



SOUTHERN AFRICAN SHOW POULTRY ORGANISATION BREED STANDARDS

NORFOLK BLACK



ORIGIN:	Great Britain
CLASSIFICATION:	Medium
MASSES:	
Mature Tom	9.0 to 14.0kg
Mature Hen	5.0 to 8.0kg
Young Stag	6.0 to 10.0kg
Young Hen	3.0 to 6.0kg

The original turkey importations into Great Britain from America via Spain were darks in the 1500's. No doubt, the first variety to be developed here was the Norfolk Black in the country from which it derived its name. Specimens were shipped back to America in the 1600's, where they were crossed with the Eastern Wild and from those matings came the Slate, Narragansett and Bronze. The breed is now recognized as English in origin and may well be claimed as the first of the domestic varieties of turkey.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

MALE AND FEMALE

Type:	Body: fairly long and deep, particularly broad across the shoulders. Back: broad and flat between the shoulders. Breast: not too long, well rounded, muscular and fleshy. Wings: carried lightly. Tail: long in proportion to body.
Head:	Fairly long and broad, and carunculated. Beak: strong curved and well set. Eyes: bright, bold and clear. Throat wattle: large and pendent.
Neck:	Of medium length curving slightly backward with an alert carriage.
Legs and feet:	Legs: short to medium length and set well apart. Thighs: full and thick. Toes: four, straight, strong and well spread.

SERIOUS DEFECTS

Wry tail. Pronounced debeaking.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Bronze in under colour or wings. White flecks on thigh or wing feathers.
Crooked or other deformity of the breastbone. Any other deformity.

COLOUR

BLACK

Plumage of both sexes:

A dense black.

In both sexes:

Beak, legs and feet: black. Eyes: dark to black. Face, jaws, wattle and caruncles: bright rich red, but small or fluffy black feathers on head and face not a fault.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Shape (type)	20
Head, neck and wattle	15
Legs and feet	10
Weight	25
Colour	25
Condition	5
TOTAL	100