
ANCONA

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ORIGIN:	Mediterranean.
CLASSIFICATION:	Light breed: Soft feather
EGG COLOUR:	White. (Non-Sitters)
MASSES:	
LARGE FOWL	
Cock:	2.7 – 3.0 kg
Cockerel:	2.5 – 2.7 kg
Hen:	2.3 – 2.5 kg
Pullet:	1.8 – 2.0 kg
BANTAMS	
Male:	570 g – 700 g
Females:	500 g – 620 g

This breed takes its name from the City of Ancona, a port in Italy, where it originated. From there they were exported to different parts of the world. The resemblance to the Leghorn in type and skin colour strengthens the opinion that they are related and both originated from the native fowls of Central Italy.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

THE MALE

Carriage:	Upright, bold and active.
Body:	Moderately long with close and compact plumage, broad front, full broad breast carried upwards; large wings well tucked up; full tail carried well out.
Head:	Skull moderately long, deep, and inclined to width. Beak: of medium length and moderate curve. Eyes: prominent. Comb (a) Single or (b) Rose: (a) Upright, of medium size, with deep serrations and five to seven spikes (broad at their base), the outline forming a regular convex curve, the back following the line of the head. (b) Medium size, low and square in front, tapering towards the leader (which should follow the curve of the neck and not straight out or upwards), the top covered with small coral-like points of even height, and free from hollows. Face: smooth. Ear-lobes inclined to almond shape, of medium size, and free from folds. Wattles: long and fine.
Neck:	Long, profusely covered with hackle.
Legs and feet:	Legs: moderately long. Thighs: well apart and almost hidden by the body feathering. Toes: four, rather long and thin, well spread.

THE FEMALE

With the exception of the single comb, which falls, without obscuring the vision, on one side of the face, the general characteristics are similar to those of the cock, allowing for the natural sexual differences. The body however, is round and compact with greater posterior development than in the male. The back is rather long and broad, the neck of medium length and carried well up.

COLOUR

MOTTLED

MALE AND FEMALE

Beak:	Yellow shaded with black or horn, preferably not entirely yellow.
Eyes:	Orange with hazel pupil.
Comb, face and wattles:	Bright red, the face free from white.
Ear-lobes:	White.
Legs and feet:	Yellow mottled with black.
Plumage:	Beetle-green with white tippings (the latter free from black or grey streaks), the more evenly tipped with white the better, but tipped and not laced or splashed. Under-colour black. All the feathers should be black to the roots, with beetle-green surface, and only the tips white.

BANTAMS

Ancona bantams are to be exact miniatures of their large fowl counterparts and so standard, colour and scale of points are to be used as for large fowl.

SCALE OF POINTS	
Type and carriage	15
Texture (General)	10
Size	5
Purity of white, quality and evenness of tipping	20
Beetle-green ground colour dark to skin	15
Leg colour	5
Head (eye 5, comb 10, lobe 5)	20
Beak colour	5
Condition	5
Total	100

(Note: Eye points include brightness and prominence. Comb points include medium size and fine texture)

DEFECTS (Points to deduct)	
In-kneed	10
Squirrel tail	10
Crooked toes	10
White or light under-colour	10
Ground colour other than beetle-green	10
Tail not tipped or not black to roots	10
Wings any other colour than black tipped with white	10
Bad comb	5
White in face	20
Lobes other than white	5
TOTAL	100

(**Note:** Roach back or any bad structural deformity a disqualification.)

