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October 3, 2014

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October 10-19, 2014

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October 18, 2014

Newcastle, Oklahoma, Contact: Scott Kincaid kayjen@pdi.net

October 19, 2014

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November 2014

November 1, 2014

Fayetteville, Arkansas, Heart of The Ozarks Poultry Club annual Fall Double Show. Website: <http://www.hotopa.com/index.html>

November 1, 2014

Atoka, Oklahoma - All Bantam Show, Contact: Delbert Jenkins, delandbrandy@yahoo.com.

November 8, 2014

Atoka, Oklahoma, Red River Shootout. contact: Jason Copass, jason4osu@gmail.com.

November 7-9, 2014

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December 6, 2014

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January 4, 2015

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February 22, 2014

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APA NEWS July 2014

The APA has exceeded 3,000 members in April. Most of the new members have been coming thru paypal which leads me to believe the website and new facebook page are having quite an impact on the number of people being introduced to the APA. Now for the downside, dues notices are going out for anyone whose membership expires on July 1, to keep those numbers up, please don't forget to renew as soon as you are able. If you have changed your address in the last few months, please let me know so I can update your contact information in my files.

As you read this, the 2014 yearbook is being turned over to the printer. There are a lot of articles and ads in this year, and the committee would like to thank everyone for their input. Please don't forget, it will take about a month for the book to be proofed, and it takes about another 3 or 4 weeks to have it printed and mailed. I am sure it will be worth the wait and you will enjoy it.

I am starting to put together the next issue of News & Views, if you have anything you would like to contribute, please let me know before June 20. If you have an overabundance of birds after a good hatching season, don't forget, we now have a classified section where you can advertise those extra birds and the price is reasonable.

I'm going to tackle the paperwork on my desk, hope everyone is now raising those future champions.

Pat Horstman

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ABA HAPPENINGS

July 2014

Although it seems like summer was never going to come, it is here and I must say in New Jersey, it still feels far away. Not complaining as I am not a fan of the heat and the bantams are not upset either. It does feel like a hot summer, however in the ABA office. For the ABA, summertime is a busy time of gathering all the data and assembling the new 2014 100th Anniversary yearbook. Kim Munden of PA and myself are burning the midnight oil to get this done and our hopes are that we are able to mail in early August. I would like to thank everyone who took the time to support this year's book with an Ad. The ads are what make the book affordable as well as THE reference tool in the fancy today.

For those of you who are not ABA members, you too can get this book - but first you must join the ABA. This can be done online at www.bantamclub.com or by simply sending \$20 for one year - or \$50 for three years to the ABA, PO Box 127, Augusta, NJ 07822. For those already seasoned ABA members, we have lots to catch up on and plan for. Our National Meet is a big deal this year. It will be three days of peace and music in Columbus, Ohio at the 2014 100th Anniversary ABA National Meet.

The best bantams in the country will convene all in the spirit of good clean competition. Only a few will make that Champion Row - but I am guessing that everyone will enjoy the time together. There is something about seeing your friends and fellow poultry people from around the country at a National Meet which brings it all together for most of us. For more information, visit ohionational.org for details on host hotels and other details. The Ohio Poultry Breeders are sure to put on a great show as they have done in the past on November 7-8-9th to be exact!! We will be offering some great quality bantams in our ever popular Breeders Auc-

tion. The Breeders Auction is a great place to get top quality birds donated by some of ABA's most generous members. Thank you goes out to George Beyer of NY State who is donating some Leghorn Bantams for this great event. If you have some birds to donate and would like to join George in the Winners circle, contact me at bantamclub@gmail.com or my cell which is 973-271-3335 to get your place in the spotlight!

Another exciting event is a new contest we are working with the APA/ABA Youth program. This is the 2014 ABA National Essay Contest. There are three age groups (Juniors 8-10) (Intermediates 11-13) and (Seniors 14 & up) The first five members in each class to submit their essay will automatically win a 2011 Bantam Standard, plus all entries qualify for \$5.00 in Bantam Bucks (ABA Currency). Best of all, the first place essay in each class will win a new "color photographed" 2014 ABA Centennial Standard signed by the ABA President, Vice President, and Secretary of the ABA. The Essay Subject is: "Why owning an ABA Bantam Standard is Important to Me" For more information, please contact Doris Robinson at nanamabrahma@att.net or visit the youth club website at www.apa-abayouthpoultryclub.org. This is a great opportunity to put on your thinking cap and compete outside the cage.)

That being said, there is nothing better than

a complete ABA bantam standard collection. If you do not own the current standard (2011) - now IS the time to get yours today. These books will not be reprinted. They feature the artwork of Kim Munden. They are available in both hardcover (\$45) and the softcover mini (\$30). We are having a BIG SALE before they are gone forever.

Order both the 2011 Hardcover and the 2011 Mini version for \$50. YES - that is correct. \$50 plus \$5 shipping will get them both to you via USPS. (Canadian members - you must add \$15 shipping and handling) You can order them online on the website or send a check to ABA -PO Box 127, Augusta, NJ 07822. 2014 legbands are still available. They are .38 ea plus \$5 shipping and handling. If you are unsure of which sizes you may need, visit our website at www.bantamclub.com or send an email to bantamclub@gmail.com and we will try to help you. MANY thanks goes to Russell Crevoiserat who is the legband shipper and has been keeping busy with filling your orders ontime.

For now, I must sign off and would like to remind everyone to read their newsletters and yearbooks when you get them. They have lots of information which is vital to your membership and to the organization. A well read ABA member is an informed ABA member.

Take care of yourself and your bantams. See you in November. . . Karen Unrath

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By Lewis Hinkle

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Fowl Pox

We have found that a good time to vaccinate birds for fowl pox is late June or early July in our region of the country (Arkansas). Pox is carried by mosquitoes. So this is something you will want to seriously pay attention to this summer! Usually pox will become noticeable in late August . . . September . . . early October. Just in time to keep you from showing in the fall shows! You will notice sores on the comb, face, and eye lids of the birds. So vaccinate if at all possible. If you should notice pox in your flock . . . please, do not take them to a show! Your friends will thank you for it!

Mosquito Control

A bug light close to but away from the roost house would be good to use. Also mounting a box fan to the top of your roost house and turned on low/medium at night would be a big help in 1) keeping mosquitoes "blown away" from your birds; and 2) keeping your birds cooler at night when the humidity is high along with the temps!

Mite Control

With all of the rain we've experienced already this summer these little "vampires" will be plentiful so it is a must to keep them in check! Examine your birds at night while they are on the roost for mites. Check the vent area . . . under each wing . . . hackle and shoulder . . . and also leg shanks and thighs. Feather-legged birds need to have their feet checked as well.

For preventive measures spray Adams Flea

Mist on these areas or use diluted Malathion (use a spray bottle) about once every 2 to three weeks. If you notice mites you will need to do it every two weeks. Spray the roost poles as well. Nests need spraying, too.

For any infestation you will need to use something like Malathion in a large bucket or tub of water . . . and "dip" your birds . . . that is to "baptize" your birds so that all of the mites will be exterminated. This will not make them a church member but it will rid them of mites! Haa

I do know that Malathion kills mites on contact because I've had to do this a time or two over the years and it works! If you will check your birds periodically you will not have to go to this extreme!

25th Anniversary Show in Pine Bluff

On Thursday, October 2nd the Southeast

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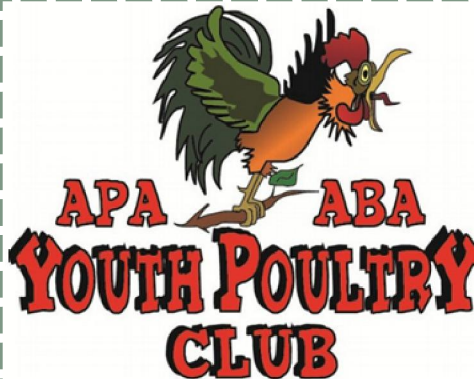
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Sourcing Stock: Part 4

My Most Recent Adventure . . .

By Brian Reeder

As I mentioned in a recent article, I have been having trouble with weasels wiping out my birds for the last two years as my large fowl houses have gotten older and have holes here and there that the weasels can get in through and that I have been unable to fully seal, and once the weasels know they can get in, even when I seal the holes, the weasels burrow to get in. So I have made the decision to go over to bantams that can be housed in very secure cages and then those cages can be housed in the old large fowl housing. By doing this, I can let the birds loose in the houses through the day and then put them up in their secure cages at night. In addition, I have also revamped one of my old brooder houses to be very secure. I still have the cages I used when I was experimenting with the Serama about a decade ago, so those cages work well in the newly secured brooder house.

I have given much thought to the cages and have developed a proto-type that has been successful and now I can turn those out fairly easily and quickly for use with bantams. The basic cage is 4' x 2' x 2' and easily accommodates a pair of bantams with more than adequate room. These cages use ½" rat wire and are made from treated 2" x 2" x 8' lumber, so they are lightweight and easy to work with while being completely impenetrable to predators, even weasels, and are inexpensive to build. The cage doors are on the top, so gravity helps keep them down and they close with security gate latches, making them impossible for a predator to open. These cages are built by constructing each panel separately with the wire attached and then the panels are assembled to make the cage. The wire is on the inside of the cage on all surfaces. This makes the cages very easy to assemble and makes them very secure, as well as attractive (see picture 1a and 1b). The basic prototype can also be modified to any size that I might want, and while they have all been 4' x 2' x 2' so far, the next ones I build will be larger and later on this fall, I will construct some that will be for a single male or a broody hen and they will be slightly smaller (to fit them into smaller spaces in the large fowl houses along with the other cages).



Photo 1a

The brooder house is an insulated metal building with two large doors in the front and a window on each side. The security improvements on the brooder house are all based around making any and all openings very secure by covering them all with rat wire and this also creates the ability to allow a great deal of air flow for the bird's comfort. One of the most important improvements was to build a second set of doors from 2" x 2" lumber and rat wire inside the main set of doors so that when the main doors are open, the rat wire doors make the building secure while allowing a great deal of air and light to enter the building. In cold or rainy weather the main doors can be closed to keep the build dry and/or warm (see picture 2a and 2b).

So far, both the cages and the converted brooder building have been operating very well. Time will tell, but I think this shift of focus will allow me to keep my birds safe while not having to resort to the expense or effort that would be involved in completely redoing the large buildings or constructing new buildings for large fowl, while still allowing me to utilize those large fowl buildings as day-runs. The key to all of this though

is moving away from large fowl and going over to bantams.

As this article is part of the Sourcing Stock series, I want to talk about the chicks I ordered in May - the breeds I chose, why I chose them and where I chose to purchase them from.

As many of you may know, I have not been doing large-scale research with chickens for several years. In the past, I was working with very large numbers. I think this fact may be lost on many people. There were times when I was working with as many as ten thousand birds a year. During my main research years, I never worked with small numbers because it can be very difficult to make accurate assessments from small numbers of individuals. Since 2008, however, I have been working with smaller numbers more on a hobby basis, rarely maintaining more than 100 birds. There are a couple of genetic issues that I am still interested in researching and by focusing on only one or two basic factors, one can do research with smaller number (especially if you only want to replicate previous research results or refine previous research), but my main focus has simply been to produce my

own eggs to eat and a few birds to eat here and there, and then there is the simple fact that I just don't like to be without some chickens.

So now that I am repopulating with bantams, my first consideration was what I wanted to focus on, as this would help to determine the breeds I might want to obtain. First and foremost is egg production. Now we all know that no bantam line is going to produce like a sex-link or commercial egg layer, but there are some bantam breeds, or strains of certain breeds, that have very acceptable egg production. The second consideration, which is always an important focus for me, was to select breeds that typically show good hardiness and disease resistance. Having worked with many, many lines and breeds, I have a pretty good idea of the "go-to" breeds for those traits. The third trait consideration is good temperament and again, I have a lot of experience and know what is likely to fit the bill. The final trait(s) that I wanted to consider were breeds that were made up of genes that are both aesthetically appealing to me and also work for the bit of research I would like to continue looking into.

Since I am not interested in showing, I have no need to purchase exhibition stock, nor do I have the time or energy to track down the things I want from far-flung exhibition breeders. All I wanted to do was to simply get a group of chicks, all at once, raise them myself (to imprint them to me) and select from amongst them for the handful that fit my desired criterion. Of course, the easiest possible way to do this is to simply order a group of chicks from one of the hatcheries.

My hatchery of choice for bantams is Cackle Hatchery. There are a number of reasons for this and I would like to mention those. First and foremost is that Cackle offers all the breeds/varieties I wanted to purchase. Second is that I have had good results with their bantams in the past. Third is that they have videos of the actual breeding flocks on their website. This is a huge plus and goes a step beyond any of the other hatcheries in the US at this time (though hopefully others will get a clue and realize what a huge selling point this is). Finally, Cackle offers both an assortment of bantam pullets (composed of several breeds that interest me) and they also offer sexed bantams of a few of their (down-sexable) breeds. While the bantam pullet assortment and the sexed bantam pullets are fairly expensive in comparison to most hatchery bantam chicks, for me it was well worth the extra expense to be sure of getting a sufficient number of females, both for eggs and breeding projects. I do want to stress that I



am not saying other hatcheries are bad. I am only saying that Cackle was my choice in this instance because of the reasons mentioned above. I have seen good birds from other hatcheries as well, but Cackle met my needs in this instance and I have had good experiences with them in the past.

Aesthetically speaking, there are only certain traits I really like. For instance, I don't care for single combs and prefer rose or cushion combs, nor do I particularly care for leg feathering, crest, or muff/beards. Further, I tend to like red-based lines more than silver based lines, except in certain instances (good barred-on-black birds need to be silver-based, for instance). I prefer yellow skin/shanks to white skin/shanks. I prefer a larger bantam, finding the pursuit of extreme smallness to be detrimental and deleterious to the viability of the line, though I will focus on a more intermediate size as I breed to accommodate my cage sizes and the bird's comfort. I don't

care for slow feathering, as I find fast feathering to simply be more pleasing and have frequently noted that slow feathered birds will tend to be targets for feathering-picking and cannibalism by their peers and by faster-feathered birds. Of high importance to me is that the birds I work with be calm and personable, not flighty or aggressive. In this regard, the videos of the flocks at the Cackle website are invaluable. While I have a lot of experience with many breeds, the videos are a great guide to which of their breeds and varieties are calm. My experience may make it easier for me to determine this from a video, but I think anyone can tell that birds that come up to the camera and remain calm and inquisitive represent a calmer line than those that go crazy in the video and take to the wing, throwing dust and debris at the camera.

So with my considerations for the intangible traits and phenotype traits, I chose the following: Dominique bantam, Rhode Island

Red bantam (RIR), and Partridge Wyandotte bantam (PW) as my main focus breeds. Anyone who knows me well will not be surprised, as the RIR and PW are two of my favorites and have also proven time and again to be very reliable for the intangible traits and can generally be located with good phenotype traits, even through the catalogs. Of course, I don't care if they are exhibition quality or not, but my observation is that even when these breeds are not exhibition quality, they are still very nice in phenotype traits and don't need to be top show winners to be lovely, enjoyable and useful birds. And just for the record, I don't like the coloring of the exhibition RIR (Rhode Island Black?) anyhow, nor do I care if the partridge penciling of the PW is perfect, as I find them just as attractive and enjoyable when there is no penciling at all, with any manifestation between no penciling and exhibition penciling being perfectly acceptable. For me, the RIR and PW are more about type, production and intangibles than about something as trivial as the precision of the penciling or the exact tone of red (or black) that they are expressing. However, I would note that the RIR bantam flock on the Cackle website video of the breed shows a nice dark red coloring with considerable melanization, perhaps even a bit darker than I tend to like. They should work very well for selecting an exhibition line from, if one wanted to do so.

I placed my order in early May for arrival in late May and was lucky that the only week that the PW were available for May was also the week I wanted to receive them. In addition to the Dominique, RIR and PW bantams, I also ordered the bantam pullet assortment (and requested no feather legged breeds since I really don't like leg feathering) and a few White Yokohamas, just to see how they would fair, if any would make it to adulthood and how susceptible to Marek's this line is. As the Yokohamas are barely larger than a bantam, I don't really consider them to be a true large fowl anyhow, but more of a large bantam and since I didn't get my chicks vaccinated for Marek's, I don't expect to have many as adults. What I would like is just one or two anyhow, though if I were to have more make it, I could always pass them on to others who want to work with them.

My chicks arrived on time and in great shape with none lost in transit. With the mixed bantam pullets, I was happy to see no leg feathered breeds (Thanks Cackle!!). The assorted bantam pullets were Barred Old English Game bantams, Crele Old English Game bantams, Barred Rock bantams and RIR bantams, with a good distribution of numbers of



Photo 2a

each. These are all down sexable and it was obvious to me that these were all pullets based on my past experiences with these down types. I was glad to get the two types of OEGB, in spite of the white skin, as these two varieties of this breed tend to have better egg production than typical OEGB and while they are not tiny like some of the exhibition EOGB, they are smaller than the other breeds and should any survive into adulthood and be able to reproduce, they can be used to outcross to the more productive and larger types to bring down size while not harming production significantly (provided proper selection is made after the initial cross).

The down of the chicks was very interesting. Of course, the White Yokohamas were simply white downed as any recessive white chick. The PW showed typical down for the variety, though a couple of the chicks showed lighter colored down than typical with very distinct striping, so these may not have Pattern gene and Mahogany (fingers crossed, as I would love to have some that are just red brown - eb s+ - instead of patterned mahogany red brown, typical partridge - eb s+ Mh Pg).

The RIR were a surprise in down, as they were down sexing instead of feather sexing! Typically, most lines of RIR are slow feathered so that they are sexable at hatch by the length of the main wing feathers (or absence of them), but with down sexing, the down coloring of the males and females is different enough to distinguish the sexes. This is typically achieved through the sex-linked genes silver and gold or through the sex-linked gene

barring, but in some rare instances there is an autosomal factor that makes the sexes look different in down at hatch. In this instance, the pullets are solid orange, while the cockerels are orange with white under-coloring similar to the typical white underside of the down of extended black (E-based) chicks, though these RIR are obviously not E and the white underside is only on males, unlike E-based down where the white underside is on both sexes.

The Dominique down was very interesting, as I have never seen E-based, barred chicks with so much white on their upper side and so little on the underside. Makes me wonder if these might actually be ER at the e-allele. However, the down was clearly sexable with the pullets showing less white on the upper side. The Barred Rock and OEG bantams showed typical down for those varieties.

In the first week, there were almost no losses, with only four chicks lost. Since then, I have only lost one more, so of the 49 chicks I received (I ordered 45 total and received 49), I still have 44. That is quite impressive, especially when you consider that I always start new chicks on old bedding from the old houses in order to inoculate them to any and all diseases that might be present in my houses and to allow me to make fast and early selection for lack of resistance to any pathogens present. Of course, this doesn't mean that I won't have further losses, as many forms of Marek's only emerges as the chicks begin to reach sexual maturity and some respiratory diseases typically only manifest when the

nights become cold in the fall. There will undoubtedly be more losses, but I expect that. I am, however, surprised that I have lost so few at this point.

The chicks are now almost a month old and I am very pleased that they have all turned out to be fast feathered except for the Barred Rock bantam pullets, though if I have to have any birds with slow feathering, I prefer it to be pullets as when mated to a fast feathered male, they produce fast feathered daughters and heterozygous for fast and slow feathered sons. The females can then be bred to any fast-feathered male and slow feathering is gone for good in the offspring. I am especially thrilled that the RIR are fast feathered, as most lines of RIR bantams I have seen are slow feathered.

I am excited to be on this new journey with these bantams. It will be very interesting to see what comes of it. I am trying at this point not to be too attached, as anything could happen, but so far, it seems as if this new direction may give me the ability to keep a few birds without predator losses. While I am not looking to breed for exhibition, these birds could easily be used to select an exhibition line of their respective varieties as I have described in the previous articles of this series. My goal is to continue experimenting with a few genetic factors and to breed a nice line of medium sized bantams that are calm, hardy and productive while doing those experiments. Regardless of what happens, I will write about it to keep you all updated as this new project unfolds and to let you know how these breeds turn out in case some of you might want to obtain some of those breeds or varieties for starting a line of your own.



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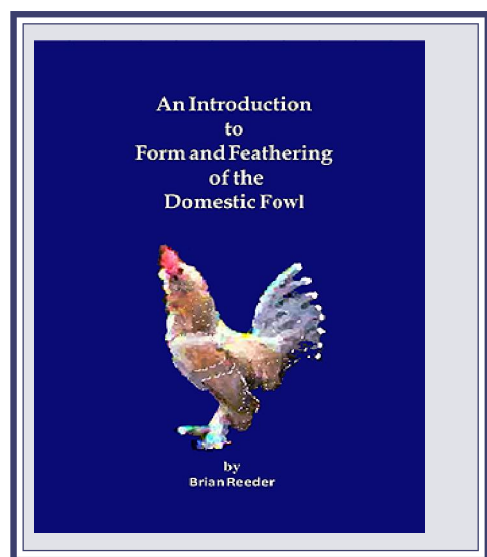
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Ohio National ABA 100th Anniversary

By Eric Markley

Just a quick note for everyone in the poultry world who are making plans for this once in a life time event. The Ohio National will be hosting the 100th American Bantam Association Anniversary Show This November 7, 8, 9-2014

If you would like the Ohio National to host your breed club annual meeting, there is still time to join this historic even just contact us at markley@ohionational.org We have been getting information back from the breed clubs on the choice of judges for the national meets and times for meeting rooms. This information will be posted when completed

The judges that in the line up to review all of these great birds that will be exhibited at the event are as follows : Jeff Halbach, John Thomforde, Jamie Carson, Lewis Cunningham, Art Rieber, Steve Beaty, Marty McGuire, Brian Knox, Terry Britt, Danny Padget, Troy LaRoche, Anthony Ashley, Tom Roebuck, Jerry Yeaw, Don Roscoe

The Ohio National youth program is looking forward to hosting the youth from around the country and we have some very exciting programs this year for the youth. With the Support of Meyer Hatchery, there will be outstanding awards for the top exhibitors, Scholarship award, and seminars.

You can keep up to date and find hotel information and details on the Ohio National web site at http://www.ohionational.org/Hotel_Info/hotel-info.html. The Hilton Garden is sold out the Comfort Inn is sold out. We have added an additional hotel Fairfield Inn & Suites Columbus Polaris 9000 Worthington Road · Columbus, Ohio 43082 Phone 1-614-568-0770? Rates: \$99 per night, plus tax Room types: Standard Queen (2 beds) or King Suite (1 bed, 1 sofa bed, mini-fridge, microwave, 2 LCD TVs, iHome Stereo) FREE HOT BREAKFAST!

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Kissing Chickens?

“Numerous salmonella cases in the USA appear to be linked to people being in close contact with their backyard chickens. By the middle of May, over 60 people in 23 states had been effected. . . A hatchery in Ohio that sells chicks to many different retailers in several states has been identified as the source

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Arkansas District Fair Poultry Show will celebrate 25 years! We want you to be apart of this show . . . so take care of your birds this summer and plan to be in Pine Bluff!

Judges

Mr. Pat Malone from Fort Worth, Texas will serve as our Judge for the Open Show. He has been a true friend over the years to the Arkansas folks and will find the best birds in the barn no doubt! He works extremely hard for the APA; and we are excited to have him back with us for this show!

Mr. Joshua Flees from the University of Arkansas (Fayetteville) Poultry Science Department has been invited to serve as Junior Show and Junior Showmanship Judge. Josh comes from the great state of Wisconsin; and has a keen eye for poultry! He has earned his stripes as a breeder and exhibitor! Hopefully his school schedule will allow him to be with us!

I truly hope this information will help you this summer in keeping your birds in condition . . . healthy . . . and show-ready! We want to have a great show on October 2nd . . . and we want you to be with us!

Until the next email . . . may you enjoy watching your birds grow and mature into “show-stoppers!”

Your Friend,
Lewis Hinkle

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of the outbreak.

Many of the people who became ill admitted they had close contact with live poultry . . . Some people even brought their birds into their houses and admitted to kissing their chickens like pets!” *Exerpt from” Salmonella, World Focus, International Poultry Production, Volume 22, #4 (2014)*

APA-ABA YOUTH POULTRY CLUB NEWS

Dear Members,

I want to take up a little space to thank all of you kids and parents for being so great about participating in your newsletter. I am always so pleased when I get information from you to broadcast all over the country.

It’s really great to see how well you are doing in the showroom with your favorite breed of chickens, ducks, geese, etc. All of know you work hard and you’re doing a great job.

I want to pass on a special notice to you members. At every show I have attended in person so far this year and watched the show club hand out showmanship awards.....GUESS WHO HAS WON at every show. Members of the APA-ABA Youth Club. Boy, is that ever something to crow about. I have been bragging to everyone that I can get to listen. I’m so proud of you and our club.

One thing I want to be sure you do. Make sure you put your showmanship placing in your record books in the education section. You learn something in every competition you enter and you are also proving your knowledge about poultry in general not only your specific breed.

Some clubs are still learning about our sanctioning showmanship so you can earn points. If the show you attend isn’t sanctioned you can ask them if they know they can do this and tell them to check with us on how it works or even refer them to our website for information. I’ve had a few emails this month asking how the sanctioning works so this has proven to me that when you or your parents bring up the subject the shows are being made aware there is such a program out there for them as well as for you.

Keep up the good work so we still have these bragging rights and you can earn points if the showmanship competition is sanctioned.

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Chickens in Suburbia

By Diana Engelbart

Ever since my grandmother served me a fresh egg on the morning of my brother's birth, I have thought about raising chickens. Store bought eggs just don't have the same flavor.

I grew up with certain values and family stories that included self sufficiency. My grandmother had a deep influence. Although that egg on my brother's birthday came from grandma's backyard in suburban Long Island, grandma supplemented her income during the Great Depression by raising vegetables and chickens on the roof or her tenement in Manhattan. She was such an inspiration in so many ways. But I was on my own and trying to hold my own in corporate America. Then I became disabled.

I went back to school, earned another degree and then taught. Unfortunately, I did so well, that the college I was teaching at paid me more than what disability would allow me to earn, so I had to quit. Then one Earth Day, I went to a celebration that was being held at the University of Massachusetts Medical School, not far from my home. One of the vendors was a local CSA and they had a variety of products for sale, including blue eggs.

Wow! Blue eggs!!! My favorite color is blue. I bought a dozen and they were just like I remembered that egg Grandma served to me so many years ago. Since I was at loose ends, I thought; why not raise some hens that would give me blue eggs? I asked the farmer what kind of chicken lays blue eggs and she said, "Araucana". She was wrong. She had Easter Eggers. With visions of blue eggs dancing in my mind, I searched Google for Araucana. Then I found out that you could show them. I had shown cats for many years, so I decided to give the Araucana a whirl.

What followed was a study in how *not* to raise chickens in the suburbs. I started by buying young pairs. It was late fall and I didn't have the proper facilities, so I thought I'd keep them indoors over the winter. I still had plenty of cages from my cat breeding days and I took over two of the three bedrooms in the house. I had also attended my first poultry show and came home with two dozen fertilized eggs.

My husband, Carl, and I waited with eager anticipation that escalated exponentially as the eggs began to pip. Carl was probably more excited than I to see the babies hatch. The next two mornings he'd bring me a cup of coffee along with the morning's headcount of baby chicks. In all, 18 of the 24 eggs hatched. The chicks included Easter Eggers, Lavender Orpingtons, and one Araucana,

which unfortunately died in the shell.

All winter we watched as our chicks grew, went through the baby uglies, and then feathered into beauties. The Araucana that I had purchased were growing too and were so lovely. By March it was abundantly clear that we had 12 roosters. Carl decided that they weren't so cute after all. 12 crowing birds right next to our bedroom. I ignored them, but my husband went bonkers. I purchased several small coops with runs and we moved the youngsters into our backyard. The neighbors were not impressed. The Board of Health ordered me to get the roosters out. So begins the story of the moveable flock.

Next step -- A friend of mine owned a farm and said that I could house my chickens there. Yippee! Another friend helped me move the coops up to the farm and we settled them into a little pasture. I would go up to the farm twice a day to tend to the birds and all was well. Unfortunately, my friend's farm business was in bankruptcy and the farm was soon sold. I hadn't been too worried about that because I had discussed the chickens with the new buyer way in advance and he had assured me that the chickens could stay. As it turned out, things didn't happen that way. The day that he closed on the farm, he evicted me. Since the new owner is the town's Police Chief, I wasn't going to argue. I placed an ad and rehomed all of the non-Araucana, including all roosters but one. Everyone else came home.

As my flock of hens was growing, I added two roosters and got another order from the Board of Health with not much time to comply. The roosters got stashed at the vet clinic where I work until I could figure out a solution. The vet I work for owns a 5 acre property nearby that is a dormant farm. He allowed me to move the flock there. Chickens on a farm. No problem? Problem -- I received the same noise complaints as before. I ran around pulling together the paperwork that I *thought* I needed to declare that the property was once again in use as a farm. I had received guidance from the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Foundation, so I thought I was set. I wasn't. The nice people at the Farm Bureau had given me incomplete information. Now, I had to get the roosters off *that* property.

Ironically, when I bought my house 30 years ago, I did so with raising chickens in mind. A neighbor across the street had chickens (including roosters) and sheep on his

property at the time. When I bought my house, I asked if it was allowable to have chickens. I was told yes and that the land was zoned agricultural. In point of fact, you can have any sort of critter on your property as long as the neighbors don't complain about noise or smells. Just a few blocks away someone has hens and roosters, but the neighbors don't complain. But, next to the little 5 acre farm is a yuppie neighborhood and they *do* complain.

There is an exclusion under Massachusetts General Law that allows for noise and smells from a farm. The problem is that it has to be a commercial farm and the law is hazy as to what comprises a commercial farm. One of the guideline used, and used improperly, is Chapter 61A under Massachusetts General Law. Chapter 61A allows for a reduction in property tax for farms. Until recently, the minimum size for a farm to qualify for this tax break was 5 acres. Recently, the Commonwealth of Massachusetts allowed communities to adopt a "right-to-farm" bylaw. Under this bylaw, the minimum farm acreage required to qualify for the tax break is 2 acres. My town actually adopted the bylaw but not everyone in the town offices knows that or knows what it means. What gets people confused is that a farm does not need to declare Chapter 61A in order for it to be a farm. In fact, Massachusetts law simply states that a farm is a place where agricultural activities are carried out.

This should be simple. Ha! Despite the fact that I was on acreage that would qualify for Chapter 61A and was performing agricultural activities and had a business certificate, my activities are not considered as being a **commercial** farm. What's a commercial farm? Good question and there is no clear definition. The farm has to have documented receipts showing a level of income. That level of income is not clearly defined under the law. Since I'm just starting out, my only income is from table eggs that I sell and I sell a negligible volume, just enough to cover feed. I haven't sold any chicks yet, so there is no income from that. If I had a business plan, I might be able to get away with being considered a commercial farm, but not knowing what the income targets are, writing a plan to meet those targets would be shot in the dark. Obviously, there's more investigation that needs doing. I wonder if Massachusetts recognizes subsistence farms? Massachusetts seems to recognize small urban farms on va-

"Having to dig into the vagaries of Massachusetts General Law is really quite burdensome. I would like to make that point. The town has given me bad advice. The farm bureau has given me bad advice. Now I am going to spend time I do not have to try to unravel all the bad advice that I've been given. I feel that this is an important point," Diana Engelbart

cant lots, so what is the difference been a city lot and a suburban lot?

More research and more information is needed. In my "copious" free time. I'll have to investigate more with the Farm Bureau. I'm going to try to attend the Northeastern Organic Farming Association's (NOFA) summer conference in August to get better armed. I've been to the conference before and it is a ton of fun. I do urge anyone from New England, New York, New Jersey and Pennsylvania to give it a try.

As for me, I will try to attend the Summer Conference and I plan to follow with both the Massachusetts Department of Agricultural Resources and the Massachusetts Farm Bureau Federation. I write another article in late August and share what I find out.

The Dorking Cockerel

By Christine Heinrichs

A new booklet on Dorkings comes to us from the Dorking Museum in Dorking, Surrey: The Dorking Cockerel. It's written by David Burton, who recently joined the museum's staff. He found an old booklet and decided to update it.

I ordered one through Amazon UK and it arrived promptly. It's delightful. David includes interesting tidbits of Dorking history, such as the fact that Edward Lear included references to "milk-white hens of Dorking" in his nonsense song, The Courtship of

The Dorking Cockerel



Yonghy-Bonghy-Bo in 1877.

Lots of great illustrations, including a page of various emblems and badges which feature the Dorking. All poultry fanciers, especially those who hold the Dorking in a special place, will want a copy.

David explains how he came to write the booklet: "Even though we kept chickens when we first moved to the area many years ago, it was only quite recently that I became aware of the international renown of the local breed, the Dorking.

"Helping out with a few things in preparation for the Museum's re-opening in autumn, I (got) volunteered to give a bit of a face-lift to a leaflet on The Dorking Cock. The original, a 4-pager produced in 1985 by the Local History Group, was now looking rather dated. I spent some time in the Museum's archive, followed up Mary Day's research and the references from the 1985 leaflet, then got phoning and Googling – and got hooked!

"What resulted is now a 20-page booklet, with much new material and extensive illustrations, updating the story of the Dorking Cock – not just the breed but its place in the history of the town. It starts with the origins of 'the five-claw'd-un', dating back to Roman times and the 1st century writings of Columella. Its reputation for quality grew across the centuries. By the 17th century, Dorking was "the greatest Market for Poultry in England" and Dorkings had travelled with the early settlers to America."

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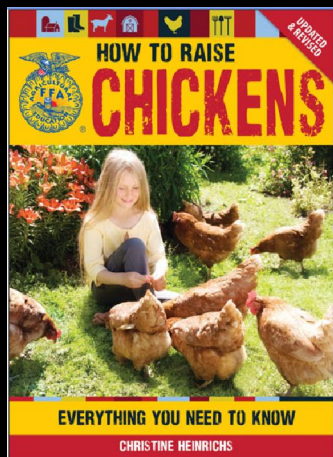


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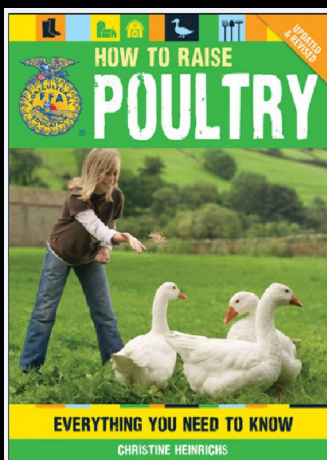
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