

Origin:

Greater Bielefeld; bred in the 1970s.

Description:

Fast growing, weather-proof, auto-sexing chicken with remarkable performance laying large brown eggs. Down coloring of the day-old chicks:

Cockerels: yellow ocher with light brown dorsal stripes and white barring on the head.

Pullets: light brown with rich dark brown dorsal stripes and small barring on the head.

Overall Impression:

Large chicken with straight and long dorsal lines and obtuse angle; lesser than medium height; preferably no shank showing.

Rooster Characteristics:

Barrel: cylindrically stretched; horizontally carried.

Neck: slightly curved; strong; with full plumage.

Back: long; level.

Shoulders: broad; not protuberant, well-rounded.

Wings: midsize; well closed; carried closely to the body; somewhat arched at the bow.

Saddle: broad; laterally rounded; with full plumage; without pillowing.

Tail: carried at an obtuse angle; coverts wide; covered with medium-length sickles.

Breast: deep and broad; lightly pillowed with good rounding.

Abdomen: full; broad; wide sweeping.

Head: moderately large.

Face: bald; vividly red.

Comb: single; with up to four to six serrated points; upright.

Wattle: oval; appropriate to the crest.

Earlobes: elongated; medium-sized; red.

Eyes: orange red.

Beak: strong; medium-length; yellowish horn-colored.

Shank: short; in large part hidden in side feathers.

Legs: medium-length; bald; yellow.

Toes: straight; well splayed out.

Plumage: moderately wide feathers; slight shank pillowing permitted.

Hen Characteristics:

Conforms to the rooster except for the gender determined differences. Great worth is placed on a deep, broad, and lightly bulged breast area. Broader, fuller, very distinctive abdomen. The long and horizontally carried back merges into an obtuse angle to the tail. In laying hens, a faded yellow of the legs and a lightly flagging comb is permissible.

Disqualifications:

triangular or extremely closed; lighter and narrower barrel; shorter or hollow-rounded back; flat, highly carried breast area; steep tail; over-posture; white in earlobes; abdomen not sufficiently pronounced in hens.

Colorings:

Standard Bielefelder:

Rooster: Neck and saddle feathers, upper back, shoulders, and wing coverts deep reddish-yellow with light gray barring. Light gray tint on back allowed. Coverts barred gray, white, and yellow-brown. Breast and abdomen yellow to light auburn with lighter barring, lighter gray traces not flawed. The tail is gray barred, brown traces are allowed.

Hen: Somewhat brightened rust-partridge colored mangle feathers with flaky barring marks, which on the wings may appear as light spotting. Neck feathers gold-colored with shaft lines, through which hinted light gray barring is broken. Breast color reddish-yellow. Yellowish flakes in mantle plumage is allowed.

Disqualifications:

Rooster: gray barred breast and abdomen sections; missing yellow toning in mantle plumage; sootier neck hangings; white wings; one or more pure white sickle feather.

Hen: Strongly pronounced gray tones in mantle plumage; black back of head; black color inclusions in the breast, abdomen, and back areas; other than reddish-yellow breast color.

Weight: Rooster 3-4 kg, Hen 2.5-3.25 kg

Minimum Hatching Egg Weight: 60 g

Eggshell Color: Brown

Ring Sizes: Rooster 22, Hen 20

Translated from the original German standard.