)

 Feed Purina Start & Grow from Day 1 to 4 weeks

• Feed Purina Start & Grow or Flock Raiser from 4 weeks to market.





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Ducks & Geese

- Day 1 to market-Honor Duck, Goose, & Chick Starter/Grower
- Or....
- · Purina Flock Raiser Pellet NonMed



Turkeys

- Honor Turkey/Pheasant Starter—Day 1 to 8 weeks
- Purina Turkey Grower—8 weeks to market





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FEATURES	BENEFITS
• Contains proper levels of energy, protein (amino acids), vitamins, and minerals	• Ideal ration for broilers (meat type) chickens. May be fed from day one to market.
• Versatile	• May be used in production of turkeys and pheasants for meat.
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Crude Protein, min.	23.0%
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Methionine, min	0.50%
Crude Fat, min	4.0%
Crude Fiber, max	3.5%
Calcium (Ca), min	0.9%
Calcium (Ca), max	1.4%
Phosphorus (P), min	0.75%
Salt (NaCl), min	0.25%
Salt (NaCl), max	0.75%

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• May be used in production of turkeys and pheasants

• Improved growth, feed utilization, and reduced feed

type chickens). Start feeding at 3 weeks of age.

for meat. May also be fed from day one to five weeks as a starting feed for layer type chickens.

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- Versatile formula
- Nutritionally complete feed
- Crumble form
- Medication Option Amprolium .0175%

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Lysine, min	0.95%
Methionine, min	0.35%
Crude Fat, min	4.0%
Crude Fiber, max	3.5%
Calcium (Ca), min	0.75%
Calcium (Ca), max	
Phosphorus (P), min	0.60%
Salt (NaCl), min	0.25%
Salt (NaCl), max	0.75%

ACTIVE DRUG INGREDIENT

Amprolium 0.0175%

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BENEFITS

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• Aids in the prevention of coccidiosis.

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E1: 15237 - Crumble 15239 - Pellet 15238 - Crumble Bulk

FEATURES

- Specifically formulated for laying chickens. Contains proper levels of energy, protein (amino acids), vitamins and minerals
- Contains proper level of calcium
- Available in either pellet or crumble form

GUARANTEED ANALYSIS

Crude Protein, min	
Lysine, min	
Methionine, min	0.32%
Crude Fat, min	2.5%
Crude Fiber, max	5.5%
Calcium (Ca), min	
Calcium (Ca), max	4.7%
Phosphorus (P), min	0.55%
Salt (NaCl), min	0.10%
Salt (NaCl), max	0.60%

BENEFITS

- Lots of eggs.
- Strong shells.
- For production of sound eggshells. No additional calcium supplement is required.
- No supplementation required.

FEEDING DIRECTIONS

Feed as the sole ration to laying hens from onset of egg production (chickens: 18-20 weeks of age, ducks: 20-24 weeks of age). May be used during the entire production cycle. Do not provide additional grain or free-choice calcium source.

Provide fresh, clean water at all times.

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Figure 3 NOMENCLATURE OF MALE

1.	Comb	18. Secondaries of Wing Bay
2.	Upper Mandible or Beak	19. Breast
з.	Lower Mandible or Beak	20. Primary Coverts
4.	Throat	21. Primaries
5.	Wattle	22. Back
6.	Skull	23. Upper Saddle
7.	Еуе	24. Lower Saddle
8.	Ear	25. Rear Body Feathers
9.	Face	26. Fluff or Stern
10.	Earlobe	27. Lower Thigh Feathers
11.	Hackle	28. Hock Plumage
12.	Front of Neck Plumage	29. Main Sickles
13.	Cape	30. Mail Tail
14.	Shoulder	31. Lesser Sickles
15.	Wing Front	32. Tail Coverts
16.	Wing Bow	33. Abdomen
17.	Wing Coverts or Wing Bars	•



Figure 4 NOMENCLATURE OF FEMALE

1. Skull	17. Wing Front
2. Eye	18. Wing Covert or Wing Bar
3. Ear	19. Secondaries or Wing Bay
4. Face	20. Primaries
5. Earlobe	21. Primary Coverts
6. Comb	22. Back
7. Nostril	23. Sweep of back
8. Beak	24. Cushion
9. Wattle	25. Main Tail
10. Throat	26. Tall Coverts
11. Hackle	27. Rear Body Feathers
12. Front of Neck Plumage	28. Fluff or Stern
13. Breast	29. Lower Thigh Plumage
14. Cape	30. Hock Plumage
15. Shoulder	31. Abdomen
16. Wing Bow	•



Large Breed Chicken Classes

AMERICAN CLASS

Plymouth Rocks, Dominique's, Wyandotte's, Javas, Rhode Island Reds, Rhode Island Whites, Buckeyes, Chanteclers, Jersey Giants, Lamonas, New Hampshire's, Hollands and Delawares.

ASIATIC CLASS

Cochins, Langshans, Brahmas

ENGLISH CLASS

Dorkings, Redcaps, Cornish, Orpingtons, Sussex, Australorps

MEDITERRANEAN CLASS

Leghorns, Minocras, Spanish, Andalusians, Ancona, Sicilian Buttercups, Catalanas

CONTINENTAL CLASS

Hamburgs, Campines, Lakenvelders, Polish, Houdans, Crevecoeurs, La Fleche, Faverolles, Welsummers and Barnevelders

ALL OTHER STANDARD BREEDS

Modern Game, Old English Games, Sumatras, Malays, Cubalayas, Phoenix, Yokohamas, Aseels, Shamos, Sultans, Frizzles, Naked Necks, Araucanas, Ameraucanas

Bantams Breed Classes

GAME BANTAMS

Modern Game and Old English Game

SINGLE COMB CLEAN LEGGED BANTAMS

Anconas, Andalusians, Australorps, Campines, Catalanas, Delawares, Dorkings, Dutch, Frizzles, Hollands, Japanese, Javas, Jersey Giants, Lakenvelders, Lamonas, Leghorns, Minorcas, Naked Necks, New Hampshires, Orpingtons, Phoenix, Plymouth Rocks, Rhode Island Reds, Spanish, Sussex,

ROSECOMB CLEAN LEGGED BANTAMS

Anconas, Antwerp Belgians {D'anvers} Dominiques, Dorkings, Hamburgs, Leghorns, Minorcas, Redcaps, Rhode Island Reds, Rhode Island Whites, Rosecombs, Sebrights, Wyandottes

ALL OTHER CLEAN LEGGED BANTAMS

Ameraucana, Araucana, Buckeye, Chanteclers, Cornish, Crevecoeurs, Cubalayas, Houdans, La Fleche, Malays, Polish, Shamos, Sicilian Buttercups, Sumatras, Yokohamas

FEATHERED LEGGED BANTAMS

Booted, Brahmas, Cochins, d'Uccle Faverolles, Frizzles, Langshans, Silkies, Sultans

Duck Classes

HEAVY WEIGHT CLASS

Pekin, Aylesbury, Rouen, Muscovy, Appleyard, Saxony

MEDIUM WEIGHT CLASS Cayuga, Crested, Swedish, Buff

LIGHT WEIGHT CLASS Runner, Campbell, Magpie, Welsh Harlequins,

> BANTAM DUCK CLASS Call, East Indies, Mallards

Call, East Indies, Mallards

Geese Classes

HEAVY CLASS Toulouse, Embden, African

MEDIUM CLASS Sebastopol, Pilgrim, American Buff, Saddleback Pomeranian

> **LIGHT CLASS** Chinese, Tufted Roman, Canada, Egyptian

> > **Turkey Classes**

Bronze, Narragansett, White Holland, Black, Slate, Bourbon Red, Beltsville Small White, Royal Palm

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Strawberry Comb (Ideal)



Figure 19 Rose Comb Standard type as in Wyandotte males.



Figure 20 Single Comb Front view, medium size, male comb. Showing strong base, firm and even position on head.



Figure 21 Single Comb Standard type as in Plymouth Rock males.



Figure 22 Cross section of bony structure of head as in Polish, Houdan and Crevecouer, showing beak, cavernous nostrils and knob.



Figure 23 Undesirable Type of Single Comb. Head, narrow, shallow, over refined. (Crow Head)



Figure 24 Duck-Foot (A Disqualification)



Figure 25 Showing Face Section (Any positive enamel white in this Section disqualifies Mediterranean cockerels and pullets except White Faced Black Spanish.)



Figure 26 Sections of a feather.



Figure 27 Lopped Rose Comb (A Disqualification)



Figure 28 Lopped Single Comb (A Disqualification)



Figure 30 One Form of Side Sprigs. (A Disqualification)



Figure 32 Split Tail. Abnormal or sub-normal feather development. In young birds a defect — in old birds a disqualification.



Figure 29 Head of Duck Showing Scoop-Bill (A Disqualification)



Figure 31 Split Comb Showing the tendency of the blade to divide perpendicularly. (A Disqualification)



Figure 33 Split Wing. (A Disqualification)



Figure 35 Slipped Wing and Twisted Feather. (Disqualifications)



Figure 37 Parts of Wing 1, Front. 2, Bow. 3, Bar. 4, Secondary. 5, Primaries. 6, Primary Coverts. 7, Wing Shoulder.



Figure 34 Squirrel Tail. (A Disqualification except in Japanese Bantams)



Figure 36 Vulture Hocks (As shown, a Disqualification, except in Sultans and some breeds of feather legged Bantams.)



Figure 38 Wry Tali. (A Disqualification)



Figure 42

Comb, coarse; Wattles, coarse and wrinkled; Lobes, too loosely-fitted.



Figure 43 Thumb Marks in Comb, Rear Turning to One Side. (Defects.)

DEFECTIVE FEATHER MARKINGS



Figure 44 Faults of Head and Adjuncts: Twisted Comb in front. Irreg. Serration of Comb. Coarse, Wrinkled Wattles. Lobes.



Figure 46 Frosting (A Defect). Faulty in Laced Varieties.



Figure 49 Mealy (Defective) Feather. Occurs in Red and Buff Varieties.



Figure 45

Mossy (Defective) Feather Occurs most often in Laced Varieties.

Figure 47 Splashed Feather. (A Defect.) Occurs in Spangled and Mottled Varieties.



Figure 48 One Form of Shafting. (A Defect.) Occurs in Stippled Varieties.

DIFFERENT TYPES OF STANDARD FEATHER PATTERNS



Figure 50 A Penciled Feather. (Parallel Form.) Example: Silver Penciled Hamburgs.



Figure 51 A Spangled Feather. Example: Silver Spangled Hamburgs.



Figure 52 A Feather with Elongated, Diagonal Spangles. (Buttercups.)



Figure 53 A Mottled Feather. Example: Anconas



Figure 54 Laced Feather. Examples: Blue Varieties



Figure 55 Barring, Slightly V-shaped. Example: Silver Campines.



Figure 56 A Stippled Feather. Example: Brown Leghorn females

DIFFERENT TYPES OF STANDARD FEATHER PATTERNS



Figure 57 Barring, at right angle with length of feather. Feather of Male. Example: Barred Plymouth Rocks.



Figure 58 A Striped Feather. Male Hackles. Silver Penciled Wyandottes.



Figure 59 A Striped Feather. with Diamond-Shaped Center. (Saddles of Silver Laced Wyandottes)



Figure 60 A Feather Tipped with a Spangle. (Speckled Sussex)



Figure 61 A Penciled Feather. Example: Silver-Penciled Wyandottes.



Figure 62 Laced Feather (Silver) Examples: Silver-Laced Wyandottes.



Figure 63 Feather Tipped with Spangle. (Speckled Sussex)





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