



**1999 Ameraucana Breeders Club National Meet**  
**Indiana Poultry Breeders Association Annual Winter Show**  
**Connersville, IN - Dec. 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup>, 1999**

Awards offered by:

**AMERAUCANA BREEDERS CLUB  
& Members**

CHAMPION AMERAUCANA .....	\$10.00
RESERVE CHAMPION AMERAUCANA.....	\$10.00
BEST OF BREED BANTAM .....	ABC Traveling Plaque & Rosette
RESERVE OF BREED BANTAM.....	Rosette
BEST OF BREED LARGE FOWL.....	\$5.00 & Rosette
RESERVE OF BREED LARGE FOWL.....	Rosette
the above cash prizes are donated by <b>Paul Smith</b> of Texas.	
BEST PAIR-LARGE FOWL.....	The Bruce Hutchinson Memorial Plaque
RESERVE OF VARIETY.....	\$5.00
for the top 10 varieties shown, donated by <b>Mike Gilbert</b> of Wisconsin.	
BEST BANTAM OR LARGE FOWL shown by a junior.....	Award
donated by Neil & Donna Townsend of Pennsylvania.	

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**Indiana Poultry Breeders Association**

CHAMPION AMERAUCANA.....	Trophy
BEST BANTAM AMERAUCANA.....	Trophy
RESERVE BANTAM AMERAUCANA.....	Trophy
BEST LARGE FOWL AMERAUCANA.....	Trophy
RESERVE LARGE FOWL AMERAUCANA.....	Trophy
BEST OF VARIETY AMERAUCANA.....	\$10.00 each
for the top 10 varieties shown.	

Only Ameraucana Breeders Club Members are eligible for these awards. Members receive quarterly Bulletins & are eligible for awards offered by the club. New Members also receive a 40 page ABC Handbook. Yearly Membership Dues are \$10.00 / Family, \$7.50 / Individual and \$5.00 / Junior. Send dues to: John W. Blehm, Secretary/Treasurer, Ameraucana Breeders Club, 4599 Lange, Birch Run, MI 48415  
Club web site coming soon, [ameraucana.org](http://ameraucana.org), e-mail [abc@ameraucana.org](mailto:abc@ameraucana.org)

**Why Exhibition Poultry?  
(President's Message - August 1999)**

A recent letter from a disgruntled fancier chastised me specifically and the club in general for promoting only purebred varieties of Ameraucanas. This person apparently thought the A.B.C. was about hatchery-strain colored egg chickens. In fact, the letter outlined some very plausible reasons (at least on the surface) to support the writer's opinions. Among the benefits listed for keeping mongrels were: better productivity and longevity derived from hybrid vigor, a more "inclusive" and hospitable organization resulting in more members, and greater access to acceptable birds because there would be fewer culls.

What the writer failed to realize is that breeding purebred poultry is part science and part artistry - a striving for perfection that requires a certain level of knowledge, talent, skill, and perseverance. Little of such inputs are required of one who is satisfied with a flock of mixed ancestry and who doesn't really care what the next generation might be like. Certainly we should emphasize utility as well as appearance in our breeding programs, but if utility is to be our paramount objective we may as well raise commercial layer hybrids and rock cornish broilers since they are unsurpassed for those qualities.

No, Ameraucanas are to be bred as triple purpose fowl, useful for meat, eggs, and for beauty - as defined by the written standards. To quote the A.B.A. Bantam Standard, "the most useful and desirable traits available to a blue egg fowl" were selected. If that makes us too exclusive - well, tough! We never expected to gain the support of all poultry fanciers.

To paraphrase Abe Lincoln, "you can't please all the people all of the time." Not if your purpose for being is to have any discernible meaning. As for me, well, the quote from Ralph Sturgeon in the foreword to our new handbook pretty much says it all. If you haven't yet ordered your copy, what are you waiting for? See you at some of the fall shows - with productive birds - meeting standard requirements - that are, hopefully, uniformly pleasing in appearance.

P.S. Bantam Standard artwork update. So far we have received money and pledges for over half the required amount to place Ameraucana bantam portraits in Bantam Standard. We really need many more of you to get behind this project with your pledge/donations. Even \$5 or \$10 from many members would put us over the top. Think about it - and thank you very much.

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For your information some of the correspondences that I have received over the past few months are printed in this bulletin. Some have been edited and many were received by e-mail and not always was the name of the sender given. Ads for club members are included at no cost. Articles from YOU are gladly accepted (via e-mail if possible).

Club member donations are down a bit this year for awards. We'll still accept donations, but it will be too late to mention in the show catalog.

Upcoming Club Meets:

**ABC Special Meet**

9/11/99, Saulk Trail Poultry Club, Hillsdale County Fairgrounds, Hillsdale, MI  
contact: Jack Gabbard, (517) 688-4789 e-mail gabbard@dmci.net

**ABC District Meet**

Sept. 18 & 19---Illini Show at Belvidere, IL  
contact: Ruth Ann Van Fleet, (815) 544-4603

**ABC State Meet**

Sept. 25 & 26, Wisconsin International show at Janesville, WI  
contact: Byron & Laura Kershaw, N 5514 Dunning Rd., Pardeeville, WI 53954

**ABC State Meet**

10/8-10/99, Utah Fancy Poultry Fall Show,  
Davis County Fairgrounds,  
Farmington, Utah  
contact: Frank Takahashi (801) 479-9027

**ABC State Meet**

10/9 & 10/99, Bay City Poultry Association,  
Alma, MI contact: Richard Ross,  
2180 Froede, Caro, MI 48723  
(517) 683-2934

John Blehm offers \$5 for best bantam  
& \$5 for best LF.

**ABC State Meet**

Oct. 23 & 24, Minnesota State Poultry Club  
at Hutchinson, MN, contact:  
Adrian & Mary Ann Rademacher,  
9185 Count Rd. 10 East, Waconia, MN 55387

**ABC State Meet**

11/26 & 27/99, Eastern Iowa Poultry Club,  
Iowa City, IA, contact: Phil Shank,  
1355 Elm Ave., Wellman, IA 52356  
(319) 646-2011

Mike Gilbert offers \$5.00 for best  
Am bantam shown by a junior, and  
another \$5.00 for best Am bantam overall.



4/30/99

Hi John,

I received your name from Mike Gilbert - I recently purchased some bantam chicks for my 10 year old son. We would like to join the club - could you tell me how much family dues are? My son received 12 started chicks from Mike in buff, black, blue, and brown red. His favorite by far are the buffs. All 3 of those will ride around on his shoulder. Thanks and looking forward to hearing from you.

Tim Burke

5/8/99

Hi John,

I have 34 youngsters 6 weeks old. That's about what I have room for. They are in the outside house now and should be able to go in the outside run on the grass if the weather warms just a bit. Looks like I have a few nice Golden Quail in the lot. Hope you are having good luck also.

Regards, Ron Klemmedson

5/12/99

Hello,

I would like to know where I can buy some of these interesting chickens. I will be moving to a 22 acre farm and would like to try raising some of these. Would you please be able to give me an address of someone in western Pennsylvania who might be able to help me?

Thank you, Lynn Brunetto

6/5/99

Hello All,

If you haven't seen this I thought you might be interesting to you. Yes, I can see it coming! Racing Homers bigger than Geese, Ringneck Doves as big as chickens, Modena pigeons standing higher than Emu.

Larry

Weekly World News By Randy Jeffries

ZURICH, Switzerland - Strange things are taking place at the Swiss Biological Research Laboratory, where scientists have stunned the world by creating a genetically engineered chicken that stands over four feet tall and weighs more than 74 pounds. Dr. Lars Valdessoehn, head of the research team who developed the chicken, says he used a complex process that involved combining the DNA of the ostriches emus and other large fowl with the genetic material of ordinary hens. "After five years, we finally isolated the chromosomes that produce the massive growth seen in ostriches, yet do not give the chickens other ostrich-like characteristics," Dr. Valdessoehn told reporters. The painstaking experimentation has resulted in establishing a prototype chicken whose DNA can be passed along to other chickens and thereby create hundreds of others like her. "Our aim is to breed these animals in massive numbers and use them to help combat world hunger. "The chickens will soon be able to be produced as

*cheaply as ordinary chickens. Were working now on finding a gene that will allow the birds to use food more efficiently, allowing us to feed them more economically." The chicken, known as Greta by Dr. Valdessoehn and his staff, stands four feet, two and a half inches tall and weighs 74 pounds three ounces. Dr. Valdessoehn declines to talk about what other projects are being conducted at the lab. His work has been shrouded in secrecy since 1994 when the Swiss government began to fund his research. But anonymous sources hint darkly that some experiments may involve human beings.*

**6/7/99**

*Hello!*

*I found your email at a chicken web page (somewhere). I just purchased some easter egg chicks and they are so cute. I was wondering how uniform the chicks look. Some of them look like those I have seen on the web. Kind of wild type tan with dark markings on their heads. Can some be yellow as chicks? I was curious about your club. I do not intend to breed, just want to have some pretty blue eggs!*

*Elizabeth*

**REPLY by Mike Gilbert, 6/9/99**

*Egg color in large fowl will vary depending upon the strain. The silvers (not silver duckwing but silver as in silver leghorn) I once bred had excellent blue egg color. Blue is the color we should be striving for, as shades of green indicate impurity. If one mixes yellow and blue paint the result is green. Yellow is in brown, thus the varying shades of green eggs when blue-eggers are crossed with brown-eggers. Egg color is something that can be selected for over time, once the other traits are established.*

**6/10/99**

*Dear Mr. Blehm, I have 3 Ameraucana hens and 1 rooster. I was told that these would also lay green eggs. I am an amateur and do not know where to find out information concerning my chickens. My hens are laying only brown eggs. I have been told that it is the food that they eat. Is this so and where so I go for information? My chickens are beautiful and I love having them. We live in north Central Texas 30 miles from the Red River in a town called Bowie. Any help is most appreciated. Thank you- Kellie Lancaster*

**6/16/99**

*John, ... Yes, I saw Jim Tuckwood at the Dairyland Classic show - Richland Center - on June 5th. He said he thought earlier that week he might lose the leg. I think its from a poisonous spider - but nobody knows for sure. Anyway, they had him on massive doses of antibiotics, and it seemed to be getting better. He had entered birds for the show, but did not bring them as he knew he would be late. Rande Buske, John Bashaw, and I showed. I had only two Am's entered, and ended up with reserve AOCCL on my white cockerel (last September hatch). He does have the red lobes. Rande had reserve Am. on a white hen. Earl Jones*

was the judge. This was a one-day, about 700 bird show. My tentative show schedule looks like this: either Land of Blackhawk or Wisconsin International in September, Illini, and Hutchinson. Possibly the Eastern Iowa show the weekend after Thanksgiving. I may try to work in a visit to Jim Fegan...

Mike Gilbert

6/17/99

Hi there,

We are new to showing the Ameraucana Breed. We would appreciate any tips you may have for showing the breed. Also, in your experiences, which varieties show the best. Thank you for your kind attention.

Teresa Renwick and Family.

REPLY by Mike Gilbert -

Teresa, there is not anything more to showing Ameraucanas than most other breeds. First they must be clean - I give mine a bath in warm soapy water followed by a thorough rinse and towel dry. This should be done two days before they are shown, and of course they must be kept clean during the two days. A deep litter of fresh pine shavings is good. During the bath I go over the comb and toes & shanks with a medium bristle toothbrush to clean off the dead outer scales. This gives them a brighter, fresher appearance. Of course the birds must be mature and in excellent feather condition. Missing and broken feathers, especially wing and tail feathers, will hurt any chance of a top placing. A few damaged back and body feathers can be gently removed. The bird must also be very tame, as a flighty or wild bird will not show well. Remember, the judge only has a moment or so to evaluate your bird, so if it is crouching in a corner or banging up against the cage it will not do well. Before washing, check the shanks and between the toes for any feather stubs or down. These can be removed by hand or with a tweezer. Above all, be sure the bird is healthy. I give mine an aureomycin tablet the day before, the day of, and the day after it is shown to help ward off any contagious respiratory conditions that may be present in birds mine is next to. Be sure your birds don't have any passengers. Lice and mites are disgusting and the judge may refuse to handle your bird or look at it a second time for that matter. This is getting to be a dissertation, so will stop here. Variety is not important if it meets all standard requirements. By that I mean comb, ear lobe color, shank color, and of course the proper coloring for the specific variety. Read and Study the standard. Talk to the judge afterwards if you are not sure about something. Solid color birds like white or black usually have the advantage since there is less to evaluate. But any other variety can be shown and win if everything is "right."

Mike Gilbert - Wisconsin

6/20/99

John,

Enclosed is a check for family membership, Matt 11/22/83, Becky 01/06/88, Donna had BB 2 out of 3 shows Southern Ohio & Buckeye Feather Fanciers at

Canfield, OH. With Brown Red K. We are 4-H leaders & promote youth, at Hamburg, NY (the Semi-Bantam meet). I gave Bill Wulff an award for National in Dec. Best Ameraucana (Youth) bantam or Large Fowl. Hope to meet you at National. Load & Proud Poultry, Neil & Donna Townsend.

6/20/99

Would you happen to know if the egg of an Araucana chicken has less cholesterol than that of other chickens. I can't find any reference that this is true, but a seller at a local farmer's market is marketing them as such. Thanks for any info you can give me.

Tom

6/21/99

Hi,

I saw your name on the Internet and was wondering if you could point me to a breeder who might have a breeding trio for sale.

I have a small farm in Ellensburg, Washington (eastern portion of the state). We want to start with good quality stock. We have raised many farm animals in previous times so are experienced with chickens and their care.

Thank you, Susan Gregory

6/21/99

We recently moved approx. 1 hour north of San Francisco and would like to raise Araucna or Ameraucana chickens. Do you sell them or have information where I may purchase them? Thanks Deb.

6/23/99

Hello, I am looking for some Chickens to raise at my home. I am looking for the PINK or BLUE egg layers. I have the green egg layers, but looking for something different. Can you please tell me where I can get some Chicks or eggs to hatch?

Thank you, Richard Kjonaas

6/23/99

hi! interested to know if you sell these lovely colored eggs? I collect eggs from all types of birds [usually cleaned and blown, but not always] and would be interested in finding out the cost of these and if you sell them or just the hens that lay them...thanks! ronna alexander, douglas, michigan

6/29/99

I thought this might be worth including in the next newsletter:

Betty Rundquist of Idaho Falls recommends a method for preventing soft-shelled eggs. She writes, "I use half of a 600 milligram caplet of pure calcium supplement for large fowl . . . after three days I give a second dose. So far it does the trick and requires no further dosage. I use the cheapest calcium I can



buy at (discount stores)." She adds, "I really do like Ameraucanas - I'll plan to keep on trying to raise more birds." We hope you do too, Betty.

7/2/99

Hello John, I just found your web site on the ameraucana breeders club. Could you get me some more info on how I could get some chicks or eggs to hatch. I just got my computer last week and my skills are minimal so there may be some sites to order and I just can't find them. I am raising a few chickens just as a hobby and have 2 hens that lay the blue to green egg respectively. I have seen pictures of much heavier tinted blue eggs than what I have and am interested in obtaining some more stock. I have found some web pages on the aracaunas/ameracaunas and didn't realize the complexity of the breed. Would appreciate any suggestions.  
thanks, Gary Spradlin

7/4/99

Happy Independence Day to all of you! I hope that each of you are enjoying the long weekend as much as our family. We in this country are truly blessed. In the last Ameraucana Club newsletter there was a short article about our participation in the American Bantam Association's new project. The ABA has always been very supportive of we Ameraucana fanciers, and has given us an opportunity to have our breed represented with two pictures in their "Bantam Standard." These would be color depiction's of the blue-wheaten variety done by none other than our own Rusty Hart. The monetary cost is quite high, but we are convinced it would be an excellent value over the long term, as such an opportunity may not come again for decades. The bottom line is this: We need to raise a total of \$500 for the two portraits. To date we have received \$155 in pledges. I am asking each of you to consider your part in this project. If you feel you can support this effort with a pledge, please contact me by return e-mail at your first opportunity. The actual funds are not needed immediately, as we have a little time for this. When you are able to send them, checks should be forwarded to my address and may be made payable to either this club or to the American Bantam Association. On behalf of the officers and directors of the Ameraucana Breeders Club, thank you.  
Mike Gilbert, president, ABC.

July 5, 1999

Dear John,

...Twin Falls, Ida. Meet was a "flop". I entered 6 Bantam Blue Wheatons, Betty Rundquist had 2 Large Fowl & that was all. Not enough to deal with - I did win the O.A.C.C.L. class w/a blue wheaton pullet, sure was a sad turn out - ...Hope Montana State Fair, Aug. 6 & 7 turns out better. I get lots of compliments on my Ameraucanas, have sold some nice birds - But as of yet, no new exhibitors. Maybe soon, our breed will gain popularity out here...Thank You, Koralyne Kibbee

The following show report was very slow in getting to our club:  
Greater Ca Soc. Of Poultry Fanciers, Greater Ca Show, 2/27 - 28/99  
BB Bantam = Jim Wheeler, wheaten K  
RB Bantam = Jim Wheeler, wheaten H  
BB LF = Jim Wheeler, blue H  
RB LF = Jay Horn, Black P

7/11/99

*Hi my name is Mary Beth Moon. My daughter and I need your help. Heather is doing a project for the Gladwin fair that is the last full week of July. She is doing a project on poultry and their eggs. We are trying to locate a photo of an Ameraucana Hen and not having much luck. We have this breed at home but our rooster has been busy and they are not in the greatest of shape to have a photo taken of them. Heather shows a silkie in the fair each year. If you could help us out with our troubles it would mean alot to us. I will gladly reimburse you the cost of mail.... Wish we would of known about your club sooner. Well THANK-YOU for your time and hope you can help us out.  
Mary Beth and Heather Moon*

7/15/99

*Would you please send me info. on how to obtain Ameraucana chickens. I am a widow and want to raise some aucana chickens. Thank You  
Virginia Ponsetto*

7/25/99

*Hello,  
I was searching the internet for an answer to a question that I have. Do Ameraucana bantams have feathered legs or not. I am a member in 4-H and recently took one to the fair. The judge deducted from my score because mine had feathered legs and she said they were not supposed to. I received my chickens from my great uncle who recently bought some from a hatchery and the ones he bought had feathered legs. I was wondering if they were supposed to or not to end my confusion and thought maybe you could help me. Thanks a lot,  
Julie Hagedorn*

**MY REPLY - Ameraucanas do not have feathered legs. They do have pea combs and muffs & beards. The Standards, put out by the American Poultry Association and American Bantam Association, have the official descriptions. Many hatcheries sell chickens that are "mutts" and call them Ameraucanas or Araucanas.**

7/28/99

*Mike,*

*I thought you would be interested to hear how the started chicks you sent this spring have done. Daniel showed 3 of them at the 4-H fair and the birds were judged yesterday. He received one purple (on the pair of buffs) and a blue on a*

*brown red cockerel. The pair of buffs was also Champion Hobby pair. He also showed two pens of light brahmas and received purples on both of those. In addition he was second in the showmanship competition. For his first fair he did quite well. We still have all the chicks and one of the pullets laid her first pastel blue egg yesterday. Overall, I think that yesterday was a BIG day for one 10 year old boy.*

*On the chicks - the blacks are all quite nice as are two of the buffs. The brown reds are nice but the cockerels have rather large combs - is that common with that color? The blue looks like a light colored black - I thought he might lighten with the moult. Overall, this is a really excellent group of birds and we are very happy with them. 9 very good birds out of 12 is a really incredible statistic!*

*Thank you again for your help.*

*Tim Burke*

*7/31/99*

*Hello Folks,*

*By way of introduction, I am Doug Stewart, a new member of the Ameraucana Breeders Club. We have a 20 acre organic farm a few miles north of Fairfield where I have a flock of 45 (at the moment) large fowl chickens. Also, 3 kittens, 4 cats, 1 boy of 7 yrs, and 1 wife (who continues to tolerate my chicken fever) - listed in reverse order of importance. I am sending this email to ABC members within about 60 miles of me (Iowa City and Mt Pleasant) in hopes of locating some large fowl Silver Ameraucana eggs, chicks, adolescents, or adults. I am looking for birds that lay a pure blue egg, rather than some shade of green or greenish blue. Please respond if you have such, or if you can direct me to a source. Thanks, Doug Stewart*

*PS: I am always looking for any individual bird or type that lays a yellowish or goldish colored egg.*

*8/2/99*

*I would like some more info please on both the Araucanas and the Ameraucanans. Where to buy fertile eggs, info on egg color, heartiness, etc.. Thank you. RSVP*

*August 4, 1999 John,*

*I am so glad to finally write you. I have heard so many nice things about you, (keep up the great work) and I look forward to writing you again soon.*

*Alfred Owens*

*7/2/99*

*Dear John,*

*I haven't written a "Dear John" letter in a long time. I came across an article I thought would be worthwhile for our news letter. It is written in plain language and I thought very informative. Enclosed is the article. Sincerely, Little Red Hen, Betty Rundquist*

## UNDERSTANDING COCCIDIOSIS

By PETER J. BROWN FIRST STATE VETERINARY SUPPLY, INC.

Coccidiosis is one of the least understood of all Avian Diseases. The key to controlling Coccidiosis is to be on a control program that will keep the disease under control yet allow sufficient natural immunity to develop. Because the oocysts that cause Coccidiosis is present everywhere, it is virtually impossible to be free of this disease.

Coccidiosis is caused by a Protozoan, which is a single celled animal. When the Protozoa multiply in the bird's intestine, infection takes place causing intestinal damage. Cells that line the Intestine that are used for digestion and conversion of feed into the Amino Acids and other nutrients are destroyed by the ever multiplying Coccidia. Some species of Coccidia can and do cause severe damage to the intestinal lining and therefore make it difficult for the bird to absorb the necessary nutrients to nourish its body.

There are at least nine species of Coccidia known to infect Chickens. Every animal is affected by some species of Coccidia. All species of Coccidia are host specific. This means that Coccidia that are capable of infecting Chickens will not infect Turkeys and vice versa. Five of the nine species of Coccidia that infect Chickens can be very aggressive and cause permanent intestinal damage if not properly controlled. Each of these species resides in a particular section of the Intestines. *Eimeria accervulina* resides in the upper part of the small Intestine and is usually found in birds that are eight weeks of age or older. *Eimeria necatrix* usually found in the middle areas of the small Intestine and is usually responsible for the intestinal bleeding often seen with Coccidiosis and usually attacks young birds. *Eimeria tenella* resides in the Cecal tonsil or blind pouches of the Intestine and usually causes what is called Cocal bloody Coccidiosis and is usually found

in birds that are between five to eight weeks of age. *Eimeria brunetti* cause its damage in the lower small intestine and the Cloaca or rectum of the bird. *Eimeria maxima* cause Intestinal damage in the middle to lower portions of the small Intestine.

Coccidiosis is spread by contaminated feed and droppings from infected birds. The infectious oocysts that cause Coccidiosis can be carried by man, litter, contaminated equipment, and free flying birds. The main source of Infection is the Chicken. Birds that are infected with Coccidiosis will pass great numbers of infectious oocysts in their droppings. Even a bird that has recovered from a Coccidiosis outbreak will remain infectious, as they are never really free of the disease. The oocysts that cause Coccidiosis thrive in wet surroundings and are easier to control if the litter and or the ground is in a drier condition. It takes appropriately four to seven days for an infection to take place in the intestines. It takes constant re-exposure to the infectious oocysts in order for immunity to Coccidiosis to develop. Immunity is not permanent nor is it guaranteed for the life of the bird. Immunity depends on constant exposure to the infectious oocysts, if re-exposure is not accomplished then immunity will be lost. There is no cross immunity among the different species of Cocci. This means that in order for birds to develop immunity to all nine species of Cocci they would have to be exposed to all nine species in order for immunity to be maintained. The severity of a Cocci outbreak will be dependent upon the numbers of oocysts that are ingested by the birds and their overall health and conditioning.

Controlling Coccidiosis and still allowing immunity to build is accomplished in the following way. Use Amprol/Corid powder in the water at the rate of one teaspoon in a gallon of water for seven days. Skip fourteen days and then begin treating with Sulquin

6-50 at the rate of one teaspoon in a gallon of water for three days and then skip two days (giving fresh water only. And then repeat the Sulquin treatment for an additional three days. Then skip fourteen days again and start the treatment all over again beginning with the Amprol/Corid powder. Continue this program until birds are five to six months old or until hens begin laying eggs and then discontinue program and treat on an as needed basis. It is important to start the Amprol/Corid powder first and then use the Sulquin 6-50 as some species of Cocci cause intestinal bleeding and the use of a Sulfa drug first will contribute to the bleeding before it makes the situation better. It is also advisable to add ¼ teaspoon Vitamin E to the water as well as research shows that Vitamin E can help shorten the course of a Coccidiosis outbreak. When starting baby chicks it is important to start this program no later than ten days of age, as this disease will kill baby chicks very quickly.

Some of the symptoms that you may observe during an outbreak of Coccidiosis are as follows: Ruffled feathers, droopy or sleepy eyed appearance, birds may drop one or both wings down, birds may become lethargic and reluctant to move even when prodded. Some birds may show an incoordinated gate or appear to stagger or walk as though they are trying to step over something when there is nothing in front of them. Some birds may have a chilled appearance as well. There may or may not be blood in the droppings depending upon the species of Cocci that is affecting the birds. Weight loss as well as loss of appetite and mortality may also be observed.

Just a word of caution when using Sulfa drugs. Never use Sulfa drugs for longer than the suggested period of time. Never use two Sulfa drugs at the same time. Always allow two weeks between the use of all Sulfa drugs, never use them back to back. The

overuse of Sulfa drugs can and will if not used properly cause permanent and irreversible KIDNEY DAMAGE and RENAL SHUTDOWN (kidney failure). Use Sulfa drugs with confidence but with a sense of caution. It will be of value to use some 3-nitro-W in with the Amprol/Corid powder when treating for Cocci. There is a synergistic effect when the two are used together. Synergistic just means that the ability of the Corid/Amprol powder to fight the Coccidiosis will be improved if the two are used together.

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8/6/99

*Ameriaucauna breeders club*

*I have 12 ameriaucas I think that 6 or 7 are roosters. I am looking for more females. do you have any ideas of people who sell hens. Mine will be 6 months old in September and will be ready to lay eggs . I would love to have more chicks or hens this year our feed store will not have any more until next year and do not have a source for me*

*Thank you, Erika*

8/8/99

*I have heard comments that eggs from the araucanas have no cholesterol. Has there been any research to this effect ? If so where can a copy be obtained ? I have had bypass surgery and have a major cholesterol problem. I live in Texas where would be the closest place to obtain eggs or chickens. Prefer the eggs . Thanks Hayward*

**MY REPLY -** Yes there has been research and there is NO truth to the claims that Araucana eggs (blue-shelled chicken eggs) have less cholesterol. Other falsehoods are that blue eggs are "higher in nutritional value" and Araucanas "have a taste similar to quail". For the most part a chicken is a chicken and a chicken egg is a chicken egg. The diet of a chicken could have some effect on the taste of it and the nutritional value and taste of it's egg's. William O. Cawley, of Texas A&M, wrote a paper "POULTRYDOM'S MYSTERY CHICKEN - THE ARAUCANA" in 1979. In it he dismissed the lower cholesterol claims and other rumors.

8/10/99

*I have recently raised a flock of birds from Murray-Mcmurray poultry house. I have 20 hens and 2 roosters. They were sold as Araucana's but I think they are Americaunas. Some do not have beards, but lay colored eggs. I really like the breed and would appreciate any advice that you can give me.*

8/16/99

Hey Mike,

Attached is a color photo of Daniel and his buffs. This last weekend we went to the State Fair to see the poultry show. Daniel fell in love with the wheaton and blue wheaton ameraucana bantams. I would like to get him started in those colors - would you have anything available this year in either of those?

Right now he is getting 5 eggs a day from his ameraucana pullets - he is so proud I think that he will burst sometimes.

Thanks Tim Burke

Note: some new addresses -

Don Cable, 6442 Chestnut Ave., Orangevale, CA 95662

Ron Klemmedson's e-mail address is [ambams4u@aol.com](mailto:ambams4u@aol.com)

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Nice Show  
Reserve ACCCL  
White Ameraucana cockerel  
Mike Gilbert  
1-608-857-3386



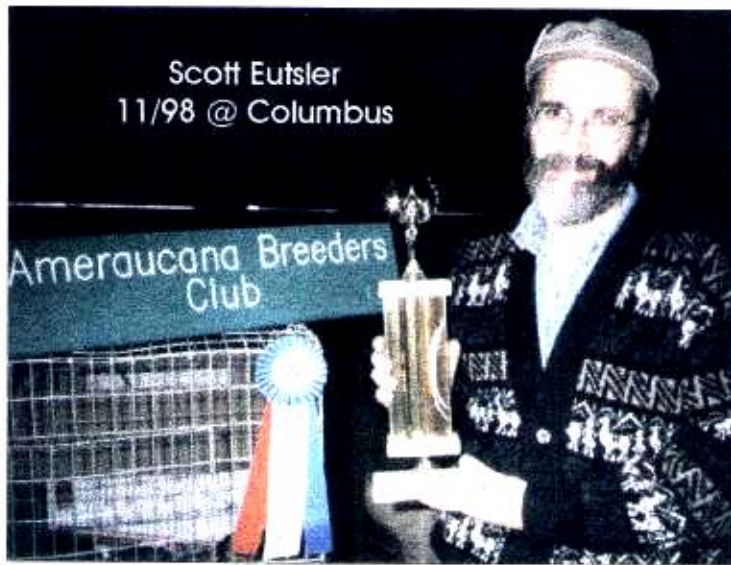
BADGER POULTRY CLUB - JUDGING THE BADGER POULTRY CLUB WITH JOHN BASHAW WERE EARL JONES AND DENNIS THOMPSON (BADGER POULTRY CLUB PHOTO)







Jeanne Trent  
11/98 @ Columbus



Scott Eutsler  
11/98 @ Columbus



Peek-A-Boo (Koralyn Kibbee)  
6/98 @ Twin Falls



Jerry Schimmelphennig  
& Ron Klemmedson  
1998 @ Hutchinson



Jim Replogle  
feeding the birds



Robert Walchak with his  
wheaten bantam (what class!)



Jim Fagen  
& Mike Gilbert  
11/98 @ Columbus



Ruth Whitney 10/98 @ Alma



R. Klemmedson, Jay Horn & M. Gilbert  
11/98 @ Columbus