



ALBC Chicken Breed Comparison Sheet

Breed	APA Class	Use	Egg Shell Color	Egg Size	Rate of Lay	Broodiness	Skin Color	Market Wt.	Rate of Growth	Early Maturity	Temperament	Special Characteristics	Special Markets
Ameraucana	All Other Standard Breed	Meat, Eggs	Green, Blue	Large			White to Yellow	4.5 - 5.5 lbs	Medium: 16-20 Weeks		Calm to Gentle	Egg Color	
Araucana	All Other Standard Breed	Eggs	Blue	Medium to Large			White to Yellow	3.5 - 4 lbs				Egg Color	
Buckeye	American	Meat, Eggs	Brown	Large			Yellow	5.5 - 8 lbs	Medium: 16-20 Weeks		Active, yet gentle	Winter Hardy, Extra Meaty	RAFT, Slow Food Ark of Taste
Chantecler	American	Eggs, Meat	Brown	Large			Yellow	5.5 - 7.5 lbs	Medium: 16-20 Weeks		Gentle	Winter Hardy, Can be Eaten at Any Age, Winter Layer	RAFT
Delaware	American	Eggs, Meat	Brown	Large to Jumbo	Very Good		Yellow	5.5 - 7.5 lbs	Fast: 12-16 Weeks	Yes	Gentle	Fast Growth, Can be Eaten at Any Age	RAFT, Slow Food Ark of Taste
Dominique	American	Eggs, Meat	Brown	Medium to Large			Yellow	4 - 6 lbs	Medium: 16-20 Weeks		Likes to Range	Good Forager	RAFT, Slow Food Ark of Taste
Holland	American	Eggs, Meat	White	Large	Good		Yellow	5.5 - 7.5 lbs	Medium: 16-20 Weeks		Likes to Range	Good Forager	RAFT
Java	American	Meat	Brown	Large			Yellow	6.5 - 8 lbs	Medium-Slow: 20-24 Weeks		Likes to Range	Excellent Forager	RAFT, in 1800s Considered Finest Table Fowl
Jersey Giant	American	Meat, Eggs	Brown	Extra Large			Yellow	8 - 11 lbs	Medium: 16-20 Weeks		Calm	Large Size	RAFT, Slow Food Ark of Taste
New Hampshire	American	Eggs, Meat	Brown	Extra Large			Yellow	5.5 - 7.5 lbs	Fast: 12-16 Weeks	Yes	Calm	Rate of Growth, Early Feathering	RAFT, Slow Food Ark of Taste
Plymouth Rock	American	Eggs, Meat	Brown	Large			Yellow	6 - 8 lbs	Fast: 12-16 Weeks		Calm	Meat Qualities, Early Feathering	RAFT, Slow Food Ark of Taste
Rhode Island Red	American	Eggs, Meat	Brown	Large			Yellow	5.5 - 7.5 lbs	Medium: 16-20 Weeks		Calm, but Likes to Range	Flavor - Once Considered Finest Flavored	RAFT, Slow Food Ark of Taste
Rhode Island White	American	Eggs, Meat	Brown	Large to Extra Large			Yellow	5.5 - 7.5 lbs	Medium: 16-20 Weeks		Calm, but Likes to Range	Used in Producing Hybrids	RAFT
Wyandotte	American	Eggs, Meat	Brown	Large			Yellow	5.5 - 7.5 lbs	Medium: 16-20 Weeks		Calm	Good Cross with Plymouth Rock	RAFT, Slow Food Ark of Taste
Cornish	English	Meat	Tinted	Medium to Large			Yellow	6.5 - 8.5 lbs	Slow: 24+ Weeks		Calm	Cornish Hen, Superb Table Qualities	Famous for Flavor
Dorking	English	Eggs, Meat	White	Medium to Large			White	6 - 8 lbs	Medium-Slow: 20-24 Weeks		Likes to Range	Winter Layers, Good Forager	Famous for Flavor
Orpington	English	Meat, Eggs	Brown	Large to Extra Large			White	7 - 8.5 lbs	Medium-Slow: 20-24 Weeks		Calm	Excellent Rate of Growth in Some Lines	
Sussex	English	Meat, Eggs	Tan to Brown	Large			White	6 - 7.5 lbs	Medium: 16-20 Weeks		Calm	Good All Around Table Bird	Famous for Flavor
Australorp	English	Eggs, Meat	Brown	Large	Excellent		White	5.5 - 7.5 lbs	Medium: 16-20 Weeks	Yes	Active, yet gentle	Productive and Fast Growing	
Ancona	English	Eggs	White	Medium to Large	Excellent	Non-Setters	Yellow	4 - 5 lbs		Yes	Very Active	Noted for Hardiness and Vigor	
Buttercup	English	Eggs	White	Small to Medium		Non-Setters	Yellow	4 - 5.5 lbs	Good		Active		
Blue Andalusian	Mediterranean	Eggs	Chalk-White	Large	Very Good	Non-Setters	White	4.5 - 6 lbs	Good		Active, yet gentle	Hardy, Good Forager, Good Layer, Excellent Layer	
Catalana	English	Eggs, Meat	White to Tinted	Medium			White	5 - 6.5 lbs	Good		Active		
Leghorn	Mediterranean	Eggs	White	Medium to Large	300 +/-	Non-Setters	Yellow	4 - 5 lbs		Yes	Very Active	Noted for Hardiness and Vigor, Excellent Layer	
Minorca	Mediterranean	Eggs	Chalk-White	Very Large	Excellent		White	6.5 - 7.5 lbs	Medium-Slow: 20-24 Weeks		Very Active, Likes to range	Great Foragers, Large Frame	
Penedesencas		Eggs, Meat	Deep Dark Brown	Medium	160 +/-				Medium-Slow: 20-24 Weeks			Egg Color, Fair Meat Qualities	
Spanish	Mediterranean	Eggs	Chalk-White	Large		Non-Setters	White	5.5 - 6.5 lbs	Good		Active	Good Layer	
Barnvelde	Continental	Eggs, Meat	Deep Terra Cotta	Medium to Large	150 to 200		Yellow	5 - 6 lbs	Medium-Slow: 20-24 Weeks			Egg Color	
Campine	Continental	Eggs	White	Medium to Large	Excellent	Non-Setters	White	3.5 - 5 lbs		Yes	Very Active	Vigorous Forager	
Crevecoeur	Continental	Meat, Eggs	White	Medium to Large	Good		White	5.5 - 7 lbs	Medium-Slow: 20-24 Weeks		Calm		A French Favorite
Faverolle	Continental	Meat, Eggs	Tinted to Light Brown	Medium to Large	Excellent		White	5.5 - 7 lbs	Medium: 16-20 Weeks		Active, yet gentle	Very Productive when in contact with the ground	Dish - Petite Poussin (Small Breast)
Hamburg	Continental	Eggs	White	Medium	Excellent	Non-Setters	White	3.5 - 4 lbs			Very Active	Flighty, Roosts in Trees	
Houdans	Continental	Meat, Eggs	White	Large		Non-Setters	White	5.5 - 7 lbs	Medium-Slow: 20-24 Weeks		Calm		A French Favorite
La Fleche	Continental	Meat, Eggs	White	Medium to Large			White	5.5 - 7 lbs	Slow: 24+ Weeks		Active	Good Forager, Large Breast for Size	A French Favorite
Lakenvelder	Continental	Eggs	White to Tinted	Medium	Good	Non-Setters	White	3.5 - 4 lbs			Active		
Maran		Eggs, Meat	Deep Terra Cotta	Large	150 to 200				Medium: 16-20 Weeks			Egg Color, Good Meat Qualities in Some Lines	
Polish	Continental	Eggs	White	Medium to Large	200+	Non-Setters	White	4 - 5 lbs		Yes	Calm, but Flighty when Disturbed		
Welsummer	Continental	Eggs, Meat	Deep Terra Cotta	Medium to Large	up to 200	Non-Setters	Yellow	5 - 6 lbs	Medium-Slow: 20-24 Weeks		Calm, Likes to Range	Egg Color, Good Foragers	
Naked Necks	All Other Standard Breed	Eggs, Meat	Brown	Large	Good		Yellow	5.5 - 7.5 lbs	Medium-Slow: 20-24 Weeks		Calm	Super Disease Resistance, Heat Tolerance	
Langshan	Asiatic	Eggs, Meat	Very Dark Brown	Large		Setters	Yellow	6.5 - 8 lbs	Slow: 24+ Weeks		Very Calm		

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