



American Standard of Perfection 2010

JERSEY GIANTS

The Black Jersey Giants originated in the State of New Jersey, during the 1880s by crossing Black Javas, Dark Brahmas and Black Langshans. In recent years, Cornish blood was introduced in some strains. As their name implies, Jersey Giants are large and a very heavy

fowl. The Black Jersey Giants were admitted to the Standard in 1922.

The White Jersey Giants were admitted to the Standard in 1947. They were white sports of the Black variety.

Being a super-heavy market fowl, due attention should be paid to the Standard weights, in order to maintain the characteristically heavy meat producing qualities.

ECONOMIC QUALITIES

A general purpose fowl for heavy meat and egg production. Color of skin, yellow; color of egg shells, brown to dark brown.

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Bottoms of feet showing complete absence of yellow. (See General Disqualifications and Cutting for Defects.)

STANDARD WEIGHTS

Cock 13 lbs. Hen 10 lbs.
Cockerel 11 lbs. Pullet 8 lbs.

SHAPE – MALE

COMB: Single; rather large, straight and upright, having six well-defined and evenly serrated points, the blade following the contour of the neck.

BEAK: Moderately short, stout, well-curved.

FACE: Surface smooth, skin fine and soft in texture.

EYES: Large, round and full.

WATTLES: Medium size, well-rounded at lower ends fine in texture, free from folds or wrinkles.

EAR-LOBES: Moderately large, extending down one-half the length of the wattles smooth.

HEAD: Rather large, broad.

NECK: Moderately long, full, well-arched.

BACK: Rather long, broad, nearly horizontal, with a short sweep to tail.

TAIL: Rather large, full, well-spread, carried at an angle of forty-five degrees (45°) above horizontal, (figs. 10-11).

Main Tail -- broad and overlapping.

Sickles -- of just sufficient length to cover main tail feathers.

Coverts -- moderately abundant and medium in length.

WINGS: Medium size, well-folded, carried at same angle as the back.

Primaries and Secondaries -- broad and overlapping in natural order when wing is folded.

BREAST: Broad, deep, full, carried well forward.

BODY AND FLUFF: Body -- long, wide, deep, compact smooth at sides.

Keel-- long.

Fluff -- moderately full, smooth.

LEGS AND TOES: Legs set well apart, straight when viewed from front.

Lower Thighs -- large, medium length, well-feathered.

Shanks -- stout in bone, moderately long.

Toes -- four on each foot, medium length.

SHAPE -- FEMALE

COMB: Single; moderately large, having six well-defined and evenly serrated points, conforming to the contour of head. (See American females in production, pg. 34).

BEAK: Moderately short, stout, well-curved.

FACE: Surface smooth, skin fine and soft in texture.

EYES: Large, round, full.

WATTLES: Medium in size, fine in texture.

EAR-LOBES: Medium in size, smooth.

HEAD: Medium size, broad.

NECK: Moderately long and full, slightly arched.

BACK: Rather long, broad its entire length, carried nearly horizontal, ending in a short sweep to tail.

TAIL: Moderately long, well-spread, carried at an angle of thirty degrees (30°) above horizontal, (figs. 10-11).
Main Tail -- broad and overlapping.

WINGS: Medium size, well-folded, carried at same angle as the back.

Primaries and Secondaries -- broad and overlapping in natural order when wing is folded.

BREAST: Full deep, broad, carried well forward.

BODY AND FLUFF: Body -- long, wide, deep, compact smooth at sides.

Keel-- long.

Fluff -- moderately full.

LEGS AND TOES: Legs set well apart straight when viewed from front.

Lower Thighs -- large, medium length, well feathered.

Shanks -- moderately long, stout in bone.

Toes -- four on each foot, medium length, straight, well-spread.

Note-- See Interpretation of Standard -- "Quality of Feather." page 29.

BLACK JERSEY GIANTS

DISQUALIFICATIONS

More than one-half inch of positive white showing on surface, or two or more feathers tipped or edged with positive white. (See General Disqualifications and Cutting for Defects.)

COLOR -- MALE AND FEMALE

COMB, FACE, WATTLES AND EAR-LOBES: Bright red.

BEAK: Black, shading to yellow toward the tip.

EYES: Dark brown.

SHANKS AND TOES: Nearly black with a tendency towards willow; black preferred. Underpart of feet, yellow.

PLUMAGE: See description of Black Plumage Color, page 34.

UNDERCOLOR OF ALL SECTIONS: Dark slate.

WHITE JERSEY GIANTS

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Light-bay eye, pure yellow legs. (See general Disqualifications and Cutting for Defects.)

COLOR -- MALE AND FEMALE

COMB, FACE WATTLES AND EAR-LOBES: Bright red.

BEAK: Yellow streaked with horn.

EYES: Brown to dark brown.

SHANKS AND TOES: Dark willow. Underpart of feet yellow.

PLUMAGE: Pure white in all sections.

BLUE JERSEY GIANTS

DISQUALIFICATIONS

Red, yellow or positive white in plumage. (See General Disqualifications and Cutting for Defects).

COLOR -- MALE AND FEMALE

COMB, FACE AND WATTLES AND EARLOBES:
Bright Red.

BEAK: Black, shading to yellow toward tip.

EYES: Dark brown approaching black.

SHANKS & TOES: Nearly black or dark slaty blue, with a tendency toward willow; black preferred. Underpart of Underpart of feet, yellow.

PLUMAGE: See description for Blue Plumage Color, page 37.