

cockerel, the face is almost certain to become white with age. The ear-lobe should be full, smooth, and well tucked in all round, especially at their junction with the wattles.

In the points named lie the principal difficulties in breeding exhibition Leghorns. The plumage is greatly influenced by the feed and exposure. Birds that are exposed to the sunshine when moulting will generally acquire a yellowish tinge.

Giving size a place in the scale of points we think was very necessary, and was not added any too soon, as Leghorns were rapidly depreciating in weight. Size is well placed on them, as no variety show it off to greater advantage. The cock should weigh 6½ to 7 pounds, and the hen 4½ to 5 pounds.

As to their laying qualities we consider them second to none. They commence to lay when very young. We have had March chickens laying early in July. In fact they can be made to lay all the year round, except when moulting, if they are properly fed and warmly housed in winter. They are great feeders, but will give ample returns for all they receive. Their eggs are a pure chalky white, rather over average size, and of uniform shape.

As a table fowl we cannot say one word in their favor. One writer has said he would as soon eat a crow as a Leghorn of any variety. We would not go so far as that, but, compared with the Dorking, LaFleche, and Game, their flesh is dark, dry, and unsavory. They are egg producers, and as such stand unequalled.

They are naturally shy, but can be made great pets by a little careful management. An eight foot fence will generally restrain them if accustomed to confinement.

Their eggs generally hatch well, and the chicks grow perceptibly every day. At five or six weeks old the little fellows will begin to try to crow: often going through all the operations in dumb show for some time before they can give it voice. Their antics at this age are very amusing.

As the description in the *Standard of Excellence* is short, we will give it in full.

D QUALIFICATIONS.

Comb, falling over to either side or twisted in cocks, or pricked or duplicate in hens; red earlobes; legs other than yellow; plumage other than white, or with colored feathers in any part thereof; crooked backs; wry tails.

THE COCK.

HEAD: Short and deep; color, pure white.—Beak, yellow, rather long and stout.—Eyes, full and bright.—Face, red, and free from wrinkles or folds.

COMB: Red, of medium size, erect, firmly fixed on the head, single, straight, deeply serrated, (having but five or six points—five preferred) extending

well over the back of the head, and free from twists side-sprigs, or excrescences.

EAR-LOBES AND WATTLES: Ear-lobes, white or creamy-white, fitting close to the head, and rather pendant, smooth and thin, and free from folds or wrinkles.—Wattles, red, long and pendulous.

NECK:—Long, well arched, the hackle abundant, and flowing well over the shoulders,—color, pure white.

BACK: Of medium length and width—color white, as free as possible from yellowish tinge.

BREAST AND BODY: Breast, full, round, and carried well forward.—Body, rather broad, but heaviest forward—color, white.

WINGS: Large, and well folded—color, pure white.

TAIL: Large, full, and somewhat expanded, and carried very upright: sickle-feathers, large and well curved; tail-coverts abundant—color, pure white.

LEGS:—Thighs, of medium length, and rather slender; plumage, white: Shanks, long, and, in color, bright yellow.

CARRIAGE:—Upright and proud.

THE HEN.

HEAD: Of medium size; color, white.—Beak, rather long and stout, and, in color, yellow.—Eyes, red, full and bright.—Face, red, and free from wrinkles or folds.

COMB: Red, of medium size, single, drooping to one side, evenly serrated, and free from side-sprigs.

EAR-LOBES AND WATTLES: Ear-lobes, white or creamy-white, fitting close to the head, rather pendant, smooth and thin, and free from folds and wrinkles; Wattles, bright red, thin and well rounded.

NECK: Long and graceful and pure white in color.

BACK: Of medium length, full, and, in color, pure white.

BREAST AND BODY: Breast, full and round, and, in color, pure white: Body, deep, and broader in front than in the rear,—color, white.

WINGS: Long, well folded, and clear white.

TAIL: Upright, full and long, and, in color, pure white.

LEGS: Thighs, of medium length, rather slender, and, in color, white.—Shanks, long and slender, and, in color, bright yellow.

CARRIAGE: Not so upright as that of the cock.

POINTS IN WHITE LEGHORNS.

Symmetry,	10
Size,	10
Condition,	10
Head,	7
Comb,	15
Ear-lobes and Wattles,	15