



Canadian Heritage Breeds

September 2018

2018 BOARD OF DIRECTORS

As of October 30, 2018, Canadian Heritage Breeds will have reached its 8th Anniversary! During that time, CHB's mission and mandate have not wavered. CHB is about preservation of genetic diversity, heritage breeds, networking, social gatherings, education, breed conservation, and fun.

Each year, CHB offers events and resources including shows, seminars, breed displays, social gatherings and other smaller events. Most years are a blend of first-time events and as we try new ideas mixed with some tried-and-true events that have been great a success in the past. In 2018, CHB hosted its first ever sanctioned dairy goat show in conjunction with Edmonton K-Day in July. Fall 2018 will mark the 8th Annual Fall Poultry Show; an event that, since the beginning, has been CHB's largest and most widely-loved annual activity. As is our custom, the Fall Show will also be the venue for the Annual General Meeting which all members are encouraged to attend.

Canadian Heritage Breeds mission and mandate remain clear but, as a relatively small club, there is plenty of flexibility on how those goals are achieved! As with any volunteer organization, financial resources and member involvement are always the most significant challenges. We sincerely thank those who have contributed to CHB by becoming a 2018 member and a special thank you to those members who have, or will be, volunteering the help with one or more events. We look forward to seeing many of you at this year's Fall Show and AGM and, as always, are open to your ideas and feedback!

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About CHB

What We Do

Our mandate is "Conservation through Education".

Shows: Every year CHB organizes at least two poultry shows and has more recently begun to host dairy goat shows. Poultry and livestock shows are an excellent public forum to showcase and promote the dazzling and diverse assortment of chickens, turkeys, geese and ducks, as well as several breeds of goats. These exhibits also provide opportunities for people interested in breeding to connect one-on-one with top breeders.

Information: We compile and distribute quarterly newsletters to inform and inspire members. We conduct interviews with successful breeders to facilitate the sharing of their valuable knowledge and the insights they have gained through experience. CHB offers social media resources and networking opportunities to anyone interested in learning more and connecting with others in the world of heritage livestock.

Support: CHB strives to encourage and support heritage breed advocates through educational seminars and hands-on workshops. Our members provide youth and family mentoring, and we partner with other



organizations such as agricultural societies and 4-H to lend our support to their members and programs.

Promotion: We present displays of animals and printed materials at public venues to demonstrate the diversity of heritage breeds to both urban and rural people.



Why Is This Important?

- * Heritage livestock and poultry are the perfect alternative for non-commercial farmers and families interested in self-sustainable alternatives
- * These animals allow producers to capitalize on unique and niche markets
- * Protecting genetic resources and survival traits is a crucial strategy for ensuring future food supplies
- * Heritage breeds are a living link to our agricultural history and culture
- * Traditional livestock breeds are rapidly disappearing from the rural North American landscape, but keeping a current census of numbers is difficult. Some are on the verge of extinction and are in desperate need of saving.

CHB 2019 Membership

The members of CHB vary from enthusiasts who are first-time urban coop owners to farmers with decades of experience raising heritage breed animals. We welcome people of all ages, from youth as young as 6 years old to seniors who have now retired but still love to attend events or read the newsletters. Although CHB is based in Central Alberta we aim to create a resource not just in Alberta, but for those across Canada and even worldwide. A common enjoyment and appreciation of heritage breed animals is the tie that binds!



Many people may not know that members are also covered by CHB's Liability Insurance. Should someone be injured, or there be damage to a venue or property during any CHB event, both CHB and its members are protected. This coverage extends to any CHB events that are hosted by our members including, for example, an event held at your farm should you choose to host one! Although insurance is costly, it is essential in today's world and allows us to focus on the most important part of any CHB event, having fun!

Members are also essential to CHB financially. Although without the generous support of sponsors such as Peavey Mart CHB would not be able to host events such as the Annual Fall Poultry Show, it important to recognize that member fees represent the second most important financial contribution to the club.

With all of this in mind, the **2019 CHB membership fee will increase to \$20 per year**. Memberships purchased after October 1st of a calendar year will be valid until the end of the next calendar year so there is good value for new members purchasing a CHB membership until the end of 2018!

We sincerely hope all CHB members can benefit from being a part of the club and will support CHB through 2019 and beyond!

You can advertise in the CHB Newsletters!

Ad pricing:

Full Page \$40.00 (8.5 x 11)
1/4 page or business card
\$20.00

Contact us to submit your ad, or for more info:

canadianheritagebreeds@gmail.com

Become a Member

- Quarterly Newsletters and access to the Members Only area of the website
- Discounts or free access to select CHB Events
- Advertising opportunities
- The satisfaction of contributing to a great organization with lots of opportunities to become involved!

Register online today! Canadian Heritage Breeds is a Registered Non-Profit Society.

2018 AGM Announcement

When: Friday, November 2, 2018 @ 6:30PM

Where: Olds Cow Palace, 51116 54 St, Olds, AB T4H 1P5

The 2018 Canadian Heritage Breeds AGM will once again be held in conjunction with the Annual Fall Show.

Each year the Board of Directors of CHB strives to focus on events and activities that align closely with CHB's mission and are of the highest value to our members. Your ideas, support and involvement as a member of CHB are key so please join us at the AGM and help shape CHB's future!



*Thank you to Peavey Mart for your ongoing support of
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Junior Showmanship

The Junior Showmanship competition has quickly become a highlight of CHB shows, for both participants and spectators alike! It is a chance for the kids to be in the spotlight as they demonstrate their poultry knowledge and handling ability. This competition is open to anyone from 5 to 17 years of age. There are no entry fees or costs involved.



General Information:

Showmanship competitors are not required to have birds entered into the regular Junior Show classes. Birds used for Showmanship do not need to adhere closely to breed standards, as required in the general poultry show classes. Contestants are not judged on the conformation of the bird, but on his/her breed knowledge and ability to show their bird to its best advantage. The bird should be in "show condition" meaning clean, healthy, well-feathered, and free from external parasites.

Scoring:

Scores will be tallied out of a possible total score of 100 points using a standard score card. Ribbons will be awarded to competitors with the highest total score achieved in the following categories:

Handling: Contestants will be judged according to their ability to hold and handle their bird with skill and confidence. This will be demonstrated to the judge by correctly removing the bird from the cage, examining the anatomy of the bird (i.e.: beak, toes, wings, keel) and returning the bird to the cage.

Knowledge Testing: CHB will follow the guidelines set out by Youth Exhibition Poultry Association (YEPA) at the Junior Level. [Please refer to this sheet for sample questions.](#)

Walking: Contestants will walk their bird the length of a table to show their ability to control and maneuver the bird with a minimum of coaxing. Contestant may decline to participate in this test and will forfeit those points for doing so.

Contestants are asked to dress neatly, be attentive, courteous and remain professional throughout the competition.

Junior showmanship is a fun way for kids to be actively involved in poultry shows. If you have a child who would like to take part in Showmanship at the 2018 fall show, you can use the online entry form on the CHB website to register them ahead, or simply let us know on the day of the show. Stop by the show secretary's "office area" to leave your children's names and find out when and where to meet.



The following article was written by Maria Johnson, Published: May 24, 2018 in The Western Producer. Chris is an active and supportive member of Canadian Heritage Breeds.



[photo credit: Maria Johnson] On the Farm: Chris Grab started with the Nigerian Dwarf breed in 1997 and later added registered Nubians to her flock

LEDUC, Alta. — Chris Grab enters her goat pen and is quickly surrounded by a welcoming committee of does and kids. The rambunctious Nigerian Dwarfs and larger, lop-eared Nubians rub and nudge for attention. They are personable, entertaining and friendly.

Grab, who raises and sells the miniature breed as well as the larger Nubian goats on her and husband Rudy's 80-acre farm, Country Magic, near Leduc, scratches and pats many of them, addressing each by name. There's Espresso and Lil Latte, full sister Nigerian Dwarf goats, and also the Nubians, Faith and Auzzie.

"My grandkids name a lot of them," she says, adding that her farm has playfully become known as "Nana Camp."

Adjoining the outdoor enclosure, the goats have an indoor space using a portion of the 39 by 45 foot metal barn. The area houses a couple picnic tables, a multi-coloured playhouse with slide, and a brilliant orange bristle scratching post. Grab repeats a comment she often hears from others: "Your goats have a better playground than most children."

The goats are mainly her project, but she says Rudy supports her and helps with fencing, repairs and maintenance.

She has 28 Nigerian Dwarf and 10 Nubian does. Counting kids and bucks, the herd numbers more than 70 animals. "It's nice to have two breeds," says Grab. "Some people want the larger dairy goats."

She says it's often difficult deciding on which goats to part with because they are such quality animals, and she becomes attached. Six bucks inhabit a separate pasture.

Chris Grab keeps a few feathered friends on her Country Magic farm, including a small flock of silver laced Wyandotte bantams.

Grab is looking into buying another two Nigerian Dwarf bucks from Ontario once they are old enough to travel at about 12 weeks, as well as a new Nubian buck.

She started with the Nigerian Dwarf breed in 1997, a decade after it was first registered in Canada. She brought in the registered Nubians later.

Grab has become known over the years for her quality stock, which she considers to be a source of personal pride. She sells to other registered breeders, acreage owners and 4-H members. Goats from Country Magic can be found throughout Western Canada and in Ontario.

At Country Magic, they use locally grown feed with a high alfalfa content. They buy some and some is grown in a crop-share arrangement from 40 acres the Grabs rent to a neighbour.

Grab shares information on each breed. The Nubians are a large, graceful, even-tempered dairy goat. She points out their most distinguishing characteristics, which are their large, pendulous ears and convex Roman nose.

Grab's appreciation for the Nigerian Dwarf, also referred to as knee-high goats, lies in that breed's long list of good qualities, she says. In addition to their engaging personalities, she says they give an abundance of milk, are hardy animals that come in a variety of colours, are inexpensive to feed and convert feed efficiently.

"They're a hot commodity right now because you get a lot for the small package. Their compact size makes them easy to handle. They are absolutely hands-down my most favourite animal."

It is possible to milk throughout the year, but Grab does so only periodically, using the creamy high butterfat milk from

both breeds for personal cheese making. She and Rudy are not milk drinkers, but she says others like it due to its nutty flavour and being more easily digestible than cow milk. Goat milk also provides an optional ingredient in another of Grab's pursuits; soap making, which she's been doing for more than 25 years.

"There's something magical about taking a caustic substance and blending it with oils and scents to create something good for your skin. The goat milk soap makes a creamy, luxurious bar that is very moisturizing".

The farm also provides a home for two miniature donkeys, two horses, a llama, some chickens, ducks, quail, cats, and two purebred Maremma guardian dogs. Coyotes and foxes are the most common predator.

"We're well-fenced here, but in the past they have dug in. We haven't had a problem since we've had the dogs".

Chris and Rudy are both retired educators. They've transferred to various locations throughout Alberta while working in their careers for almost 40 years. They've primarily lived on acreages to accommodate Grab's love of the farm lifestyle, which began when she was raised at Bluffton, an hour southwest of their current farm. They choose Leduc in central Alberta 12 years ago when she was six years from retirement. They wanted to be close to a large centre but within driving distance from their three children and seven grandchildren at Leduc, Red Deer, and Calgary.



[photo above] Chris, the exhibitor on the far left, at the CHB Dairy Goat show in Edmonton, July 2018. This is the Sr Nigerian doeling class - kids born between Jan and Mar 2018. The doeling Chris is holding, Country Magic Espresso, now belongs to her granddaughter, Tanehya who is also included in this picture with her other doeling, Country Magic Lil Latte. This show has inspired Tanehya to start with her own registered goats under the herd name Country Charm.



[Above:] a couple of 2018 kids peeking out of the dog house



[Above] Country Magic Miss Molly who was Grand Champion in both show rings at the CHB Northlands show this summer.

New From Rare Breeds Canada

Do You Know Your Goat History?: Part 2 Nubians

by Rebecca Lange

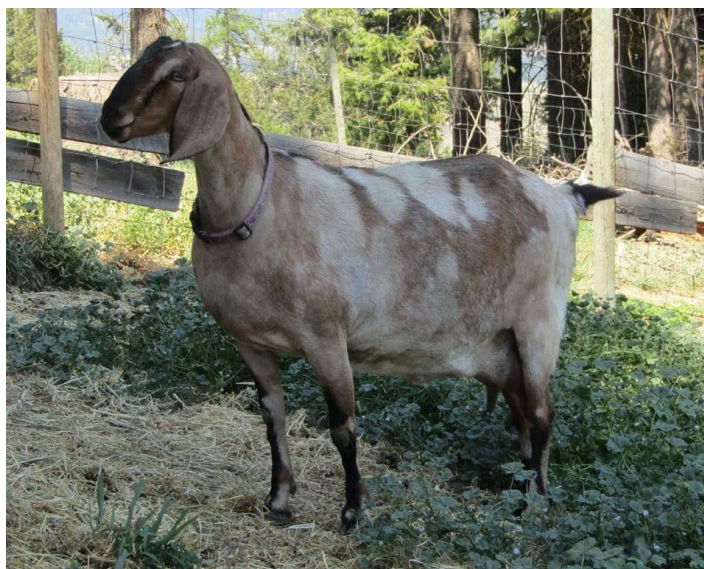
Dairy goats are part of Canada's agricultural heritage, in particular the Nubian, Saanen and Toggenburg breeds represented the earliest days of the development of purebred dairy goats in this country.

Nubians

"The Nubian (really the Anglo Nubian as we know it) is the product of crossing between goats imported from Asia into England and the native English goat. They are large goats entirely of a different build from the Swiss breeds, their chief characteristics being the Roman nose and long pendulous ears. Though these goats in India are known to yield 8 and 10 quarts daily, in this country they have not equalled the Swiss breeds on the average; their handsome appearance with their varied colouring and short coats makes them great favourites." Stated a British Columbia Department of Agriculture Bulletin in 1918.



Nubian Doe Garden Gate Canadian Crystal - Photo Courtesy of Carol DuMont, Garden Gate Nubians, Bridesville, BC



Nubian Doe Garden Gate Siren's Song - Photo Courtesy of Carol DuMont of Garden Gate Nubians, Bridesville, BC

A tentative set of standards described in the British Columbia bulletin; that the Nubian breed should have distinct characteristics; quite separate from the Swiss breeds.

1. Nubians had to exhibit a Roman nose; and large and heavy drooping ears.
2. Fully mature bucks were supposed to weigh no less than 175-200lbs and does in good breeding condition were expected to be from 140-170lbs.
3. Hair on the Nubian is described as being to standard when medium, fine and short; although a heavier coat was allowable for bucks.
4. The body had to be "well proportioned with shoulders so placed as to give a deep wide chest and full heart girth; strong straight back; ribs well sprung and wide apart; hips wide apart and level; rump long and wide; pin bones high, wide and apart."

The First Registered Nubians

Nubians are the second breed to be entered into the Canadian Goat Society herd book - to meet the requirements for entry into the record; they had to meet the following criteria:

1. Animals recorded as pure-bred in the general section of the British Goat Society Herd Book.
2. Animals recorded as pure-bred Nubian in the American Milk Goat Record.

3. Animals whose sires and dams are recorded in the Nubian section of the Canadian National Record for Goats.
4. Foundation Stock: Animals worthy of registration if inspected and passed by a competent inspector approved by the Dominion Livestock Records Commissioner.

Quite fittingly it is Burnaby Goldie (born on May 4th 1913) a female inspected Nubian that makes the first entry for Nubians in Canada. The Burnaby herd was absolutely dominant during the early development of the breed. D. Mowat, from McKay, British Columbia owned the herd; he frequently imported purebred males and females from the United Kingdom and his goats were also sold throughout Canada - including to the Dominion Livestock Commissioner in Ottawa. It is also a buck owned by Mowat who is the first listed pure male in the herd book - Edenbreck Cyrus (born on January 25th 1917) who came all the way from Edenbreck in Lancaster, England.

Edenbreck Cyrus was eventually sold into California, where he went on to sire Spring Beauty; the first Nubian to be awarded AR status. Mowat, also imported the equally influential buck Harborough Volunteer - Volunteer went on to sire many Nubians. In one year Mowat brought in 10 Nubians from the Garrochty, Rushmere, Sedberge and Edenbreck herds. Rushmere Mimi included a line from the well known Theydon herd. The Theydon herd was established in England, by a Miss Pelly. Her goats were bred to be high yielding and have good butterfats too and are credited with being highly important to the establishment of the Anglo-Nubian. There is no doubt that without the Burnaby herd and Mowat's obvious admiration of the breed; Nubians would have had much smaller beginnings.

The first ever Nubian female to be recorded in Canada as a result of having both parents entered into CGS records is Clara. Clara was born on March 19th 1918, in Kingsville, Ontario and was owned by Reginald B. Samuel. Her sire was Kitchener and dam Jersey. Once again the Burnaby

herd takes another honour of having the first male recorded: Burnaby Venicio was born on April 23th 1918, sired by Harborough Volunteer and born to Sadberge Plover.



Nubian Doe Givernay Silverette, bred and owned by Adam Scanlan

Nubians were a favourite in British Columbia and Ontario, with breeders throughout each province. However; there were also herds in Winnipeg, Manitoba, North Battleford, Saskatchewan and Strathmore, Alberta. A steady number of registrations meant that by 1923, 195 grade and purebred Nubians had been entered into CGS records.

In 2009, Nubians as they have been for many years were once again placed on Rare Breeds Canada's conservation list and are designated as "At Risk".

With thanks to Sharon Hunt, General Manager of the Canadian Goat Society for the use of the original CGS Herd Record Book, which was invaluable in writing these accounts.

K Days Poultry Show 2018 Recap

This was the first year the Canadian Heritage Breeds partnered with Northlands in Edmonton to be part of the annual K Days Fair. The poultry were housed in a gorgeous climate controlled hall in the Expo Centre and were front and centre in the agricultural area. Despite being the most Northerly show in Canada, temperatures were in the thirties each day, so we were very grateful that the facilities kept both the exhibitors and birds cool over the course of the weekend.

The show was judged by Bryan Shelton of Manitoba and was attended by both new and seasoned exhibitors from across the province. The condition and quality of the birds was impressive considering the time of the year and really did a fantastic job of showcasing the fancy to the attending public. As part of a big fair in a big city, this show was a big draw for the public. It is estimated that around 10,000 people passed through the hall over the course of the weekend. It is great to be getting this sort of exposure for the fancy, and particularly in such a large urban centre that is often far removed from agriculture and rural pursuits.

The CHB Junior program continued this year and we had a strong showing in the Junior Showmanship with some keen young exhibitors sharing their knowledge and bird handling abilities. The open show was won by C-R Ducks with a very nice Black Cochon Cockerel. Thank you to all the exhibitors who made this show a success and to Northlands for having us as part of such a great event! Looking forward to being back and bigger next year.



Grand Champion of Show, Black Cochon Bantam Cocker, C-R Ducks

Show Results

Large Fowl

Champion American, Buckeye Cock, Crystal McKinnon
Champion Asiatic, White Langshan Hen, Callum McLeod
Champion English, Black Orpington Hen, Kris Skeels
Champion Mediterranean, SC Silver Leghorn Hen, C-R Ducks
Champion Continental, Mottled Houdan Hen, Bruce & Samantha Christopher
Champion Large Chicken, Black Orpington Hen, Kris Skeels
Reserve Champion Large Chicken, Buckeye Cock, Crystal McKinnon

Bantams

Champion Game, Black Old English Game Bantam Cock, C-R Ducks
Champion SCCL, White Plymouth Rock Bantam Hen, MC Squared
Champion RCCL, Black Wyandotte Bantam Hen, MC Squared
Champion AOCCL, Wheaten Ko Shamo Hen, Callum McLeod
Champion Featherleg, Black Cochon Bantam Cock, C-R Ducks

Champion Bantam, Black Cochon Bantam Cock, C-R Ducks
Reserve Bantam, White Plymouth Rocks Bantam Hen, MC Squared

Champion Turkey, Narragansett Hen, Mountain View Ranches

Champion Guinea Fowl, Pearl Pullet, Mountain View Ranches

Champion Landfowl, Black Cochon Bantam Cock, C-R Ducks
Reserve Landfowl, Black Orpington Hen, Kris Skeels

Champion Goose, Brown Chinese Old Gander, Ashley Tuckwood

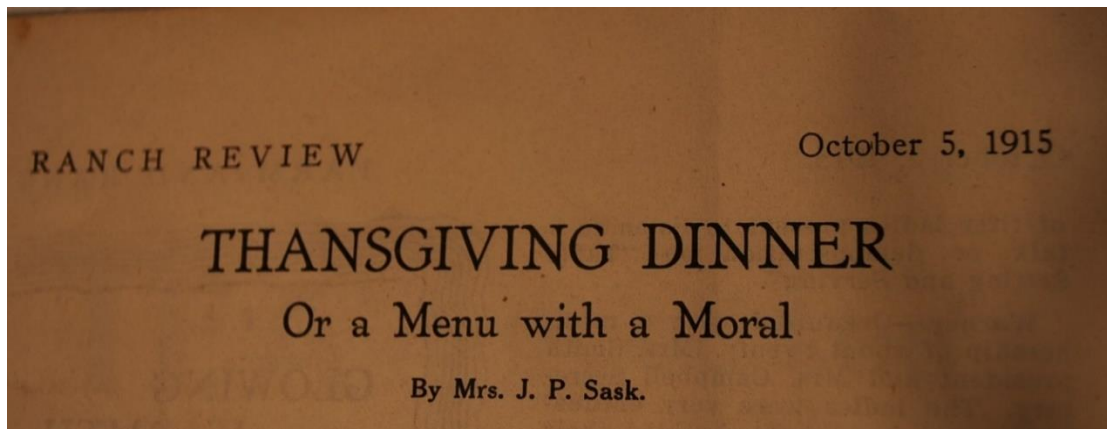
Champion Duck, Saxony Old Drake, Robyn Andersen

Champion Waterfowl, Saxony Old Drake, Robyn Andersen

Grand Champion, Black Cochon Bantam Cock, C-R Ducks
Reserve Grand Champion, Black Orpington Hen, Kris Skeels

From Inside the Trunk...

By Kathy Stevenson



When I opened my letter and found that the wealthy Mr. and Mrs. Norris of Newport were coming to have their Thanksgiving dinner on our farm, we were very much excited and just a little worried about it.

There were several reasons for our worry. First of all, Norises are Dorothy's parents-in-law who have conscientiously snobbed their youngest son, Dorothy's husband, for leaving a law practice in order to raise hogs.

Of course we wanted to make them comfortable and happy being guests, but at the same time we were anxious to show them that living in the country has its compensations too.

At least we think so. We planned lots and lots of things to amuse them and entertain them and it must be confessed to surprise them, too.

I said, "Now Dorothy they can get fashionable foreign dinners in Newport or wherever they please, so let's try to give them something different. How would a real old-fashioned country Thanksgiving dinner be? Don't let's have it too fussy, nor too hard to cook or serve, but let's have it so good they'll be begging to come back next year.

"What do you think of my plans?" "What do I think of it?" echoed Dorothy. "I think it's splendid." Dorothy's one fault consists in believing me quite perfect in my opinions and judgments. However, acting on my suggestion we planned a menu that left out all the frills and contained all the good old substantial dishes that have made Thanksgiving dinners famous for too hundred years.

Old Fashioned S...



MENU

Oyster Soup	Salted Almonds
Celery Hearts	Roast Turkey
Brown Gravy, Bread Stuffing	Mashed Potatoes
Creamed Carrots	Sweet Potatoes
Mashed Turnips	Cranberry Sauce
Cold Slaw	Hot Biscuits
Pumpkin Pie	Vanilla Ice Cream
Coffee	Devil's Food Cake
Cheese	Nuts
Crackers	Raisins

It took some time for us to decide just what kind of cake to serve, but finally determined it must be a devil's food cake, as Mr. Norris is very fond of chocolate and I was to make it.

October 5, 1915.

FARM AND RANCH REVIEW

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PICK BREEDERS NOW.

Money is to be made by the selection at this time of foundation poultry stock for next year, says N. E. Chapman of the University of Minnesota.

Mr. Chapman lays down several rules that have been worked out by practical poultrymen. They are as follows:

Breeders should be mature, vigorous, healthy, good layers, and as good specimens of their breed as can be selected.

Two-year old hens should be used rather than pullets.

Hens that are often off feed, dumpish, subject to colds, or have been through some infectious disease should not be used as breeders, but hens that are alert, active, happy and good feeders.

Breeders should have all the marks of high producers: Short strong

beak; rather narrow head; big bright eyes; soft prominent comb, ear lobes, and wattels of bright color; medium neck with full hackle; V-shaped body from top, side, and rear; long, broad back; deep body; close feathers; tall carried rather high; with legs rather short and well-spread giving large space between the pelvic bones. Hens that are not often broody, and that moult latest in the season are the best layers, and in yellow leg varieties, those that lose the color from their shanks.

One should have a supply of leg bands and mark the most promising of his flock from time to time, and then he should keep selecting until the choicest ones are known and banded. These, mated with male birds from high-producing mothers of some standard breed, will result in a profitable flock for city lot or farm.

SUCCESS WITH DUCKS

If you have ever tried this branch of poultry raising and failed it will be safe to say that it would be difficult to convince you that ducks are easy to raise.

Perhaps it is also safe to say that not more than one person in every thousand who raises poultry thoroughly understands the care of ducks.

Few stay with the business long enough to learn. And yet they are easy to raise when one knows how. In fact they are much easier to raise than either chickens or turkeys. They grow more rapidly and when properly cared for are free from disease, which I consider very much in their favor.

To begin at the beginning, it is necessary to have fresh fertile eggs to start with. Duck eggs will not endure much rough handling. If they are shipped during warm weather

there is not so good a chance to secure a good hatch, besides when a duck egg is ten days old it has reached the age limit, so far as hatching is concerned.

The eggs are thin shelled and therefore easy to test, we test all our eggs no matter how they are being hatched. Duck eggs can be hatched in incubators just as well as by the ducks themselves or by chicken hens. When the eggs are tested there is no excuse for allowing a hen to set on a lot of infertile eggs for several weeks. When these are removed it gives the others a better chance. Be careful in doing the work as it is very difficult for a beginner to tell whether an egg is good or bad at a certain stage of incubation, a perfectly good duck egg presents a rather queer appearance to the novice. When held before a strong light the shell appears to be nearly half empty.

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