

# **BUCKEYES**

An American breed originating in Ohio, the "Buckeye State", with the color similar to the richly colored buckeye nut. Their blood lines include the Dark Cornish, Black Breasted Red Game, Buff Cochin and Barred Plymouth Rock In body shape, as well as comb, they resemble the early Cornish of the 1905 period with stout muscular thighs, broad and well rounded breast carried well up but without the extra breadth of shoulder of the Cornish. An active dual purpose breed. Admitted to the Standard in 1904.

## **ECONOMIC QUALITIES**

General purpose fowl for the production of meat and eggs. Color of skin, yellow; color of egg shells, brown.

## **DISQUALIFICATIONS**

One or more entirely white feathers showing in outer plumage. (See General Disqualifications and Cutting for Defects.)

## **STANDARD WEIGHTS**

Cock . . . . . 9 lbs. Hen . . . . . 6½ lbs.  
Cockerel . . . . . 8 lbs. Pullet . . . . . 5½ lbs.

## **SHAPE -- MALE**

**COMB:** Pea; medium in size, firm and set closely on head.  
**BEAK:** Short, stout, regularly curved.  
**FACE:** Surface smooth, skin fine and soft in texture.  
**EYES:** Medium in size, full, with bold expression.  
**WATTLES:** Moderately small, well-rounded, smooth.  
**EAR-LOBES:** Medium size.  
**HEAD:** Medium in size, carried well up.  
**NECK:** Medium in length, well-arched, tapered nicely.  
Hackle -- abundant flowing well over shoulders.  
**BACK:** Rather long, broad throughout its length, sloping slightly downward to base of tail.  
Saddle -- medium in length.  
**TAIL --** Medium in length, carried forty degrees (40°) above horizontal, (figs 10-11).  
Main Tail -- broad and overlapping.  
Sickles -- medium in length, nicely curved, sufficiently abundant to cover the stiff feathers  
Lesser Sickles and Coverts -- nicely curved and sufficiently abundant to cover main tail feathers.  
**WINGS:** Medium in size; well folded, fronts covered by breast feathers, points by saddle feathers.  
Primaries and Secondaries -- broad and overlapping in natural order when wing is folded.  
**BREAST:** Broad, deep, well-rounded, carried somewhat elevated above the horizontal.  
**BODY AND FLUFF:** Body -- rather long, broad, deep, full, heavy for size of bird, extending well forward.  
Keel Bone -- long and extending well forward.  
Fluff -- moderately full.  
**LEGS AND TOES:** Legs set well apart, straight when viewed from front.  
Lower Thighs -- medium in length and size, well and smoothly feathered.  
Shanks -- medium in length, stout, smooth.  
Toes -- four on each foot, medium in length and size, straight, well-spread.

## **SHAPE-- FEMALE**

**COMB:** Pea; moderately small, set closely on head.  
**BEAK:** Short, stout, regularly curved.  
**FACE:** Surface smooth, skin fine and soft in texture.  
**EYES:** Medium in size, full.  
**WATTLES:** Small, rounded.  
**EAR-LOBES:** Medium in size.  
**HEAD:** Medium in size, carried well-up.  
**NECK:** Medium in length, well-arched. Neck feathers -- moderately full.  
**BACK:** Rather long, broad, sloping slightly downward to base of tail.  
**TAIL:** Medium in length, fairly well-spread, carried at an angle of thirty degrees (30°) above horizontal, (figs. 10-11).  
Main Tail -- broad and overlapping.  
**WINGS:** Medium in size, well-folded.  
Primaries and Secondaries -- broad and overlapping in natural order when wing is folded.  
**BREAST:** Broad, deep, well-rounded, carried somewhat elevated above the horizontal.  
**BODY AND FLUFF:** Body -- rather long, broad, deep, full, heavy for size, extending well forward.  
Keel Bone -- long and extending well forward.  
Fluff -- moderately full.  
**LEGS AND TOES:** Legs set well apart, straight when viewed from front.  
Lower Thighs -- medium in length, large, well and smoothly feathered.  
Shanks -- medium in length, stout, smooth.  
Toes -- four on each foot, medium in length, straight, strong, well-spread.

## **COLOR -- MALE AND FEMALE**

**COMB, FACE, WATTLES AND EAR-LOBES:** Bright red.  
**BEAK:** Yellow, shaded with reddish horn.  
**EYES:** Reddish bay.  
**SHANKS AND TOES:** Yellow.  
**PLUMAGE:** General surface color an even shade of rich mahogany bay in all sections, with the exception the unexposed primaries and secondaries and the main tail feathers may contain black. Male sickles and coverts should be shaded bay and black, thus avoiding a sharp contrast between the body and tail.  
**UNDERCOLOR OF ALL SECTIONS:** Red, except for back which should show a bar of slate.

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