

# Ameraucana

(Uh-mare-uh-kah-nuh)



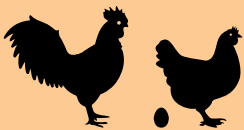
Pennsylvania, USA

## Mainly Used For



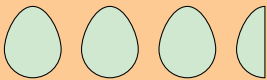
Dual (eggs and meat)

## Weight



6.5 lb. & 5.5 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



3-4

## Favorite Weather

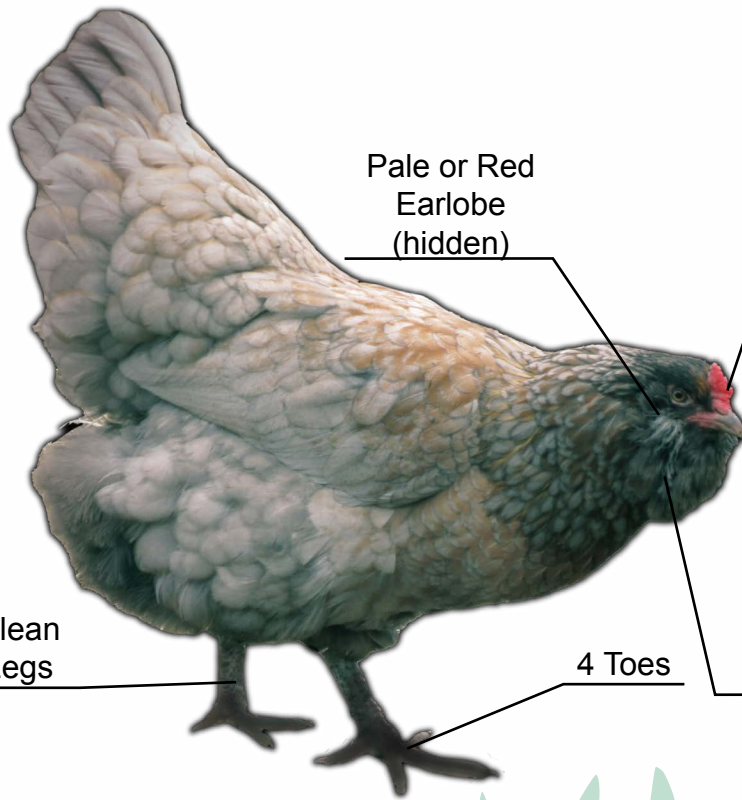


Cold

## Skill Level



Good for Beginners



Pale or Red  
Earlobe  
(hidden)

Pea Comb

Beard and  
Muff and  
Small Red  
Wattles

Clean  
Legs

4 Toes

“Easter Eggers” are chickens that have an Ameraucana parent and a parent from another chicken breed. These birds can produce eggs that are blue, pink, or even green!

**Class:**  
Other Standard  
Breed

**Life Expectancy:**  
7-8 Years

**Temperament:**  
Quiet, curious, and  
independent.

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# Australorp

(Oss-trah-lorp)



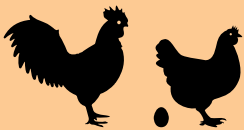
Australia

## Mainly Used For



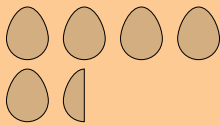
Eggs

## Weight



9 lb. & 6.75 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



5-6

## Favorite Weather

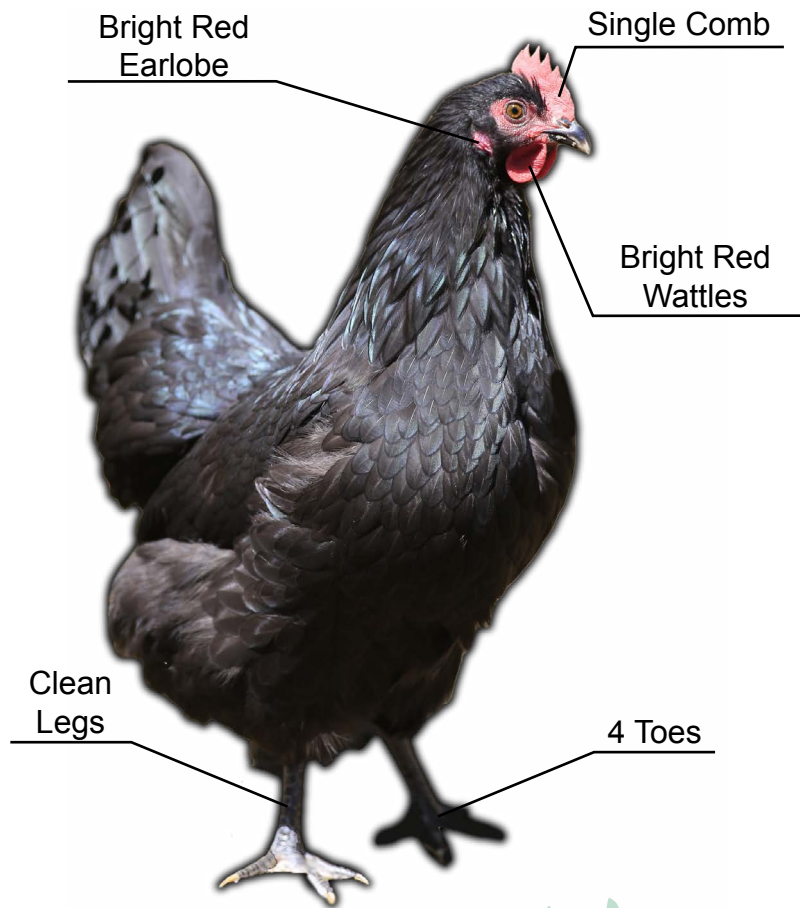


Cold

## Skill Level



Beginner



**Class:**  
English

**Life Expectancy:**  
6-10 Years

**Temperament:**  
Good with other chickens.

The Australorp is Australia's national breed of chicken and the honorary National Bird of Australia.

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# Ayam Cemani

(Eye-im Sih-mah-nee)



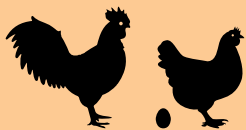
Indonesia

## Mainly Used For



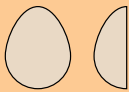
Ornamental

## Weight



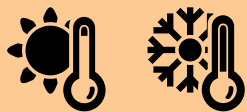
5.5 lb. & 4.5 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



1-2

## Favorite Weather



Hot and Cold

## Skill Level



Experienced



The only part of an Ayam Cemani's body that isn't black is its blood! Some people believe that these chickens bring good luck and have magic powers. They are some of the most expensive chickens in the world.

**Class:**  
Not Recognized  
**Life Expectancy:**  
6-8 Years  
**Temperament:**  
Intelligent, calm, and gentle.

# Barbu d'Uccle

(Bar-boo due-klay)



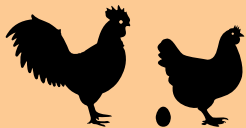
Belgium

## Mainly Used For



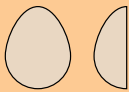
Ornamental

## Weight



1.5 lb. & 1.25 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



1-2

## Favorite Weather



Hot

## Skill Level



Some Experience

Single Comb

Small, Red  
Wattles

Very Small,  
Red Earlobes

Beard and  
Muff

"Boots" and  
Feathered  
Legs

4 Toes



"Barbu d'Uccle" means "bearded chicken from the town of Uccle". However, they were often called "the living flowers of the garden" when they first appeared in shows because their feathers were so beautiful. In fact, the most popular color is "mille fleur", which means "thousand flowers".

**Class:**  
Feather  
Legged Bantam  
**Life Expectancy:**  
4-8 Years

**Temperament:**  
Chatty, outgoing,  
easily bullied by  
other chickens.

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# Barnevelder

(Barn-uh-fell-der)



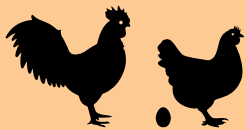
Barneveld, Holland

## Mainly Used For



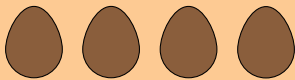
Dual (eggs and meat)

## Weight



7.5 lb. & 6.5 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



4

## Favorite Weather

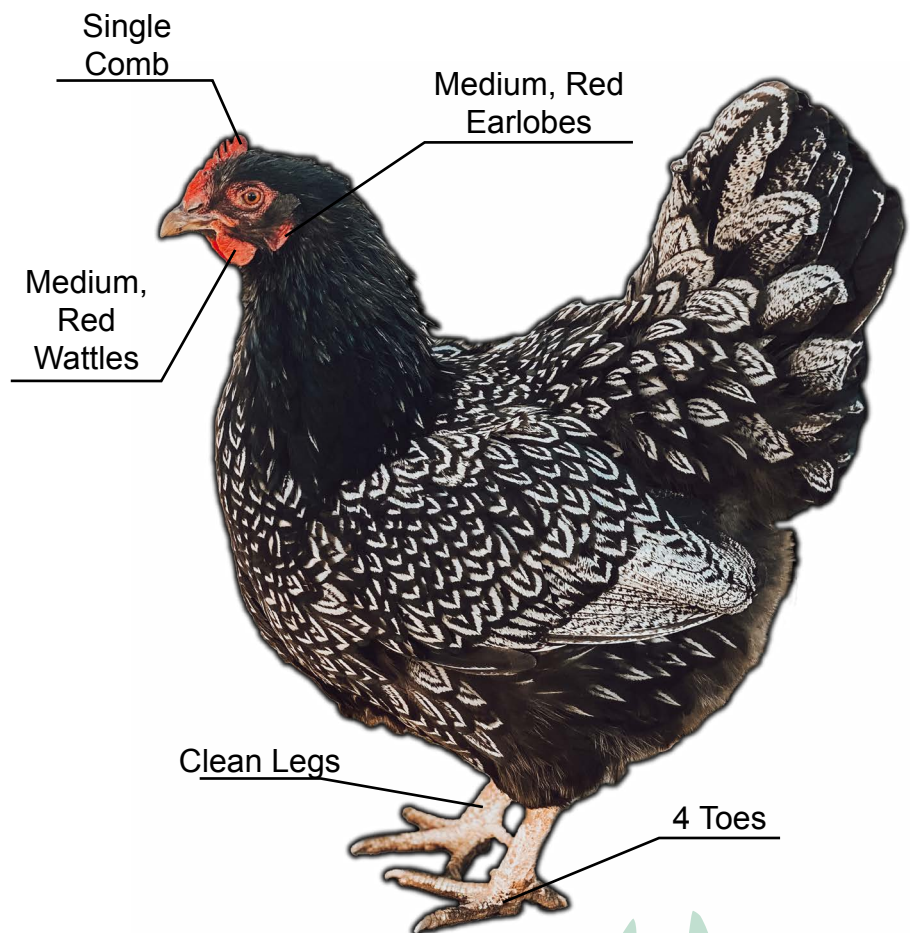


Cold

## Skill Level



Good for Beginners



**Class:**  
Continental

**Life Expectancy:**  
7+ Years

**Temperament:**  
Very friendly, good  
pets, chatty, likes to  
hunt.

Barnevelder chickens are excellent parents. Even some of the roosters will help care for baby chicks!

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# Brahma

(Brah-ma)



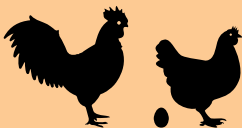
United States

## Mainly Used For



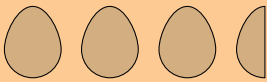
Dual (eggs and meat)

## Weight



12 lb. & 9.5 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



3-4

## Favorite Weather

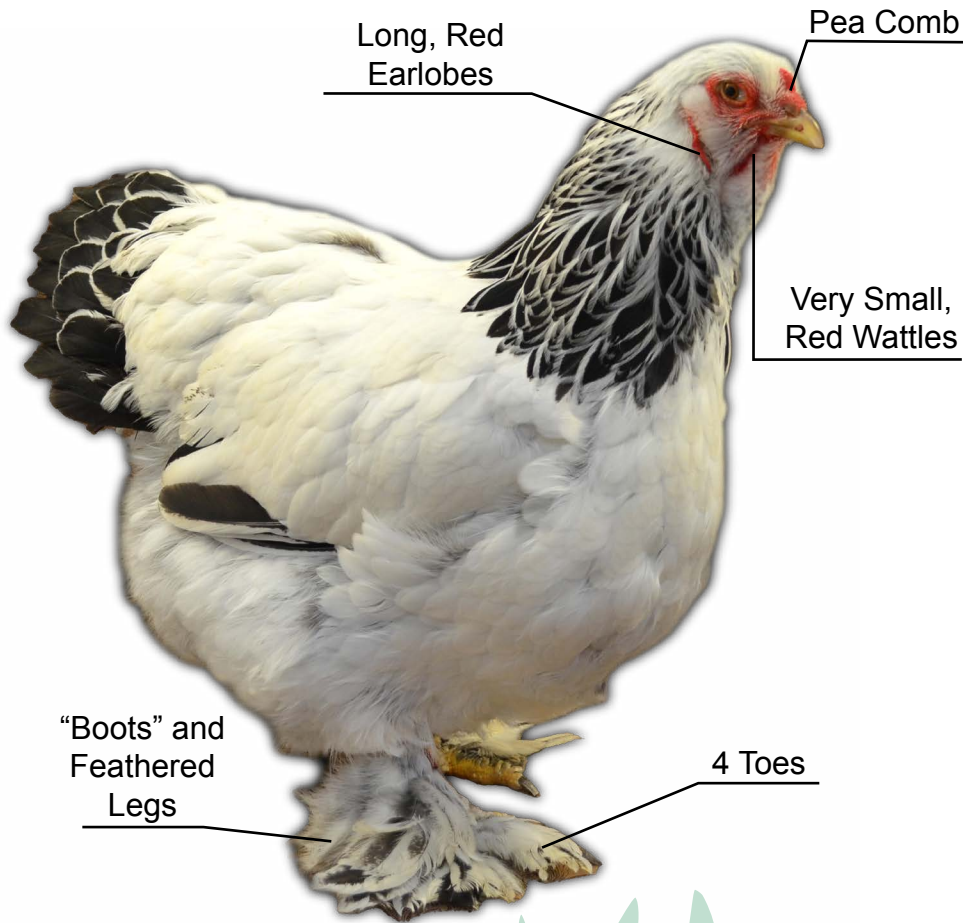


Hot and Cold

## Skill Level



Some Experience



Brahma chickens are some of the largest chickens in the world. Some roosters stand almost 3 feet tall! A video of a large Brahma rooster went viral in 2017.

**Class:**  
Asiatic

**Life Expectancy:**  
5-8 Years

**Temperament:**  
Friendly and gentle.

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# Buckeye

(Buck-eye)



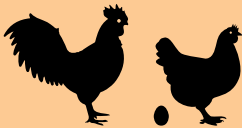
Ohio, USA

## Mainly Used For



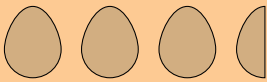
Dual (eggs and meat)

## Weight



9 lb. & 6.5 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



3-4

## Favorite Weather

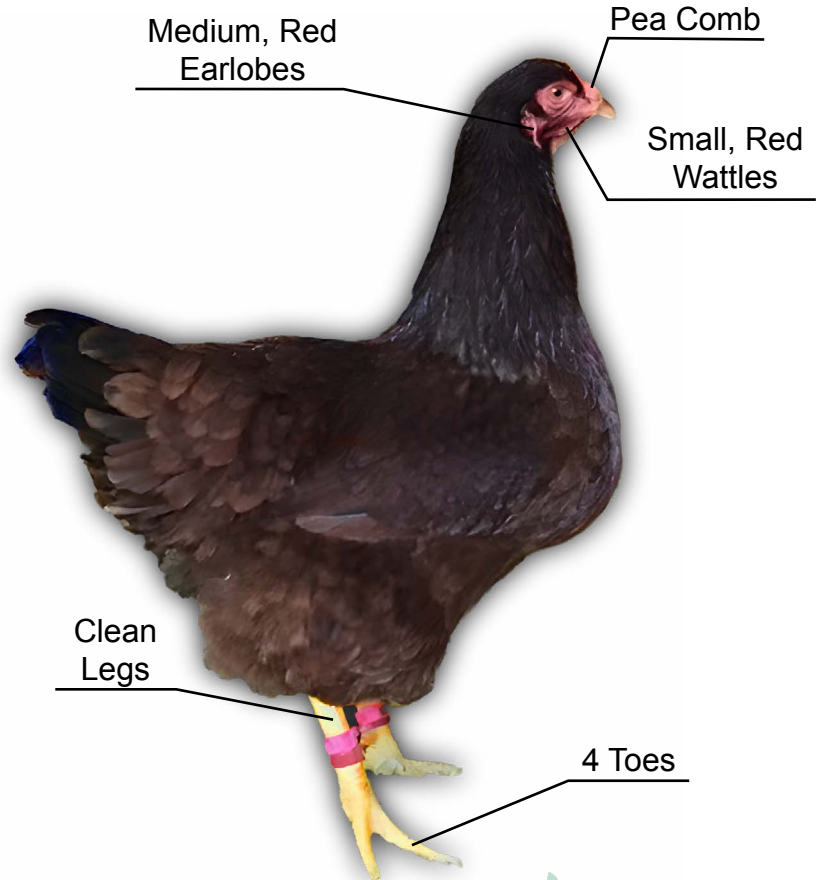


Hot and Cold

## Skill Level



Good for Beginners



**Class:**  
American

**Life Expectancy:**  
7-8 Years

**Temperament:**  
Calm, gentle, active  
hunter, good with  
other chickens.

The Buckeye is the only chicken breed that we know was developed by a woman. Ms. Nettie Metcalf from Warren, Ohio ignored her neighbors when they laughed at her for trying to breed red chickens. In 1904, her Buckeye Reds were accepted as a new breed.

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# Chantecler

(Shan-tih-clear)



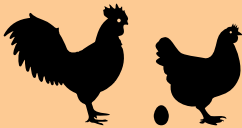
Quebec, Canada

## Mainly Used For



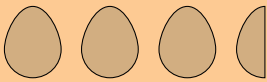
Dual (eggs and meat)

## Weight



9 lb. & 7 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



3-4

## Favorite Weather



Cold

## Skill Level



Good for Beginners

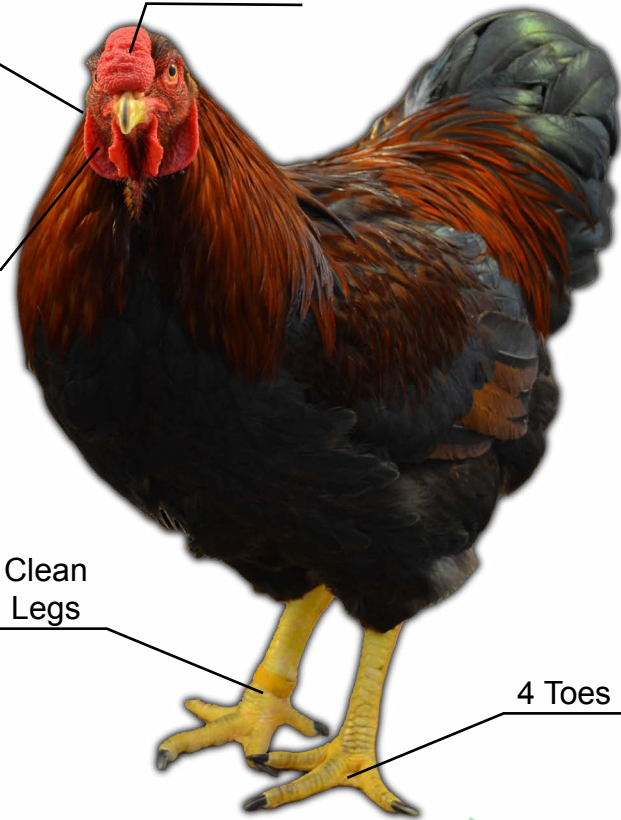
Very Small,  
Bright Red  
Earlobes

Cushion  
Comb

Very Small,  
Bright Red  
Wattles

Clean  
Legs

4 Toes



**Class:**  
American

**Life Expectancy:**  
8-10 Years

**Temperament:**  
Calm, gentle, curious,  
stubborn.

Chantecler chickens were developed by monks in Canada to survive the cold, harsh Canadian winters. They are one of only two breeds to come from Canada and they are the only breed known to have been developed by a monk.

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# Cochin

(Co-chin)



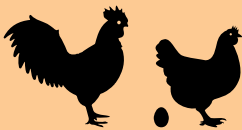
Shanghai, China

## Mainly Used For



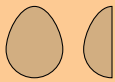
Ornamental

## Weight



11 lb. & 8.5 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



1-2

## Favorite Weather

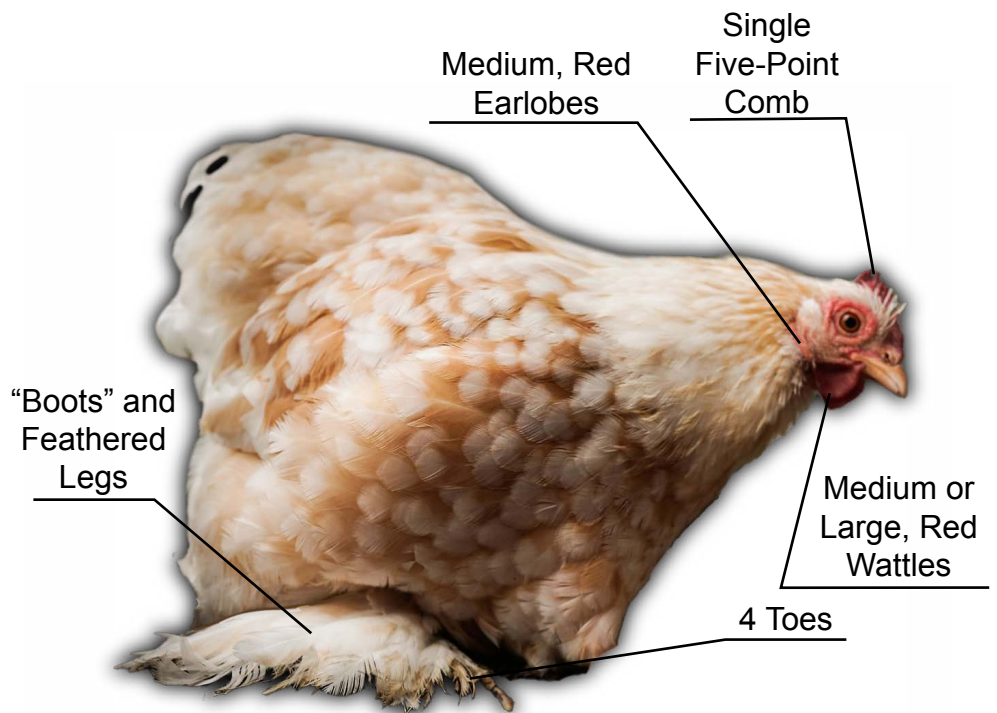


Cold

## Skill Level



Experienced



In the 1850s, people in Great Britain and the United States fell in love with chickens. Cochin chickens were so popular that prices soared. This trend was called "Hen Fever."

**Class:**  
Asiatic

**Life Expectancy:**  
8-10 Years

**Temperament:**  
Calm, gentle, lazy.

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# Cornish

(Corn-ish)



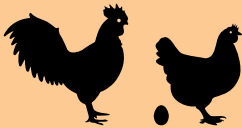
Cornwall, England

## Mainly Used For



Meat

## Weight



10.5 lb. & 8 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



2-3

## Favorite Weather

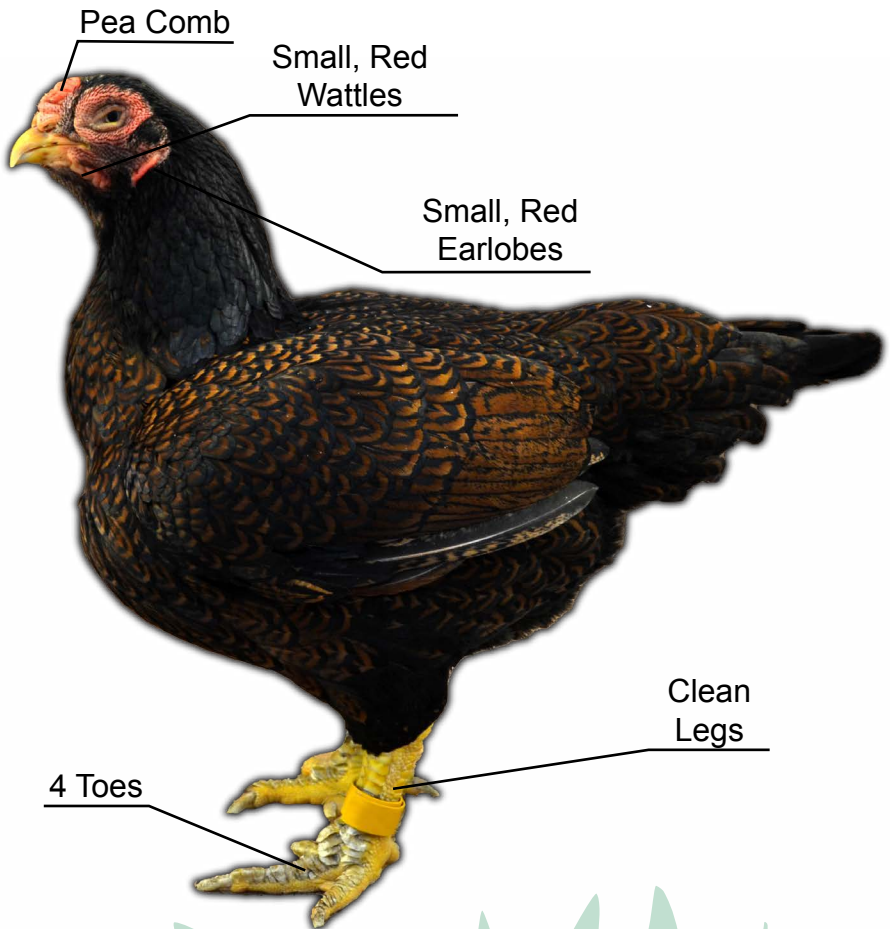


Hot and Cold

## Skill Level



Experienced



**Class:**  
English

**Life Expectancy:**  
5-8 Years

**Temperament:**  
Aggressive, bullies other chickens, active hunter

Almost all of the chicken meat sold in the United States comes from Cornish Cross hybrid chickens. This means that one side of a chick's family are Cornish chickens and the other side are a different kind of chicken, usually a white rock chicken.

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# Delaware

(Del-uh-ware)



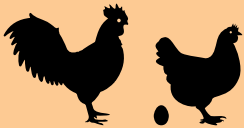
Delaware, USA

## Mainly Used For



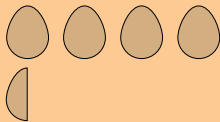
Dual (eggs and meat)

## Weight



8.5 lb. & 6.5 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



4-5

## Favorite Weather



Hot and Cold

## Skill Level



Good for Beginners

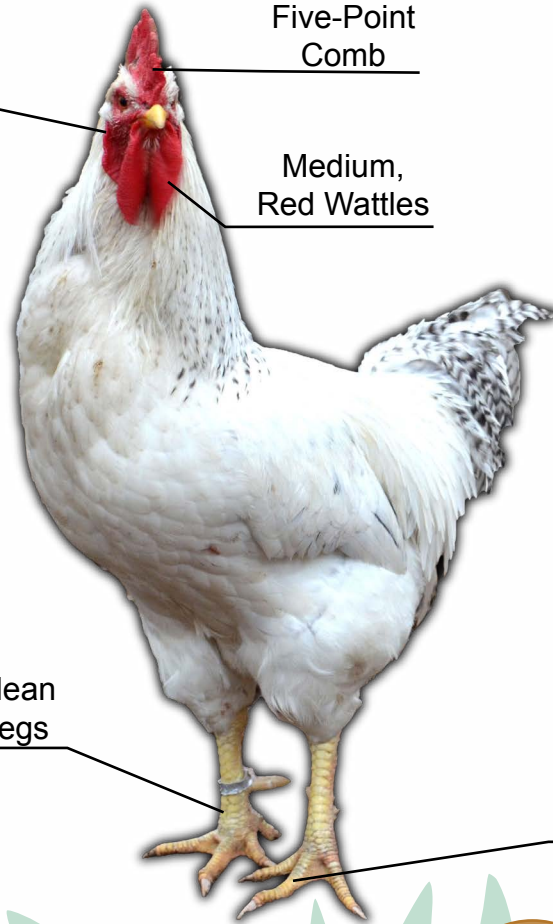
Medium, Red Earlobes

Single Five-Point Comb

Medium, Red Wattles

Clean Legs

4 Toes



**Class:**  
American

**Life Expectancy:**  
4-6 Years

**Temperament:**  
Usually calm, can be aggressive when scared, likes to hunt, noisy.

If you have a Delaware hen and a Rhode Island Red rooster, you will be able to tell which chicks are pullets (females) and which are cockerels (males) as soon as they hatch. The pullets will be red, like their fathers, while the cockerels will be white, like their mothers!

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# Dominique

(Dom-in-eeek)



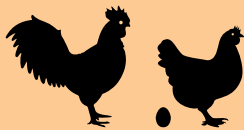
United States

## Mainly Used For



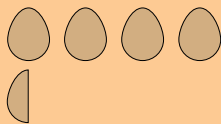
Dual (eggs and meat)

## Weight



7 lb. & 5 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



4-5

## Favorite Weather



Hot and Cold

## Skill Level



Good for Beginners

Rose  
Comb

Medium,  
Red  
Earlobes

Small or  
Medium, Red  
Wattles

Clean  
Legs

4 Toes

The Dominique is considered the original chicken breed in the United States. Some people thought that the Puritans brought the chickens with them. Another idea is that the chickens came from the island of Dominique, which we know as Haiti today.

**Class:**  
American

**Life Expectancy:**  
6-8 Years

**Temperament:**  
Usually calm, can be aggressive when scared, likes to hunt.

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The Consumerist. Flickr, chicken. 23 Mar, 2003. <https://www.flickr.com/photos/21241181@N00/533456396>. Accessed on 14 Mar, 2022. (CC BY 2.0)

# Dorking

(Dork-ing)



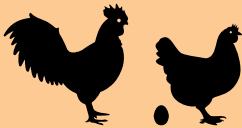
Dorking, England

## Mainly Used For



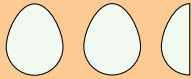
Meat

## Weight



9 lb. & 7 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



2-3

## Favorite Weather

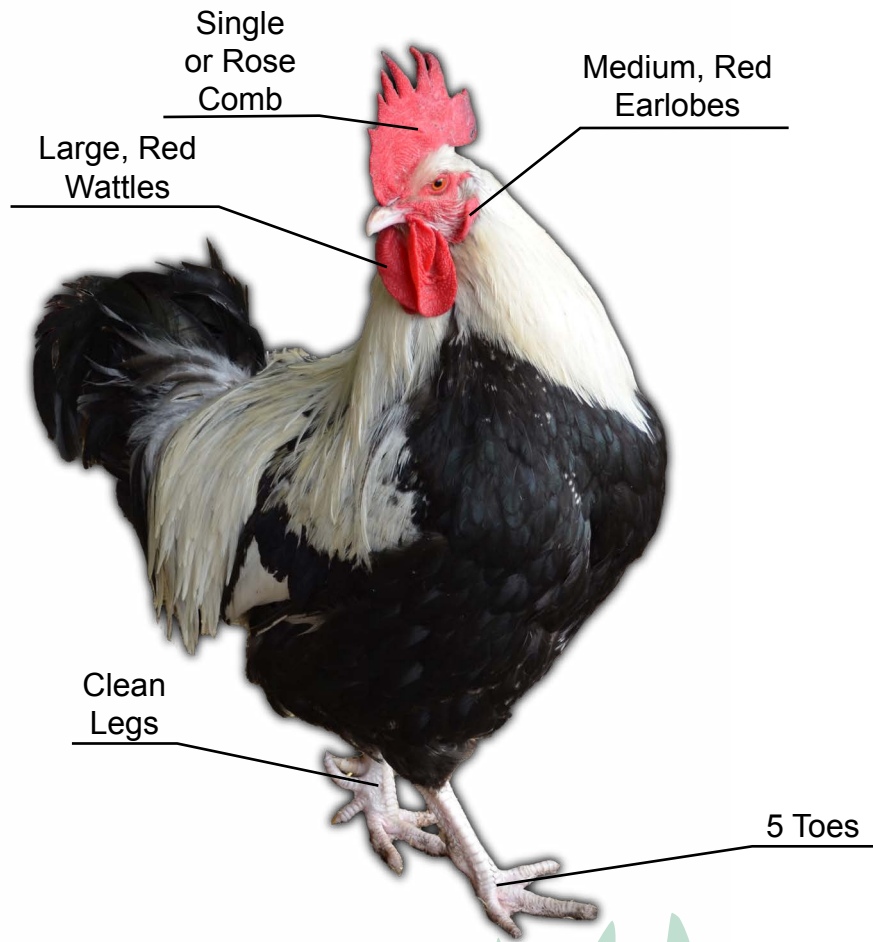


Cold

## Skill Level



Good for Beginners



The Dorking chicken is one of the oldest known chicken breeds. Although Dorkings are named after the town of Dorking in England, they date to at least the Roman Empire. Many people think that Roman soldiers brought the chickens to England during the invasion of 43 CE.

**Class:**  
English

**Life Expectancy:**  
6-8 Years

**Temperament:**  
Active hunter, bullied by other chickens.

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# Faverolles

(Fahv-ih-r-ollz)



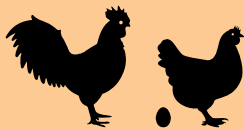
Northern France

## Mainly Used For



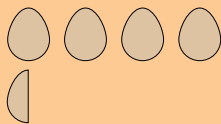
Dual (eggs and meat)

## Weight



8 lb. & 6.5 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



4-5

## Favorite Weather

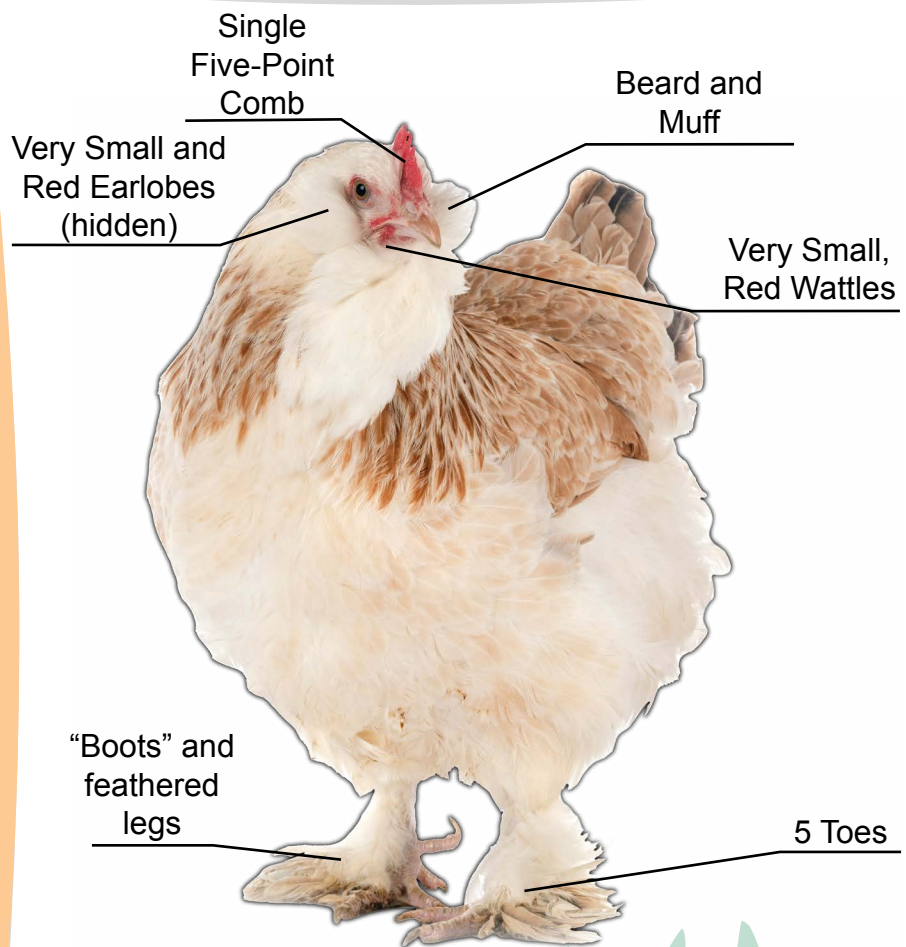


Cold

## Skill Level



Good for Beginners



Faverolles chickens come from the town of Faverolles in France. They are good winter layers, so the people of Faverolles could have fresh eggs and meat year round. The Salmon color is unique to the Faverolles chicken.

**Class:**  
Continental

**Life Expectancy:**  
5-7 Years

**Temperament:**  
Peaceful, funny, lively,  
chatty, bullied by  
other chickens.

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# Hamburg

(Ham-burg)



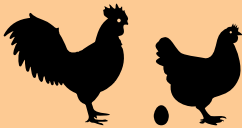
Holland and Germany

## Mainly Used For



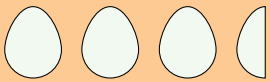
Eggs

## Weight



5 lb. & 4 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



3-4

## Favorite Weather

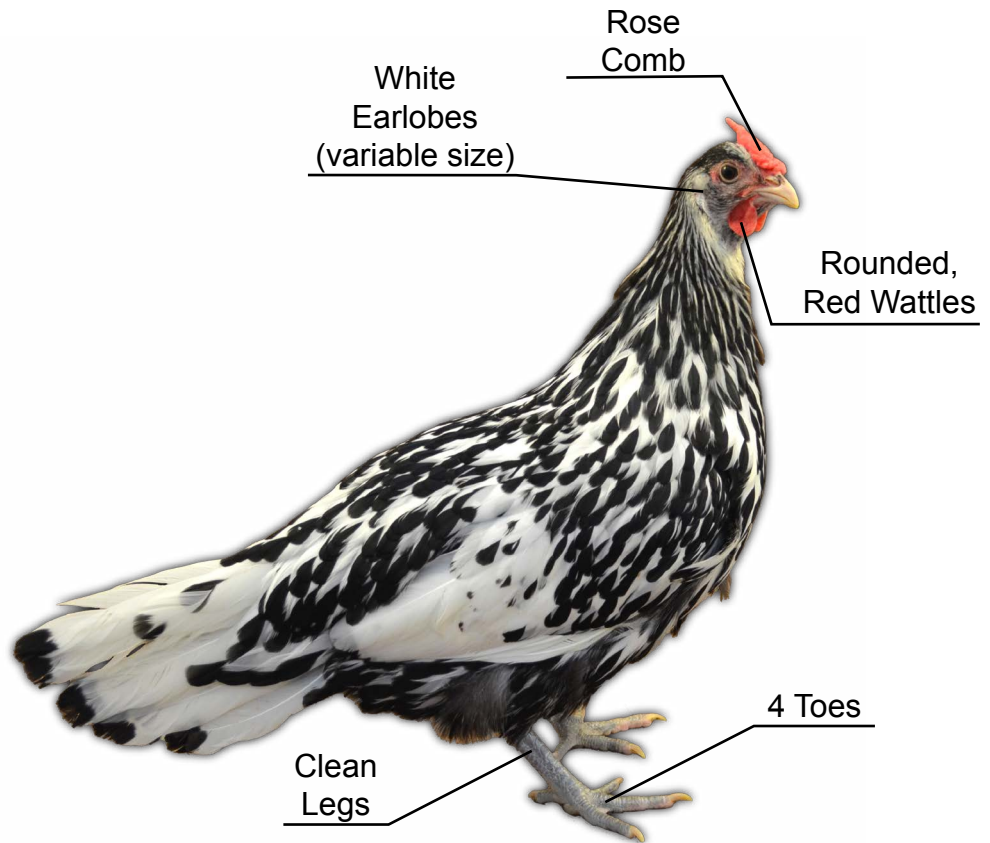


Hot and Cold

## Skill Level



Some Experience



Hamburg chickens are said to have taken part in the first known poultry competition back in 1800 in England. The competition took place at a local pub. The bartender was the judge and the winner received a copper cooking pot.

**Class:**  
Continental  
**Life Expectancy:**  
5-7 Years

**Temperament:**  
Alert, very fast, flighty,  
shy, wild, active  
hunters.

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# Houdan

(Hoo-dan)



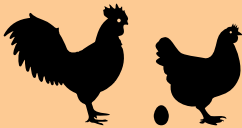
Yvelines, France

## Mainly Used For



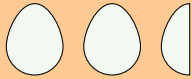
Ornamental

## Weight



8 lb. & 6.5 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



2-3

## Favorite Weather

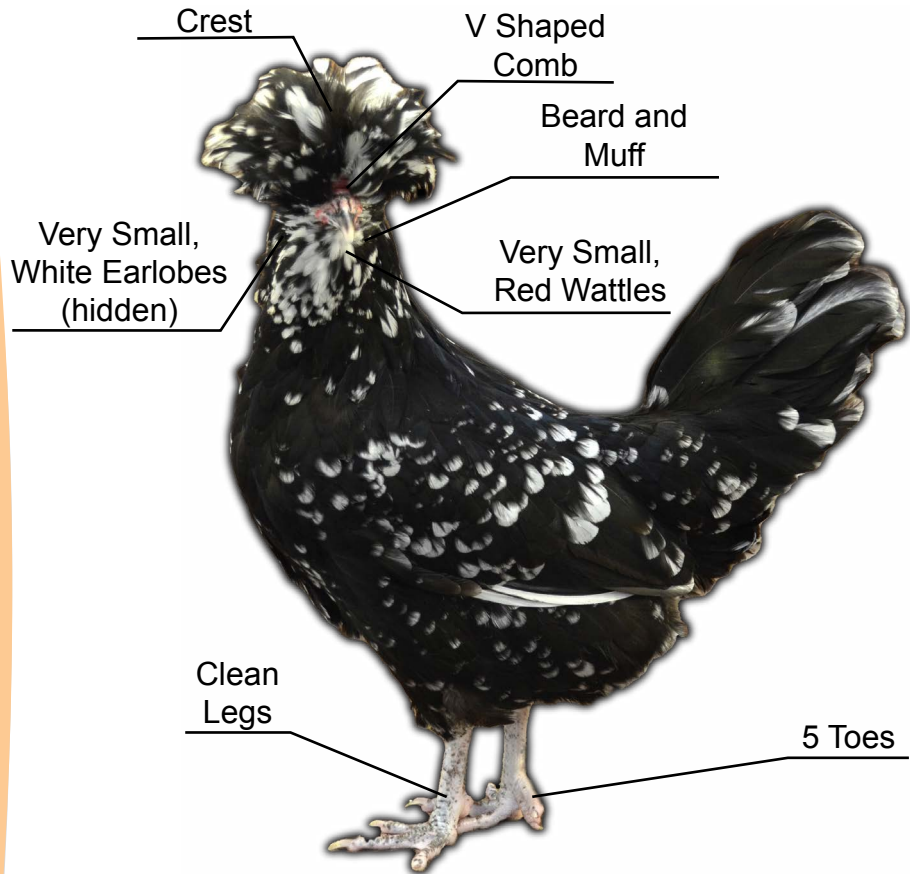


Hot

## Skill Level



Good for Beginners



**Class:**  
Continental

**Life Expectancy:**  
7-8 Years

**Temperament:**  
Alert, very fast, flighty,  
shy, wild, active  
hunters.

In the United States, people usually keep Houdan chickens for show. However, in France, they are raised for food. Another difference is that in Europe, Houdan chickens have a butterfly-shaped comb, while they have a v-shaped comb in the US.

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# Jersey Giant

(Jer-zee Jie-int)



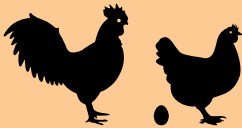
New Jersey, USA

## Mainly Used For



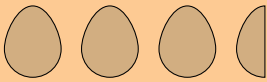
Dual (eggs and meat)

## Eggs Laid per Week



13 lb. & 10 lb.

## Favorite Weather



3-4

## Weight

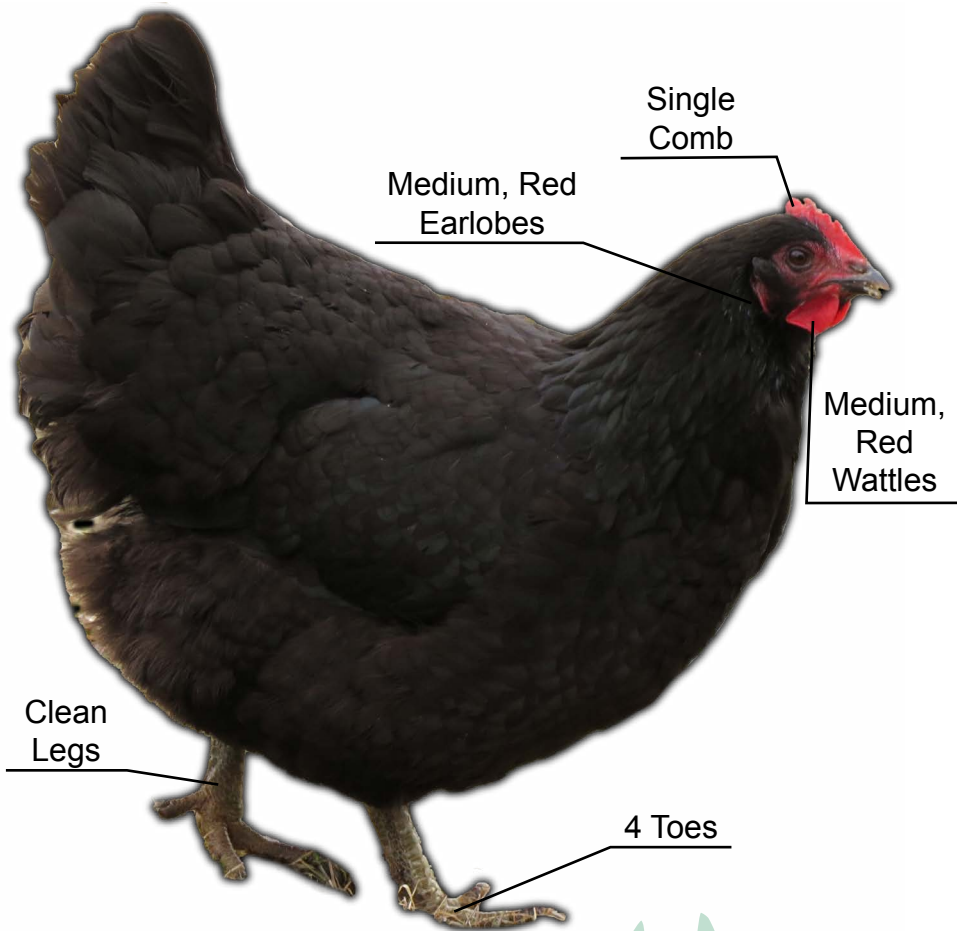


Cold

## Skill Level



Good for Beginners



**Class:**  
American

**Life Expectancy:**  
5-7 Years

**Temperament:**  
Calm, gentle, and confident.

Not only are Jersey Giants the largest breed of chicken in the world, their eggs often take an extra day to hatch compared to other breeds of chicken.

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# La Flèche

(La Flesh)



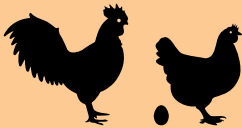
La Flèche, France

## Mainly Used For



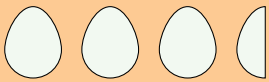
Dual (eggs and meat)

## Weight



8 lb. & 6.5 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



3-4

## Favorite Weather



Hot

## Skill Level



Some Experience

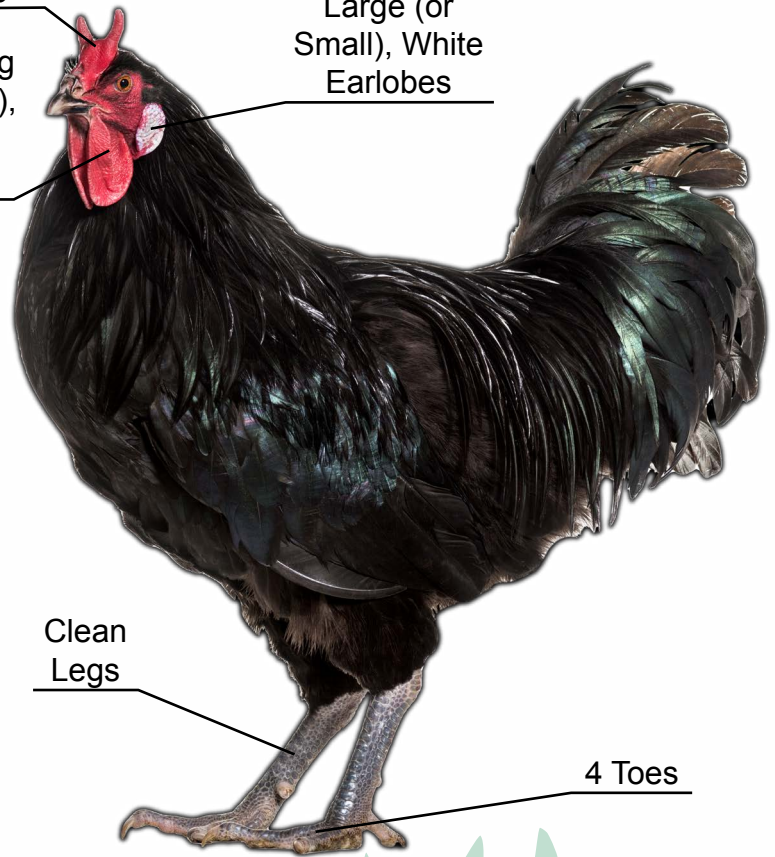
V-Shaped  
Comb

Very Long  
(or Small),  
Red  
Wattles

Large (or  
Small), White  
Earlobes

Clean  
Legs

4 Toes



“La Flèche” means “the arrow”, but some people think that the comb looks like a pair of horns instead. That is why this breed is also called the “Devil Bird”.

**Class:**  
Continental

**Life Expectancy:**  
5-8 Years

**Temperament:**  
Independent, active,  
and alert.

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# Langshan

(Lang-shann)



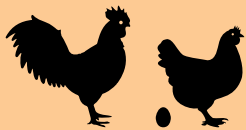
Yangtze River, China

## Mainly Used For



Dual (eggs and meat)

## Weight



9.5 lb. & 7.5 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



3-4

## Favorite Weather

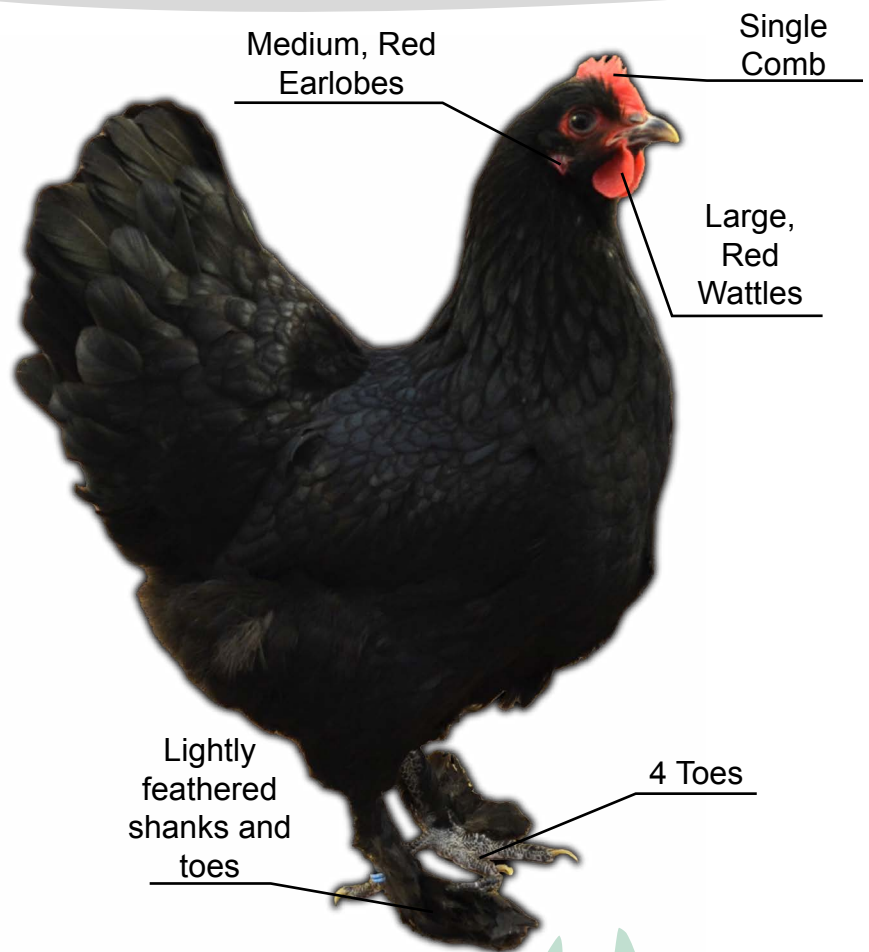


Cold

## Skill Level



Good for Beginners



**Class:**  
Asiatic

**Life Expectancy:**  
5-8 Years

**Temperament:**  
Calm, gentle, and confident.

The name Langshan translates as “Wolf Hill.” Wolf Hill is a landmark in eastern China near the birds’ original home.

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# Leghorn

(Leg-horn)



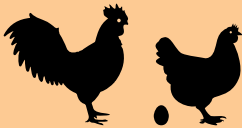
Tuscany, Italy

## Mainly Used For



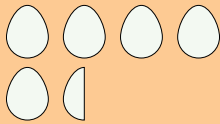
Eggs

## Weight



8 lb. & 5 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



5-6

## Favorite Weather

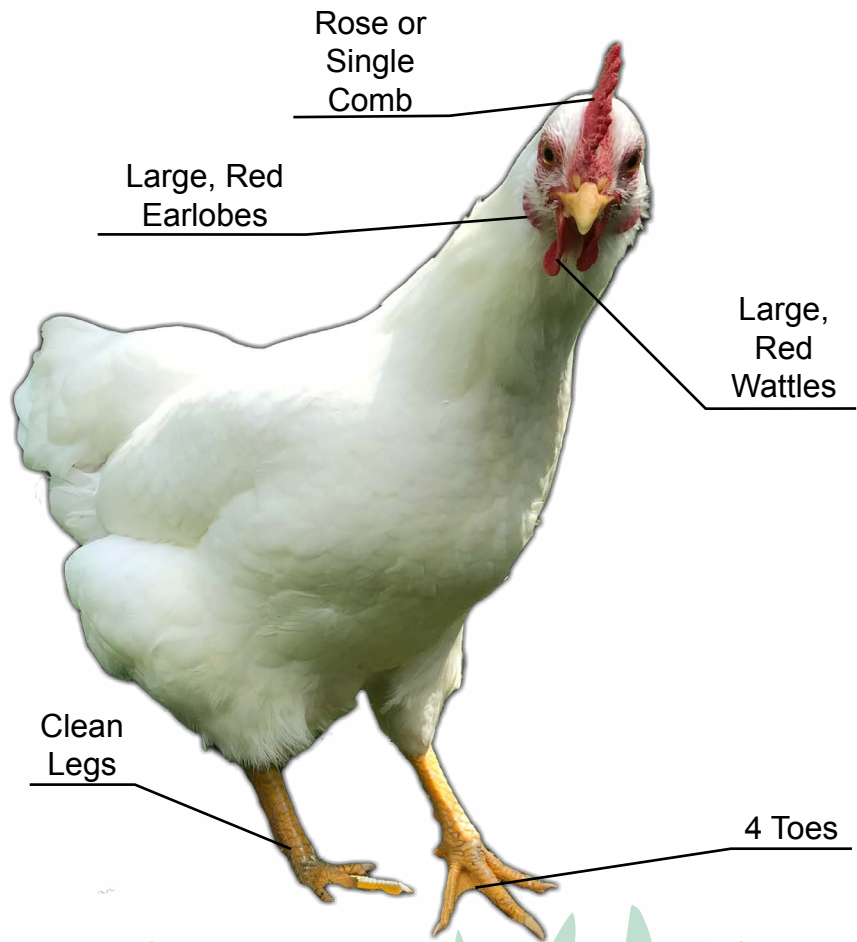


Hot and Cold

## Skill Level



Experienced



According to the Guinness Book of World Records, a Leghorn chicken holds the record for the most eggs laid in a year: 371 eggs in 364 days! A Leghorn chicken is also reported to have the record for the largest chicken egg, which was said to have weighed one pound!

**Class:**  
Mediterranean  
**Life Expectancy:**  
4-6 Years  
**Temperament:**  
Very active, easily bored, noisy, flighty, nervous.

# Marans

(Mah-ronz)



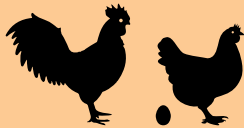
Marans, France

## Mainly Used For



Eggs

## Weight



8 lb. & 6.5 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



3-4

## Favorite Weather



Hot and Cold

## Skill Level



Good for Beginners

Medium, Red  
Earlobes

Single  
Comb

Smaller to  
Medium, Red  
Wattles

Lightly  
Feathered  
Shanks and  
Toes

4 Toes



Marans chickens are known to lay some of the darkest eggs in the world. Most Marans chickens lay darker eggs when they are younger. Their eggs are also darker in the cooler months. The fictional spy James Bond was supposed to have been a fan of Marans eggs.

**Class:**  
Continental  
**Life Expectancy:**  
7-9 Years  
**Temperament:**  
Calm, confident, good  
with other chickens,  
good hunter, very  
active.

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# Naked Neck

(Nay-kid Neck)



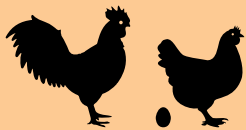
Transylvania, Romania

## Mainly Used For



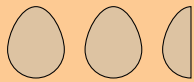
Dual (eggs and meat)

## Eggs Laid per Week



8.5 lb. & 6.5 lb.

## Favorite Weather



2-3

## Weight

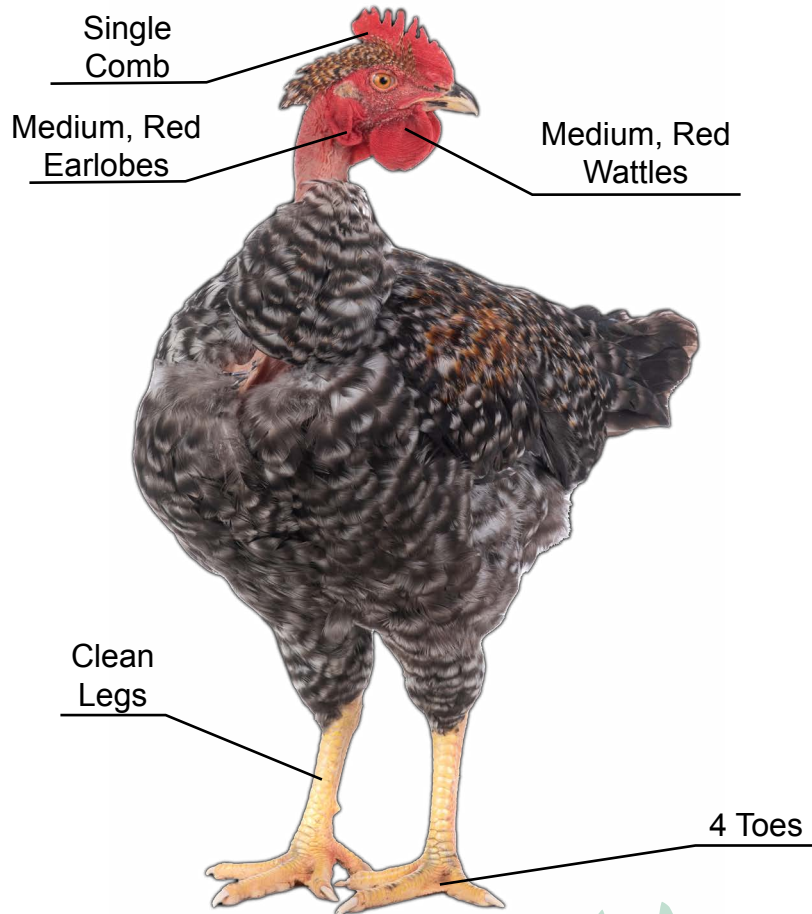


Hot and Cold

## Skill Level



Good for Beginners



Some people think that the Naked Neck chicken is a mixture of a chicken and a turkey, but this is not true. The Naked Neck chicken breed naturally has less than half of the feathers of other chickens.

**Class:**  
Other Standard  
**Life Expectancy:**  
7-8 Years  
**Temperament:**  
Goofy, gentle, good hunter, and clever.

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# New Hampshire Red

(New Hamp-shur Red)



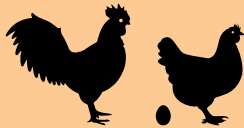
New Hampshire, USA

## Mainly Used For



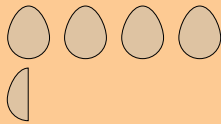
Dual (eggs and meat)

## Weight



8 lb. & 6.5 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



4-5

## Favorite Weather



Hot and Cold

## Skill Level



Good for Beginners

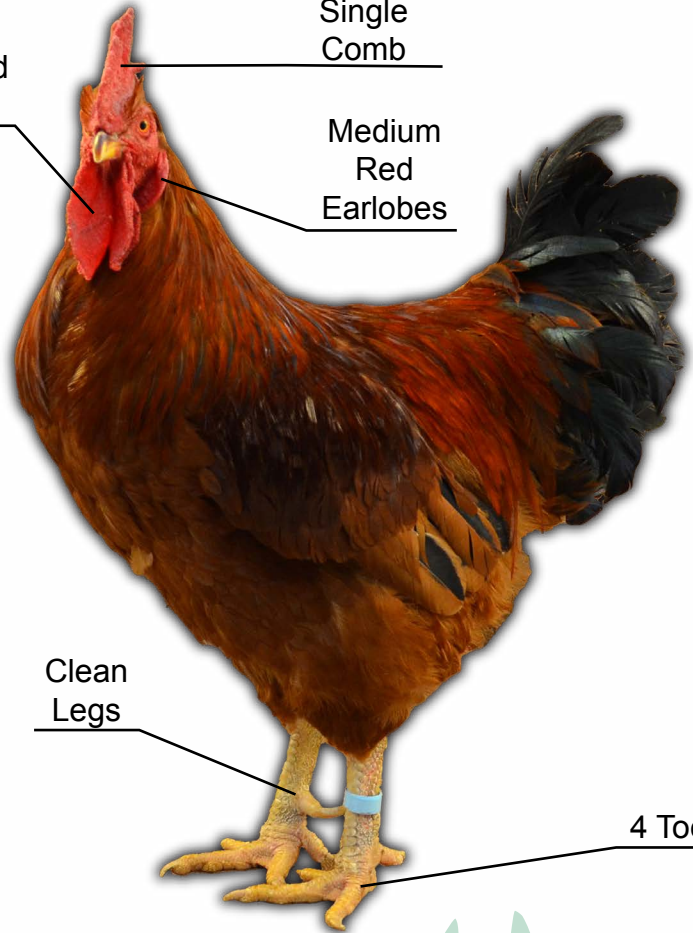
Medium, Red  
Wattles

Single  
Comb

Medium  
Red  
Earlobes

Clean  
Legs

4 Toes



New Hampshire Reds came from Rhode Island Red chickens. They were developed in 1918 at the University of New Hampshire by "Red" Richardson. In 2018, a class of fourth-graders from New Canaan Elementary School convinced state lawmakers to name the breed as New Hampshire's official poultry.

**Class:**  
American

**Life Expectancy:**  
6-8 Years

**Temperament:**  
Noisy and can be a  
bully.

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# Onagadori

(Oh-nah-gah-door-ee)



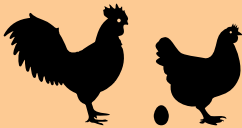
Kochi, Japan

## Mainly Used For



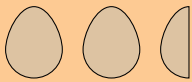
Ornamental

## Weight



4 lb. & 3 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



2-3

## Favorite Weather

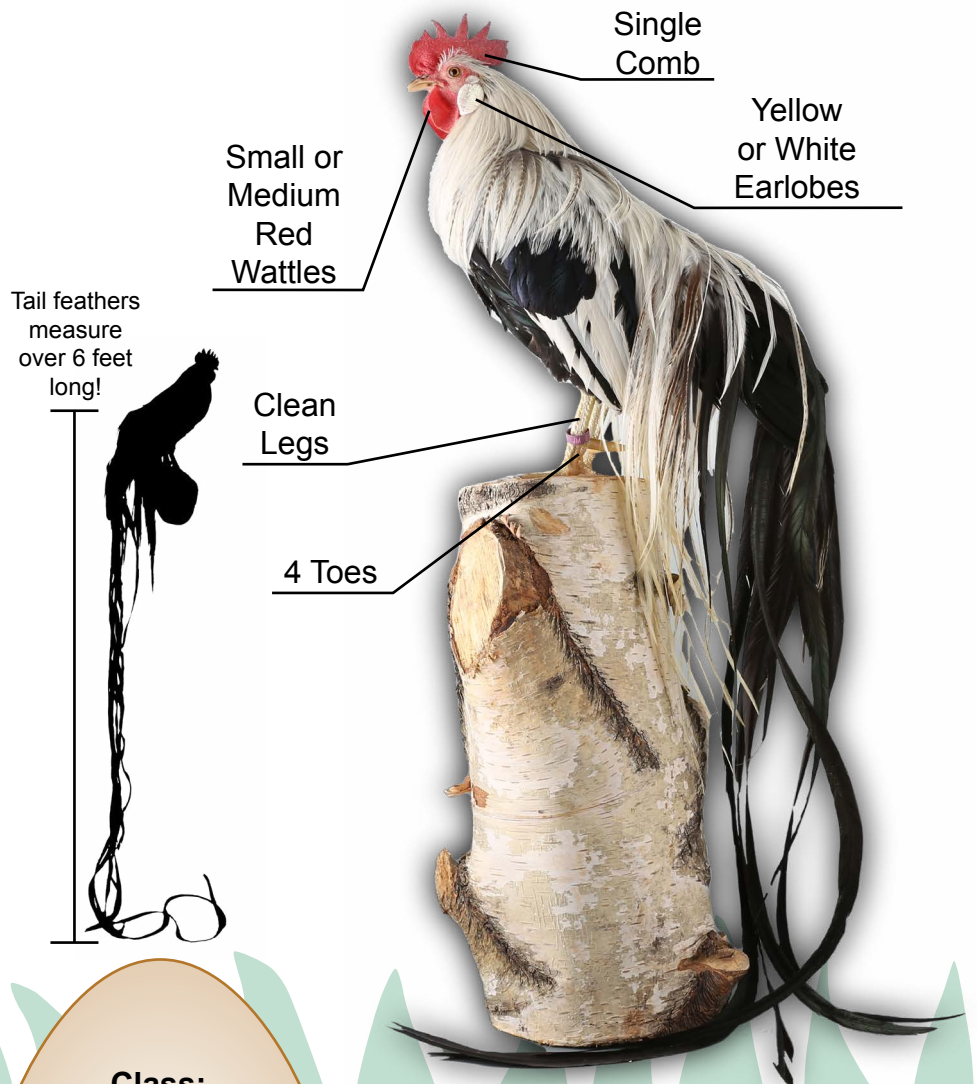


Hot

## Skill Level



Experienced



**Class:**  
Not Recognized  
**Life Expectancy:**  
6-7 Years  
**Temperament:**  
Calm and gentle.

Most roosters molt every year, but Onagadori roosters take 3 or more years to molt. Their tail feathers keep growing as long as the rooster lives and can reach over 27 feet long!

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# Orpington

(Or-ping-ton)



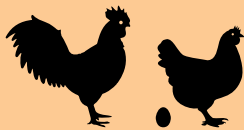
Great Britain

## Mainly Used For



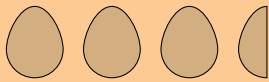
Dual (eggs and meat)

## Weight



10 lb. & 8 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



3-4

## Favorite Weather

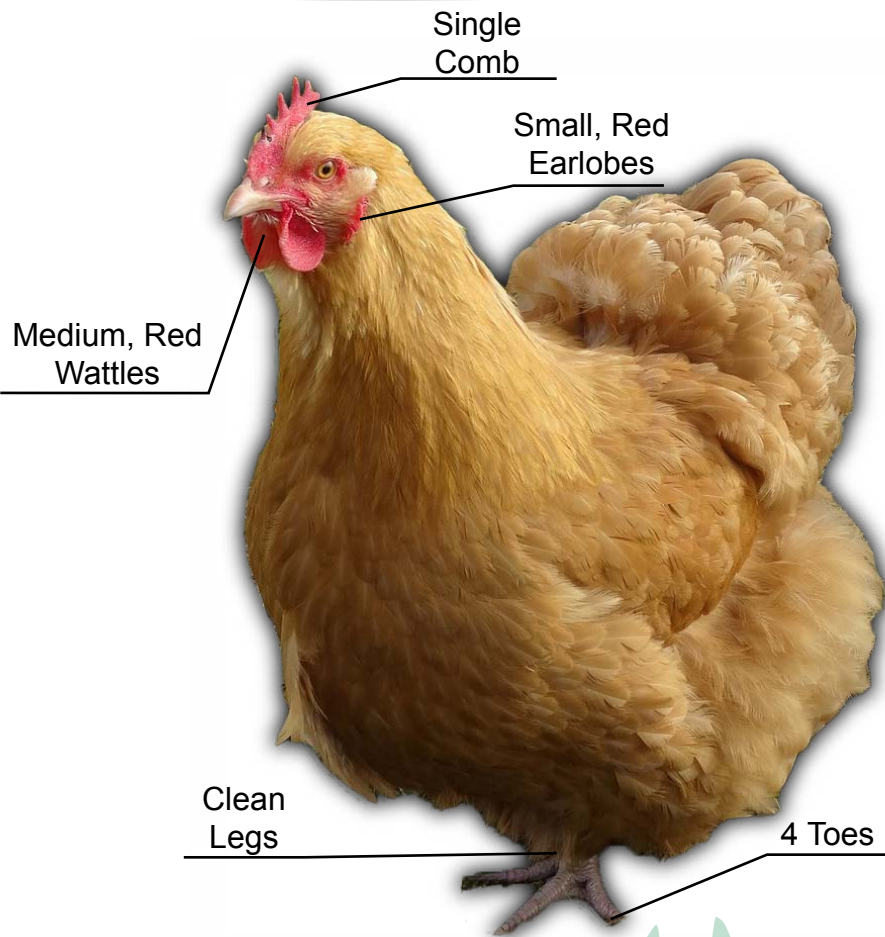


Hot and Cold

## Skill Level



Good for Beginners



Although buff Orpingtons are the most common today, Orpington chickens come in a variety of colors, including black. Many people in the late 1800s wanted black Orpington chickens because they could hide the black soot and smog that hung around the London air.

**Class:**  
English

**Life Expectancy:**  
8-10 Years

**Temperament:**  
Easy-going, couch potato, quiet, can get bullied by other chickens.

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# Phoenix

(Fee-nicks)



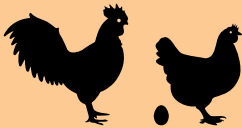
Germany

## Mainly Used For



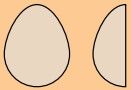
Ornamental

## Weight



5.5 lb. & 4 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



1-2

## Favorite Weather

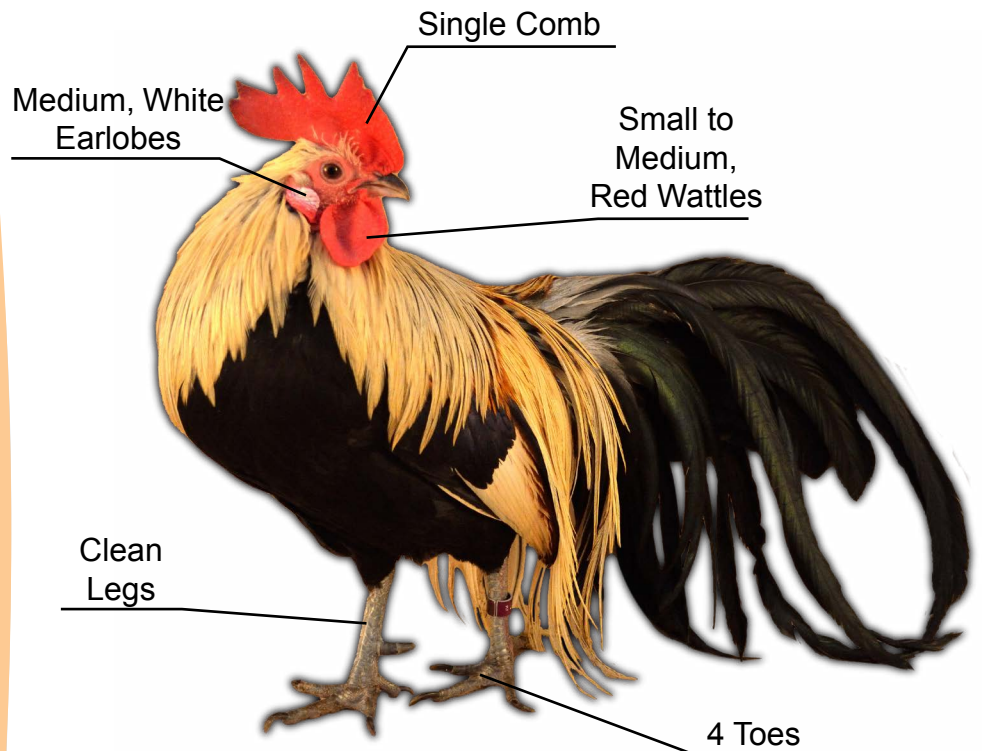


Hot

## Skill Level



Experienced



**Class:**  
Other Standard  
**Life Expectancy:**  
5-7 Years

**Temperament:**  
Shy, loners, flighty,  
good hunter, and  
noisy.

The tail feathers of the Phoenix chicken roosters can grow up to 5 feet long! Phoenix chickens were created by Mr. Hugo du Roi, the first president of the National German Poultry Association. He wanted a long-tailed rooster that was strong enough to live in Germany's colder climate.

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# Plymouth Rock

(Plih-muth Rock)



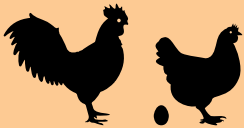
Massachusetts, USA

## Mainly Used For



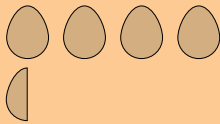
Dual (eggs and meat)

## Weight



9.5 lb. & 7.5 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



4-5

## Favorite Weather



Hot and Cold

## Skill Level



Good for Beginners

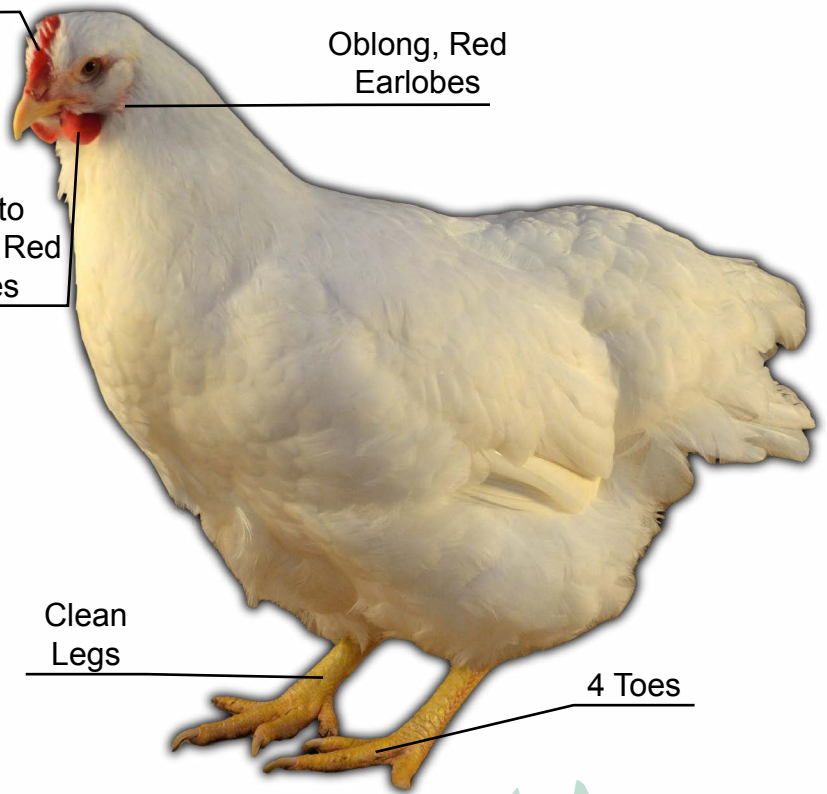
Single  
Five-Point  
Comb

Oblong, Red  
Earlobes

Small to  
Medium, Red  
Wattles

Clean  
Legs

4 Toes



**Class:**  
American

**Life Expectancy:**  
8-10 Years

**Temperament:**  
Very curious, chatty,  
calm, can be a bully  
to other chickens.

Barred Plymouth Rock chickens are also raised for their feathers in addition to eggs and meat. Their feathers are widely used to make fly fishing lures.

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# Polish

(Poe-lish)



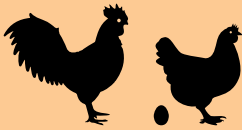
Holland

## Mainly Used For



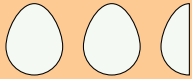
Ornamental

## Weight



6 lb. & 4.5 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



2-3

## Favorite Weather

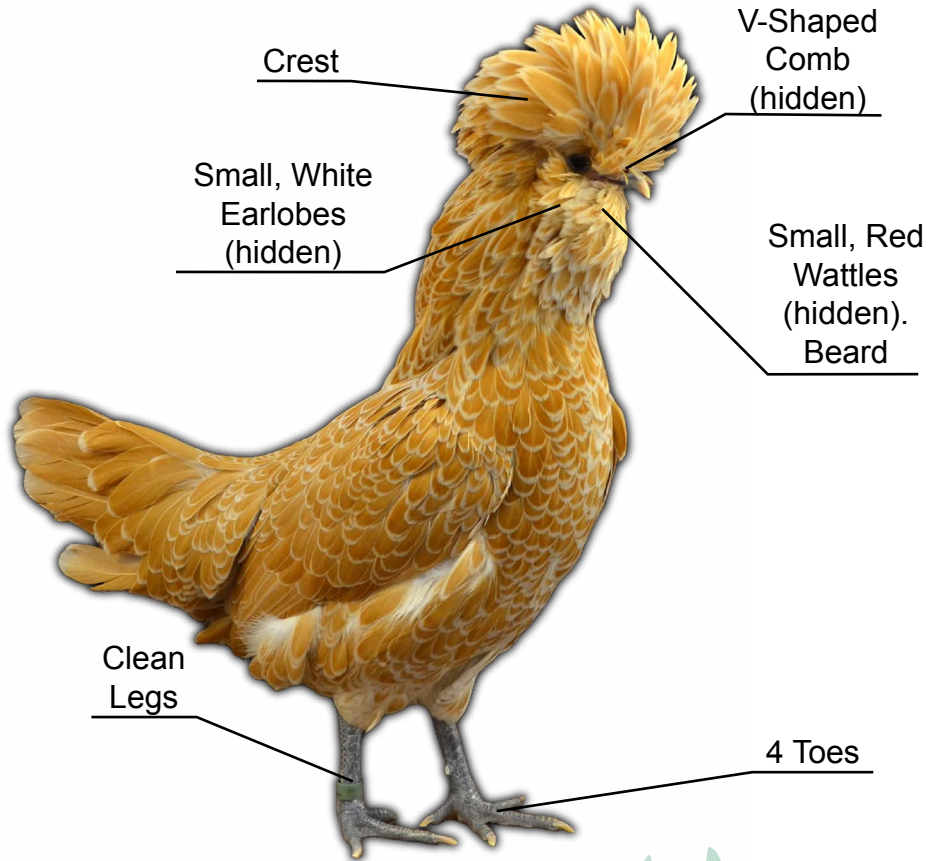


Hot and Cold

## Skill Level



Good for Beginners



**Class:**  
Continental

**Life Expectancy:**  
6-8 Years

**Temperament:**  
Very outgoing, quiet, curious, good hunter, can be bullied by other chickens.

Polish chickens are not from Poland. They may have gotten their names because their crests look like the feathered hats Polish soldiers used to wear. Sometimes, the crest feathers get so long that Polish chickens need "haircuts" to be able to see.

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# Rhode Island Red

(Rode Eye-land Red)



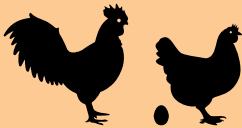
Rhode Island, USA

## Mainly Used For



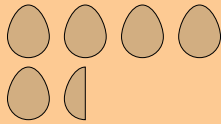
Dual (eggs and meat)

## Weight



8.5 lb. & 6.5 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



5-6

## Favorite Weather

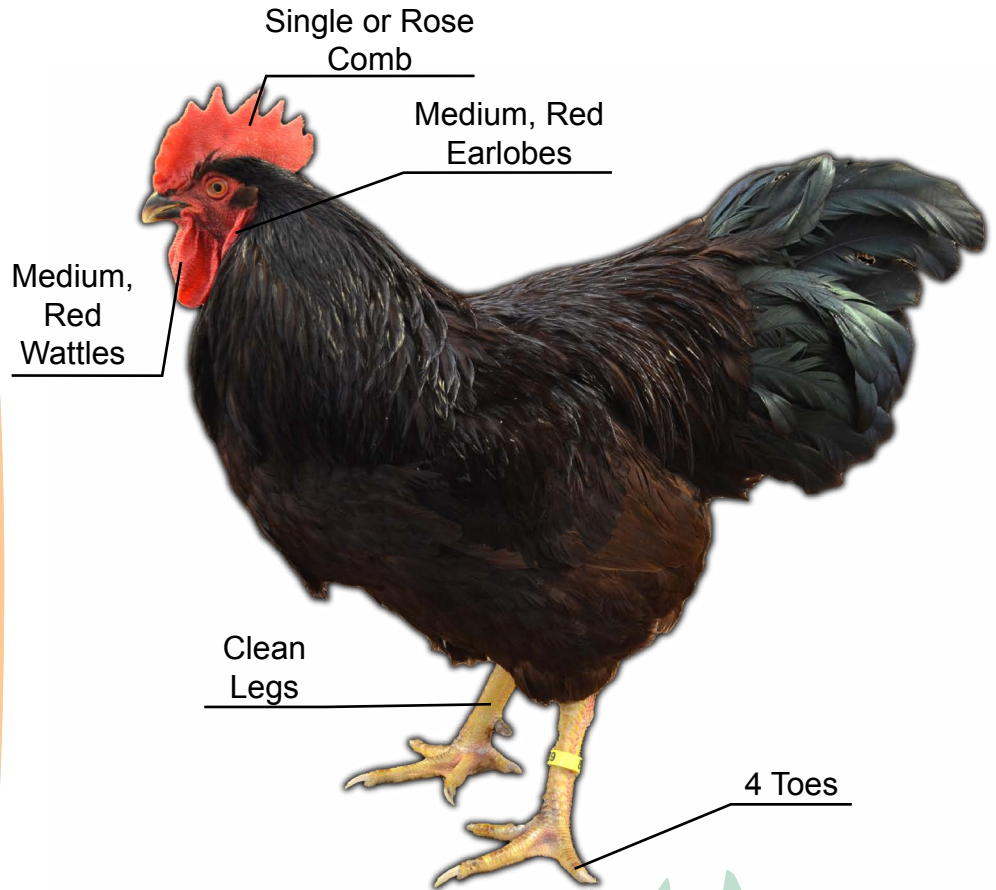


Hot and Cold

## Skill Level



Beginner



**Class:**  
American

**Life Expectancy:**  
5-8 Years

**Temperament:**  
Lively, confident, noisy,  
curious, can be  
aggressive, bully.

Not only is the Rhode Island Red the official bird of the state of Rhode Island, there are two monuments to the bird in the state!

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# Rosecomb

(Roze-kome)



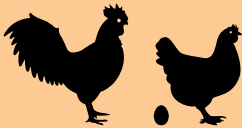
Great Britain

## Mainly Used For



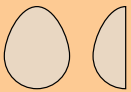
Ornamental

## Weight



1.75 lb. & 1 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



1-2

## Favorite Weather

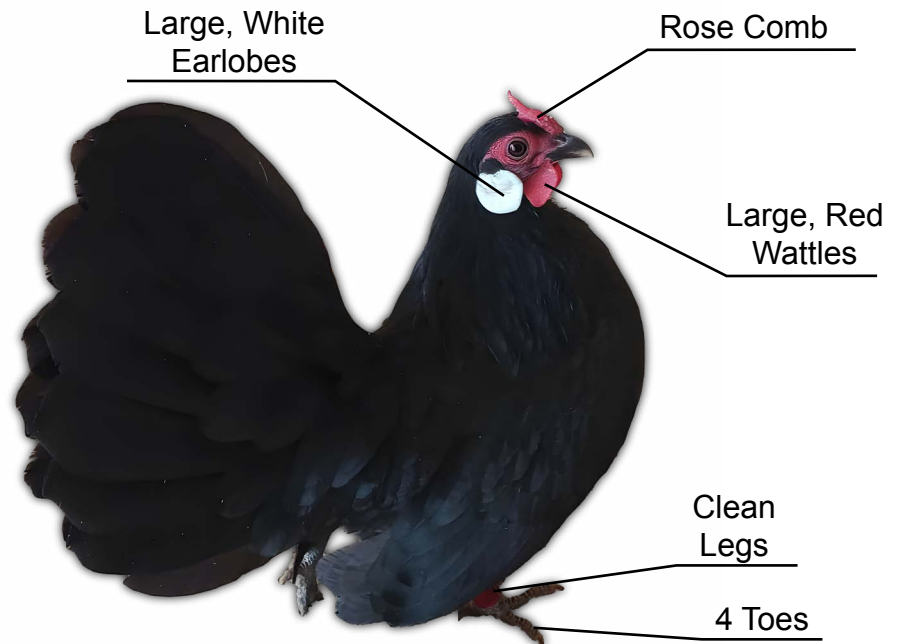


Cold

## Skill Level



Some Experience



Rosecomb chickens were named after the shape of their combs. They became popular after King Richard III of England began keeping a small flock. And they are small: Rosecomb chickens only come as bantam chickens. There is not a large size available of this showstopper.

**Class:**  
Bantam: All  
Other Breeds  
**Life Expectancy:**  
4-8 Years  
**Temperament:**  
Active hunter and  
good at flying.

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# Sebright

(See-brite)



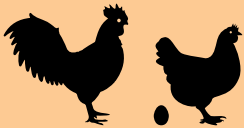
Great Britain

## Mainly Used For



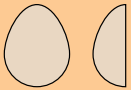
Ornamental

## Weight



1.5 lb. & 1.25 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



1-2

## Favorite Weather

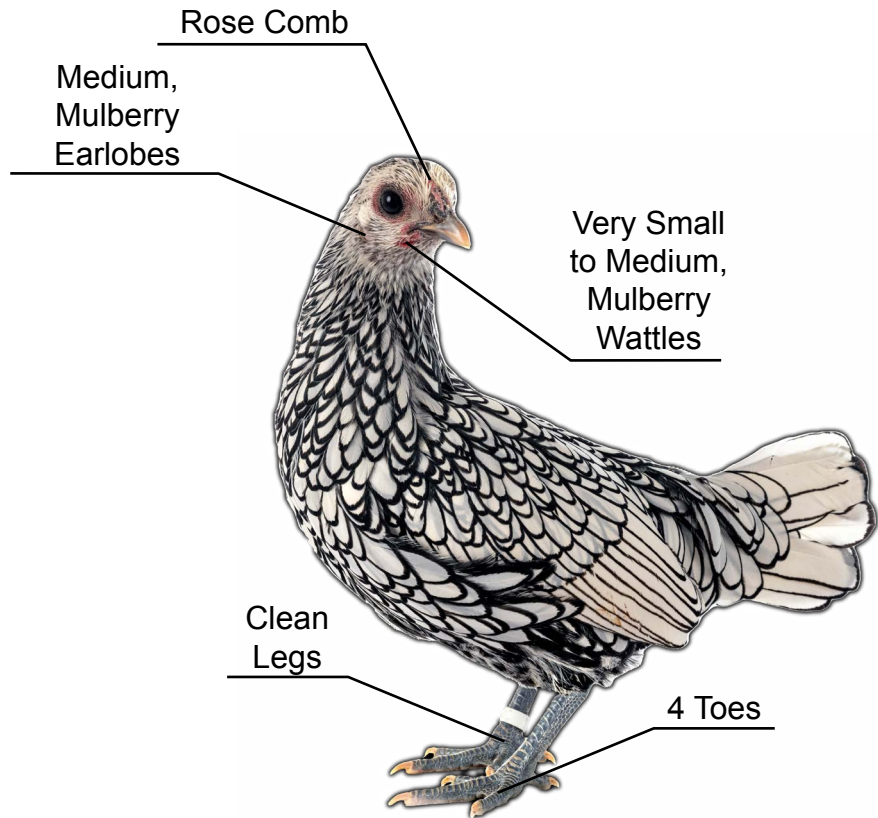


Hot

## Skill Level



Experienced



Sir John Saunders Sebright spent over 30 years developing the chicken named for him. Sebright chickens are “hen-feathered.” This means that Sebright roosters do not have long tail, neck, or shoulder feathers like most roosters do. Instead, their feathers look the same as Sebright hens’ feathers.

**Class:**  
Bantam: All  
Other Breeds  
**Life Expectancy:**  
7-8 Years  
**Temperament:**  
Active hunter and  
good at flying.

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# Serama

(Sehr-ah-muh)



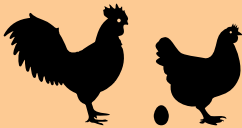
Malaysia

## Mainly Used For



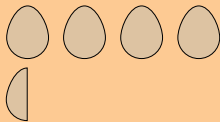
Ornamental

## Weight



<1 lb. & <1 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



4-5

## Favorite Weather

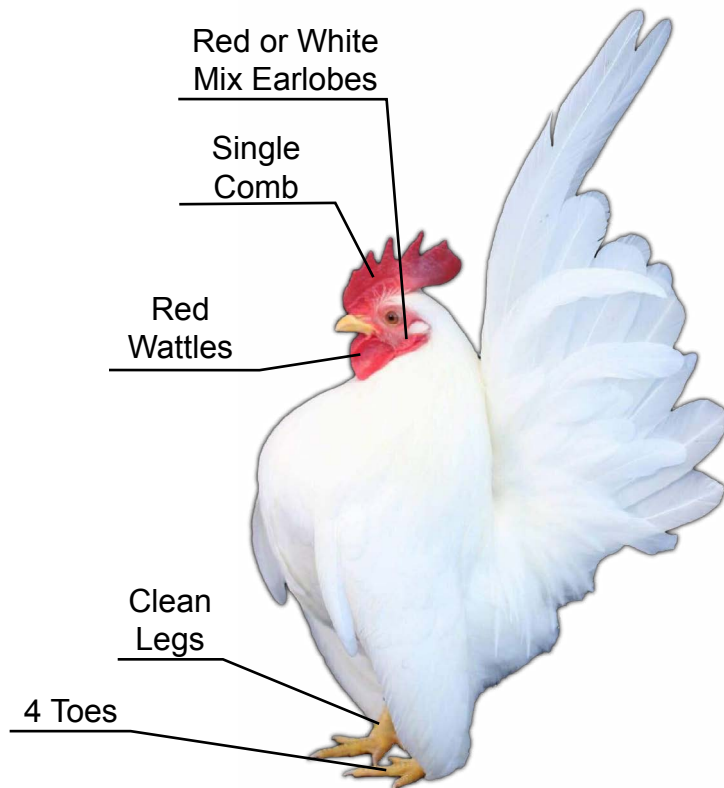


Hot

## Skill Level



Some Experience



**Class:**  
Bantam

**Life Expectancy:**  
7-10 Years

**Temperament:**  
Very friendly, loves to fly, likes to hunt.

The Serama is the smallest chicken in the world. Some are only 6 inches tall and weigh less than half a pound! Five Serama eggs equal about 1 regular chicken egg. Serama eggs also hatch earlier than other chicken eggs.

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# Silkie

(Sil-kee)



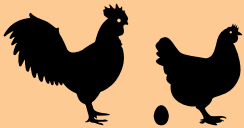
China

## Mainly Used For



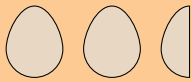
Ornamental

## Weight



1.5 lb. & 1.25 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



2-3

## Favorite Weather

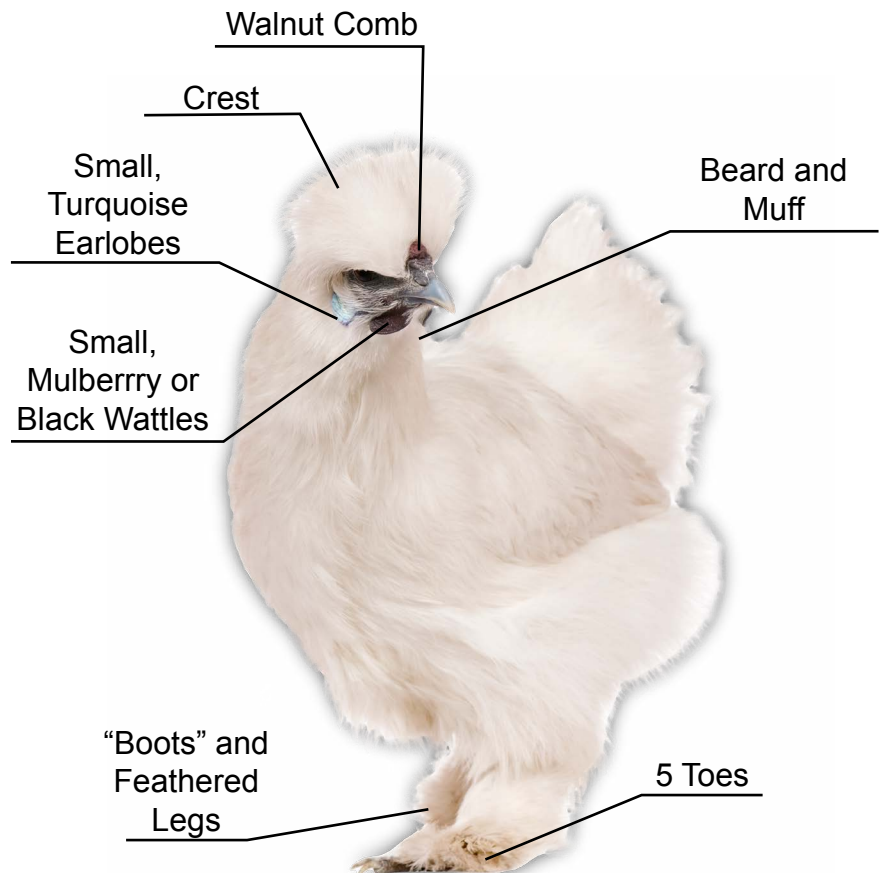


Hot and Cold

## Skill Level



Good for Beginners



When Silkies first appeared in Europe, some people thought they were a cross between a chicken and a rabbit! Silkie feathers do not have barbs, so they cannot stick together. This makes Silkies soft and fluffy. Silkies cannot fly, though, and they do not have protection from bad weather.

**Class:**  
Feather-legged  
Bantam

**Life Expectancy:**  
7-9 Years

**Temperament:**  
Easy-going, very quiet,  
good hunter, can be  
bullied easily.

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# Swedish Flower Hen

(Swee-dish Flow-er Hen)



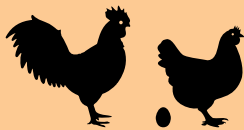
Sweden

## Mainly Used For



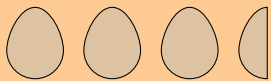
Dual (eggs and meat)

## Weight



8.5 lb. & 5 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



3-4

## Favorite Weather

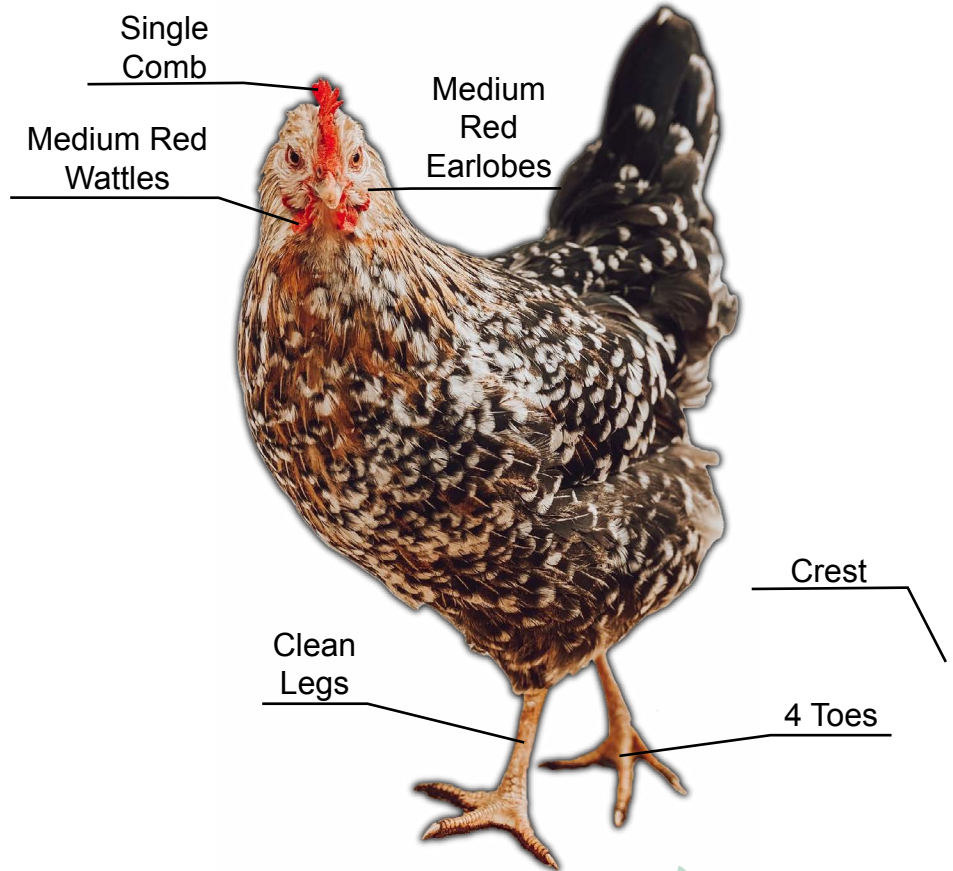


Hot and Cold

## Skill Level



Good for Beginners



**Class:**

Not Recognized

**Life Expectancy:**

5-10 Years

**Temperament:**

Highly intelligent, curious, very friendly, excellent hunter.

Swedish Flower Hens are landrace chickens. They were not bred on purpose. Instead, the breed happened naturally when wild chickens randomly bred with one another. They are known for their spotted feathers.

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# Wyandotte

(Whyn-daht)



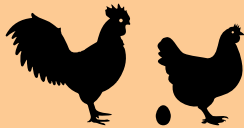
New York, USA

## Mainly Used For



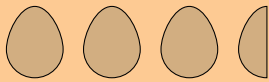
Dual (eggs and meat)

## Weight



9 lb. & 7 lb.

## Eggs Laid per Week



3-4

## Favorite Weather

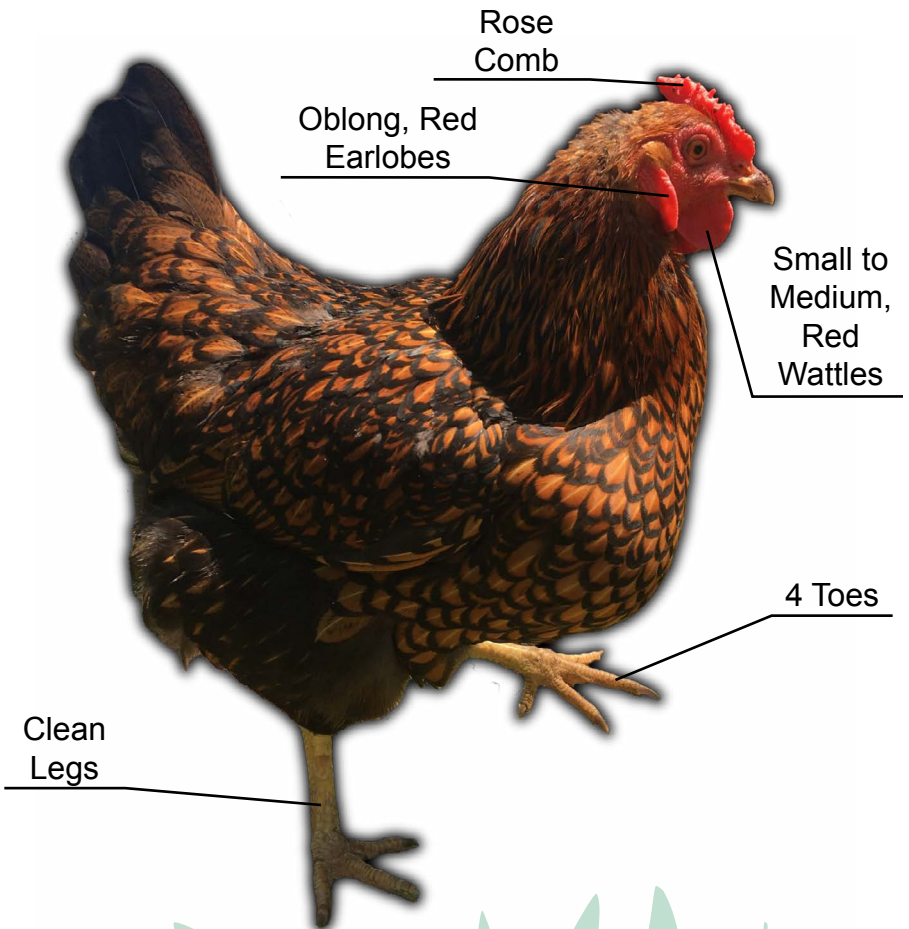


Cold

## Skill Level



Good for Beginners



A Wyandotte chicken named Mike holds the world record for living without a head. In 1945, he was supposed to be “headed” for the dinner table. Instead, Mike became a celebrity. He traveled the world and lived for eighteen months after his head was chopped off.

**Class:**  
American

**Life Expectancy:**  
6-12 Years

**Temperament:**  
Outgoing, quiet, good with other chickens.

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