

BOURBON RED TURKEY





ORIGIN:	North American
CLASSIFICATION:	Heavy
MASSES:	
Mature Tom:	11.0 to 16.0kg
Mature Hen:	5.0 to 9.0kg
Young Stag:	7.0 to 12.0kg
Young Hen:	3.0 to 7.0kg

The Bourbon Red Turkey is named after Bourbon County in Kentucky's Bluegrass Region, where it originated in the late 1800's. It was admitted to the American Standard of Perfection in 1909.

GENERAL CHARACTERISTICS

MALE AND FEMALE

Head:	Medium in length, deep broad, carunculated, with tubular leader at base of beak, its size subject to extension or contraction according to the mood of the specimen.
Beak:	Medium length, strong, curved, well set in head.
Eyes:	Full, oval and prominent.
Throat and Wattle:	Throat: heavily carunculated in males. Wattles, male and female: large pendant, extending from lower base of lower mandible to point down front of neck.
Neck:	Medium in length, erect, gracefully curved blending into back.
Beard:	Long, bristly, prominent in adult males, not required in females.
Back:	Broad, sloping from neck in a slightly convex curve to tail. Flat between the wings with width carried well back toward base of tail.

Tail:	Moderately long. Feathers: broad, carried low in a continued graceful line with back. Coverts: broad and abundant extending well onto tail.
Wings:	Powerful, smoothly folded, carried well up on sides. Feathers: broad and overlapping.
Breast and Keel:	The frontal part broad, deep, full, well rounded, carried well forward and slightly above horizontal. The breast at the face of the keel should be wide with a flat appearance, keel medium in length, slightly convex, full fleshed, throughout its entire length.
Body:	Broad, deep, compact. Carriage: sufficiently upright to show back angle of approximately forty-five degrees above horizontal from base of tail to shoulders.
Fluff:	Moderately short.
Legs and Toes:	Legs: medium length, strong, straight, set well apart. Thighs: well filled out with flesh down to the hocks. Shanks: strong, of good substance and as approximately as long as the keel. Toes: four on each foot, straight, strong and well spread.
Skin:	Fine in texture.

SERIOUS DEFECTS

Wry tail. Pronounced de-beaking.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

More than one third any other colour than white showing in either primaries, secondaries, or main tail feathers. Entire absence of black edging in plumage of toms on breast, wing fronts and saddle. Entire absence of white edging on feathers in upper breast and neck sections of hens. Crooked or other deformity of the breastbone. Any other deformity.

COLOUR

RED

THE MALE

Head:	Red, changeable to bluish white.
Beak:	Light horn at tip, darker at base.
Eyes:	Dark brown.
Throat-wattle:	Red, changeable to bluish white.
Neck:	Rich, dark, chestnut mahogany.
Beard:	Black.

Back:	Rich, dark, chestnut mahogany; each feather from point of shoulders to base of main tail, having a very narrow edging of black.
Tail:	Pure white, with a dimly outlined bar of soft red crossing each main tail feather near the end.
Wings:	Fronts, bows and coverts: rich dark chestnut mahogany; each feather having a very narrow edging of lustrous black.
Body & Fluff:	Body: deep, brownish red; each feather edged with a very fine line of black. Fluff: a lighter shade of brownish red.
Legs & Feet:	Lower thighs: dark, chestnut mahogany. Shanks and toes: reddish pink in adults; deep reddish horn in young.
Under-colour:	All sections: red, shading to a light salmon at base.

THE FEMALE

Similar to that of male, except there is no black edging in any section. On the breast, each feather has a narrow thread-like edging of white.

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