

Proper Cochín Shape.

To comply with the wish of a gentleman I shall try to make the present cochín form as plain as possible to him, also to the many readers of the ADVERTISER.

The Comb—Should be single, of medium size, low in front, beautifully rounded to the rear and divided into five even handsome points, the centre one being the highest. The notches should be moderately deep. Less than four or more than six points are not desirable. The comb should be firm of fine texture, stout at the base, perfectly erect and straight from point to rear, and free from any wrinkles or side sprigs. In color, bright red. The comb goes far toward the general make-up for beauty in a cochín. A bad comb often spoils the whole appearance. The well rounding of same from front to rear adds much to its beauty, as the square or flat form, either front or rear detracts. The perfect comb as described above sets like a crown on a perfect head.

The Head—Should be carried forward, rather small, medium in skull, flat across the crown, with a slight prominence over the eyes, the cranium well rounded, and the juncture with the neck well defined, deep in the face which should be of fine texture, smooth and bright red, with the cheek-bones high and the dew lap well developed. The head as a whole should look short, and have a neat appearance. A rough coarse head, or a smooth snake-shaped head cannot fill this description. The juncture of the head and neck when well defined, adds great beauty to the bird, as does a well developed dewlap. The flat crown and moderate prominence over the eyes, with a good showing of fine, upright feathers on either side of the comb makes a true Cochín head. A Brahma shaped head is not to be tolerated.

The Eyes—Should be of medium size and mild in expression. The present standard calls for "Bay Eyes." Personally I consider this an error, for such an eye is usually only found in Buff Cochíns that are red in shade of color, or in White Cochíns that have considerable yellow shading. The color of the eyes usually follows the color of the bird. (The first Cochíns imported from China had red eyes and pencilled necks.)

The Wattles—Should be pendant, rather long and well rounded. In texture, fine, smooth, and thin. In color bright red. It is quite important that the wattles and ear-lobes be both fine in texture, and thin, for the reason that the thick, coarse formation will not hang in such graceful folds as the thinner ones.

Ear Lobes—Should be well developed, hanging about two-thirds as low as the wattles, of very fine texture, free from any discoloration which is very objectionable. In color, bright red (Early importations had white ear lobes.) Nothing shows the fineness in texture and the true color of the wattles and earlobes. The described form of same goes far towards the makeup of a beautiful head.

The Neck—Should be short, full, and well proportioned, handsomely carried from rear of head (this curve should begin at the juncture of head and neck) to back.

The Back of the Cochín—Is made up of the shoulders, back, and saddle. The shoulders across just under the hackle should be very broad and flat from point of wing bow, where the wing is well cupped, (full and round) it gives a very broad shoulder. The hackle should almost join the saddle of the male forming a short convex back. The saddle must be convexed from side to side. The sides should be well rounded and the plumage long and profuse, flowing over the tips of the wings. This formation helps to produce the true Cochín tail, when the feathers are long and the under fluff very abundant it forms a cushion about the tail and joins with the lesser sickles and coverts to hide from view the main tail feathers, the whole surmounted by the main sickle feathers that should flow gracefully over all. Now, if any one wishes to see a true Cochín as the above description if they will call at my poultry yard I think I can show them one. Next week if nothing happens, I will say something about Plymouth Rocks.

Yours in the interests of pure bred poultry.

C. W. HURST.

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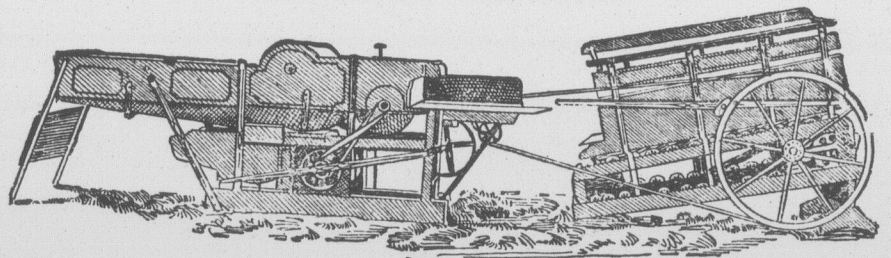
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