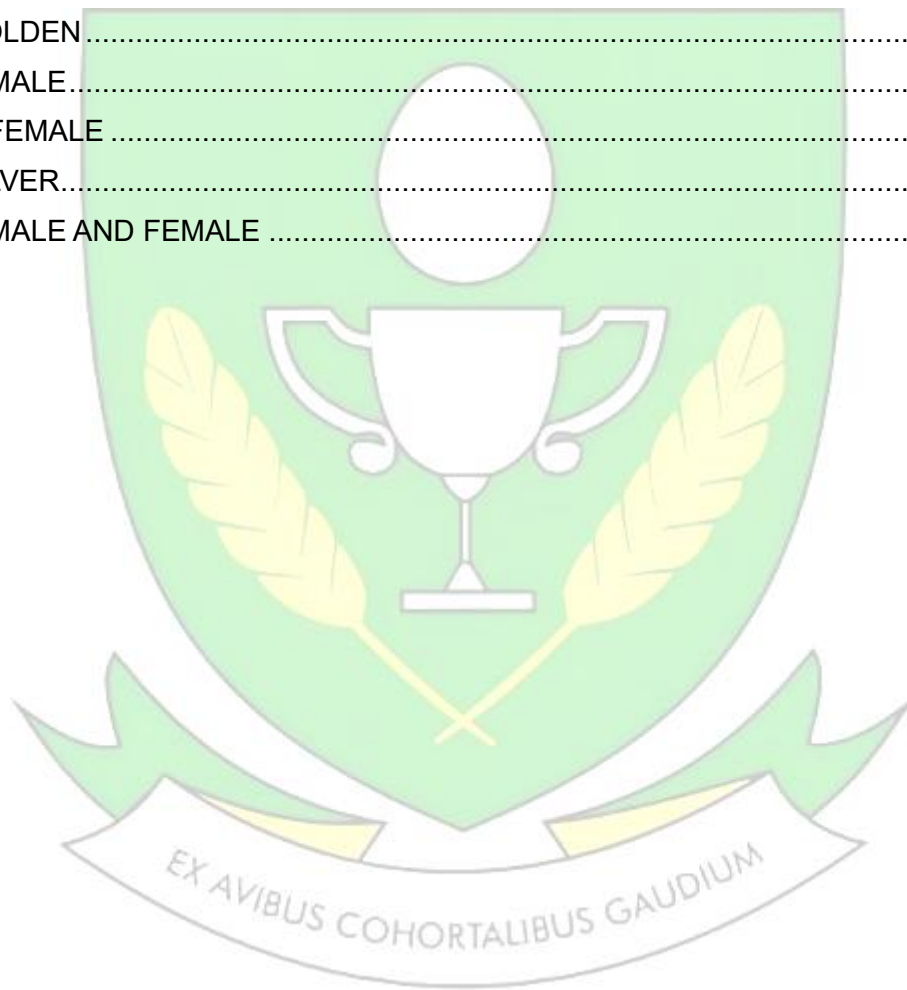

OLD ENGLISH PHEASANT FOWL

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ORIGIN:	Great Britain
CLASSIFICATION:	Light breed: Soft feather
EGG COLOUR:	White (Non-Sitters)
MASSES:	
Cock:	2.7 to 3.2 kg
Hen:	2.2 to 2.7 kg
Cockerel:	2.5 to 2.7 kg
Pullet:	2.0 to 2.2 kg

This breed was given its name of Old English Pheasant Fowl about 1914, previous to which it had been called the Yorkshire Pheasant, Golden Pheasant and also the Old-fashioned Pheasant. That this is a very old English breed is certain. Some Northern breeders retained their strains as Yorkshire Pheasant Fowls until the present tag of 'Old English' was brought officially into use. It has a meaty breast for a light breed, and has always been popular with farmers.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

THE MALE

Carriage:	Alert and active.
Body:	Body rather long, deep and round with prominent shoulders. Tail flowing and set well back.
Head:	Fine. Beak of medium size. Eyes bright and prominent. Comb rose, moderate in size, not impeding either sight or breathing, fine texture, evenly set, rather square front, the top flat and with plenty of work, tapering to a single leader (or spike) at the back, which should gracefully curve downwards, following the neck line but quite free from it. Face and wattles smooth, free from coarseness or wrinkles. Earlobes medium size, oval or almond shape, smooth.
Neck:	Graceful.
Legs and feet:	Legs of medium length, well apart, neither coarse or too fine. Shanks free from feathers. Toes, four, well spread.

THE FEMALE

With the exception of the tail (moderately whipped) the general characteristics are similar to those of the male, allowing for the natural sexual differences.

SERIOUS DEFECTS / DISQUALIFICATIONS

Comb single or over either side. Blushed lobes. Sooty hackles. Definitely black breast in male. Superfine bone. Lack of size. Squirrel tail. Any deformity. Any other defects which would affect health, hardiness, productivity or activity up to 20 points.

COLOUR

In both sexes and all colours:

Beak: Horn.

Eyes: Fiery red.

Comb: Bright rich red.

Face and wattles: Red.

Ear-lobes: White.

Legs and feet: Slate blue.

THE GOLDEN THE MALE

Plumage: Ground colour bright rich bay; back rich mahogany red; lacing, bars, striping, tipping and tail beetle-green black. Hackles striped and slightly tipped; saddle a slightly deeper shade than neck. Breast laced. Wing bars (two) marked.

THE FEMALE

Plumage: Ground colour bright rich bay; striping, tipping, spangling and tail beetle-green black. Neck with heavy stripe down centre of each feather. Wing bars crescent spangling; even and well-marked bars a point of great beauty. Tail with slight edging of ground colour carried up from the base along the upper edge of the tail. Remainder, each feather tipped with a crescent-shaped spangle. Shafts of all feathers bay.

THE SILVER

THE MALE AND FEMALE

Plumage: White with beetle-green black markings. Markings similar to the Gold.

SCALE OF POINTS

Type (including legs)	20
Head (Comb 15, Lobes 5, other points 5)	25
Markings	20
Ground colour of body	15
Plumage and flow of feather	10
Size	5
Condition	5
TOTAL	100

