



Ameraucana Newsletter

Summer 2021 - Volume 7, Issue 2

A warm welcome to our new members...

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President - Michael Muenks

Greetings all! I hope your breeding and hatching season is going well. As I write this report, I still have a few sets of eggs incubating, but I have started reducing my breeding stock to make room for the juvenile chicks. The cold wet spring here in Central Missouri has slowed things down a bit, but I am making headways toward the numbers of chicks I had hoped for. The actual item that really slowed me down was having double cervical spine fusion in early March. The catalyst for the surgery was a blow to the head I received over New Year's weekend that resulted in some ugly post-concussion issues which eventually resulted in worsening tingling, numbness, and loss of grip on both arms, hands, and both sets of fingers. I am happy to report that other than still being on a ten-pound lift/carry limit until at least the end of June, the healing has been rapid and full feeling and function returned to my arms, hands, and fingers. An amazing result from surgery. I am not sure if I am looking forward to doing all the chores and lifting when I am off lifting restrictions!



I hope everyone is making plans to attend the National Meet at the Central Indiana Poultry Show on October 16, 2021. Russell Blair and John Blehm are organizing the meet and I sure it will be a fantastic national meet. As previously noted, the awards have been approved for the meet. If you would like to donate toward a special award, please contact Russell or John. Even if you are not able to show birds at the national meet, I encourage members to attend to join in the fellowship, conversations, and fun. As you are planning for the National Meet, please note that the egg contest rules were updated by the board in December 2020 to allow for members to exhibit up to three entries of 6 eggs each in each class of the two egg classes of bantam and large fowl. Prior to December 2020 the limit was two entries, per member, in the two classes. Hopefully, this update of the rules will lead to even more competition

for the egg contest. The awards for the National Meet may be found in this newsletter and on the club forum. The judges for the National Meet are Matt Lhamon for bantams and Brian Gates for large fowl. Mark October 16th on your calendar and get ready for the National Meet! I am looking forward to seeing everyone there.

The ABA and APA Yearbook ads have been submitted and I would like to thank all who took out ads and John Blehm for doing the layout for the ads and submitting them to the ABA and APA. They were wonderfully put together.

I have enjoyed reading the posts on the Club Forum, MeWe, and Facebook pages as the spring has progressed and members are posting pictures of their chicks and the results of projects. On the Club Forum I have especially enjoyed the updates from John Blehm regarding his buff Ameraucana large fowl improvement project. If you have not read the thread or seen the pictures of this year's generation, you should visit the forum and see the progress he has made in his project. It is a remarkably interesting approach with surprising results. On MeWe I have enjoyed Mike Gilbert's advice to those members posting questions. The most exciting news on MeWe to me was that Mike Gilbert has finished his book on Ameraucana! I am ready to order mine as soon as they are available. Facebook has had so many adorable chick pictures and status updates that is really a challenge to even point to a favorite, although those pictures of hen hatched chicks peaking through their mother's feathers get me every time. There is a delightful post of pictures of Erminette Ameraucana large fowl chicks that I enjoy looking at from time to time.

One common comment I saw across both Facebook and MeWe that I can relate to is the challenge of raising the number of birds that one can afford. I saw several posts and comments where people regretted having let go of a variety or sold off too many birds. I have had some of those regrets as I have gotten back into Ameraucana and found some of the varieties challenging to find. Over the last several years I have made some initially difficult decisions regarding large fowl black and blue Ameraucana that have freed up space and will now allow me to add another of the rare Ameraucana bantam varieties to work on.

I hope your summer goes well, that your Ameraucana chicks all grow out nicely for you, and any remaining hatches are good. I hope to do a few hen hatches just for the fun and joy of seeing the hen raise her chicks!

Director - Becky Howie



I love late Spring and early Summer! Today there is some blue sky and sunshine so the last little clutch of chicks can go out on the grass for a while and maybe even into a coop outside for the night. Nights have remained pretty chilly throughout the spring. The daffodils have come and gone and the Iris are really beautiful now. They seem to be lasting longer than last year since it has been cooler.

The older youngsters are beginning to emerge from that EUGLY, awkward, shabby stage and look like miniature young adults. I think this is the most fun, checking out the new wing and tail feathers, scratching their round little chests and guessing who will sprout the nicest face dressings.

It's also a reminder that Autumn will arrive at just about the same time as these little spring hatched chicks will be coming up to full bloom. The cockerels will be strutting and the pullets will be checking out nest boxes in preparation of laying their first eggs. The Poultry Shows will be gearing up, the venues we gather at to share our experiences of the year and show off the results of our planning and high hopes for this new crop of Ameraucanas.

Many Summer and Fall shows are scheduled and meets have been called for them. Watch for more shows in your area and be sure to call a meet if there is any chance you can attend. The highlight of our Fall shows will be the Ameraucana National Meet at the Central Indiana Poultry Show in Lebanon, IN on October 16, 2021. It will be a great show at a really nice venue. Several members have already booked rooms at the Quality Inn on Sam Ralston Road. I am really looking forward to the show season this year.

I hope everyone enjoys the coming summer and has plenty of time to enjoy family and friends, catch up on those hugs and kisses we missed in 2020, and remains healthy.



Landon Howie and his winning pullet at the Missouri State Poultry Association show, April 17, 2021

Director - Jeff Sonsalla



It is difficult to believe summer is almost here.

The Alliance account balance is doing well. We have new members joining each month and few expenses at this time of year. The Treasurer's report is in the later pages of this newsletter.

Covid cases are down and masks less common. Poultry shows and county fairs appear to be on for this year thankfully. I am sure everyone is looking forward to time with other poultry people and life to return to some normalcy.

Unfortunately, I started brooding and hatching later this year so my pullets and cockerels will be on the young side this fall show season. My pullets from last spring of both Large Fowl Blue Wheaten and Bantam Buff (Wheaten cross) are laying well though. I am excited to see how they turn out.

Our local Coulee Region Poultry Show is arriving quickly this June 5th. We are looking forward to having a nice group of Ameraucana Alliance members there showing and socializing. I encourage everyone to show your Ameraucana, meet other breeders and make or catch up with some lifelong friends.

Director - Michelle Muldowney-Stevens

Oh my goodness, how can it be summer already?! It's hard to believe that the spring exhibition season has come and gone out here in the wild west. The scorching summer sun is beating down on us and I'm already looking forward to cooler fall weather!

We're hoping to have at least a couple birds ready when the show season starts up again. Our fertility has been fantastic and we've had great hatches but by bringing in new Ameraucanas over the past couple of years, as we've struggled with neighbors over their disdain for crowing, our egg color has suffered. There are very few we're as keeping as we try to get back to a nice shade of blue.

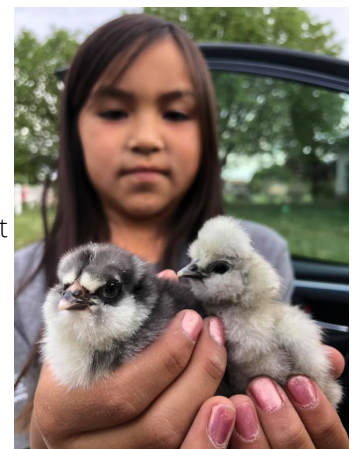


UFPA Spring Show
Champion Large Fowl
Black Ameraucana hen shown by
Athena Balderas

explosion of feathers in middle of the yard makes it unlikely.

Remember, if there is anything you'd like included in an upcoming newsletter, feel free to reach out. Please be sure to place meet requests and submit show reports at your earliest convenience so that we can be sure to include them in the newsletter.

I hope you and your flocks have a wonderful summer. See you in the fall!



Artemis Stevens showing off a couple of this season's chicks.

Director - Janet Tipton

Hi all, since I got a late start on breeding season this year I am still hatching here. I have been waiting for my bantam buff and wheaten to start laying. Finally got the buffs laying a couple weeks ago and now one has gone broody. Grrr For some reason I seem to only have 1 wheaten that is laying. It has been a rough year and hope it smooths out soon.



I was able to attend the Colorado Poultry Association Spring Show in Keenesburg, CO on April 9 & 10. It was my first time attending and I understand it was a new venue for them. Show committee did a great job putting the show together and making the best of a cramped space with a bunch of late entries. met some fantastic Ameraucana folks and was able to put faces with names, which is always nice.

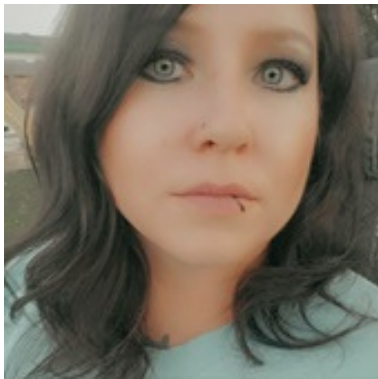


I was finally able to connect with someone had Wheaten/Blue Wheaten LF Ameraucanas and picked up some chicks and eggs and I am so excited to watch these grow. I am liking what I am seeing so far. I can't thank Janene Borini enough for going out of her way to get me both chicks and hatching eggs. Look for us in the show cages next year. :)



Roggen Dunes Gamebirds took Champion AOSB and Junior Champion Large Fowl with a white cockerel. Michelle Forester took Reserve Champion AOSB with a beautiful white pullet. Sienna Roaque took Reserve Champion Junior AOSB and Reserve Champion Junior Large Fowl with a black Ameraucana hen.

Director - Mindy Waters



"In the spring, at the end of the day, you should smell like dirt." --Margaret Atwood

I like to spend much of my time in our garden in the spring. This year, I've had to hold off on planting some of our seeds for a few weeks because we had a sneaky Black Ameraucana hen hide a nest in the blackberry bush. She hatched 6 unauthorized mixed breed chicks! They spend most of their time scratching around in the garden. It was a bit irritating at first, but they're pretty darn cute.

Some may not be aware, but Ameraucanas make great mothers and many do tend to go broody. This can be a great thing for those looking for sustainability in their flocks. You may not have to rely on incubators and brooding equipment if you have a broody line of Ameraucanas.

They seem to be like dominoes here on our farm. I believe we have a few more hens that would hatch for us if we let eggs sit in nests longer than half a day. I have another that seems to be trying to convince me to let her keep eggs and I just may do so! Or maybe I'll let her hatch a few peafowl eggs.



Momma and chicks adventuring in the yard.

It's been a busy season so far with four kids in sports and a lot of



Ameraucana grow-outs

prepping and projects on the farm. Hatching is going well and I'm excited to watch all of these babies grow up. It looks like we may be resuming our fall shows here in Washington and I'm looking forward to getting back into the show hall.

I just wanted to give a reminder to members that we now have a MeWe group, as well as our open Facebook group for anyone that wants to share photos of your birds, ask questions, give advice and help mentor, or if you need help with anything else Ameraucana related. These platforms are in addition to our wonderful website forum. It's great to be a part of our Ameraucana community and we're glad to have you. Please reach out if you have any questions or concerns.

Treasurer's Report

Newsletter/ Meet Deadlines

Checking account at Waumandee State Bank, Arcadia, WI

Previous Balances as of 1-22-2021

- Checking = \$4,542.52
- PayPal = \$275.68
- Total = \$4,818.20

Current Balances as of 5-25-2021

- Checking = \$5009.39
- PayPal = \$102.72
- Ending Total = \$5112.11

Have something to share in the Ameraucana Alliance Newsletter? Great! Email your ads, articles, opinions, stories, photos, etc. to Michelle.MuldowneyStevens@aggiemail.usu.edu by August 15, 2021.

Any meet requests must be emailed to michael_muenks@yahoo.com by August 1, 2021.

Please request meets as early as possible. If there are multiple shows at the venue, it is encouraged that a meet request is made for each one.

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Upcoming Meets

June 5, 2021

Wisconsin

Club Meet, requested by Mike Gilbert

Coulee Region Poultry Club, Inc., Galesville WI

Contact: Jim Laatsch, JimSparky2000@yahoo.com, (253) 241-9981

September 9-11, 2021

Utah

Club Meet, requested by Janet Tipton

Utah State Fair, State Fair Park, Salt Lake City, UT

Contact: Mike Spencer, mikecspencer@comcast.net, (385) 290-7291

September 11, 2021

Illinois

Club Meet, requested by Rebecca Howie

IL-MO Poultry Club Show #1, Madison County Fairgrounds, Highland, IL

Contact: ILMOpoultryclub@gmail.com

September 11, 2021

Illinois

Club Meet, requested by Rebecca Howie

IL-MO Poultry Club Show #2, Madison County Fairgrounds, Highland, IL

Contact: ILMOpoultryclub@gmail.com

October 7-9, 2021

Utah

Club Meet, requested by Janet Tipton

Utah Fancy Poultry Association Fall Show, Deseret Peak Complex, Tooele, UT

Contact: Steve Steadman, lasttrack1@outlook.com (801) 368-4629

October 16, 2021

Ameraucana National Meet, place by the Board of Directors

Central Indiana Poultry Show, Boone County Fairgrounds, Lebanon IN

Contact: Doug Akers or Tim Curtis (765) 336-4771

October 23-24, 2021

Michigan

Club meet, requested by John Blehm

Fowl Fest, Saginaw Country Fairgrounds, 11350 Peet Road, Chesaning, MI

Contact: Matt Boensch, Secretary 9577 W Saginaw Rd. Reese MI 48757, mjwaterfowl@yahoo.com, (989) 529-7030

November 6, 2021

Arkansas Club Meet, requested by Rebecca Howie

Heart of the Ozarks Poultry Association 13th Annual Fall Show, Fayetteville AR

Contact: Jacob Bates, jakeab42@hotmail.com (479) 965-5222

November 13-14, 2021

Ohio Club Meet, requested by Temple DaSilva

Ohio National Poultry Show, Columbus, OH

Contact: Mike Stichler, 1120 St. Rt. 603, Greenwich, OH 44837

Meet Report

Coulee Region Poultry Club Wisconsin Club Meet June 1, 2019 – UPDATED May 2021

16 bantams entered by 7 exhibitors, judged by Bart Pals

BV Blue hen by Robert Rennolet, out of 1
BV Blue Wheaten hen by Rowley Dunn, out of 6
RV Blue Wheaten cock by Jeffrey Sonsalla
BV Buff cock by Jeffrey Sonsalla, out of 1
BV Silver hen by Scott Lepak, out of 2
RV Silver cock by Michael Gilbert
RB, BV Wheaten cock by Nate Rynish, out of 4
RV Wheaten cock by Michael Gilbert
BB, BV White hen by Michael Gilbert, out of 2
RV White cock by Michael Gilbert

20 large fowl entered by 9 exhibitors, judged by Gary Rossman

BB, BV Black hen by James Fegan, out of 13 – Champion AOSB
RB, RV Black cock by James Fegan
BV Blue hen by Nate Rynish, out of 1
BV Brown Red cock by Michael Gilbert, out of 1
BV Buff hen by Nate Rynish, out of 5
RV Buff cock by Nate Rynish

Coulee Region Poultry Club Junior Show June 1, 2019

5 bantams entered by 1 exhibitor, judged by Bart Pals

BB, BV Blue Wheaten hen by Rowley Dunn, out of 5
RB, RV Blue Wheaten hen by Rowley Dunn

2 large fowl entered by 2 exhibitors, judged by Gary Rossman

BB, BV Black hen by David Thompson, out of 1
RB, BV Buff cock by Lauren Thompson, out of 1

Utah Fancy Poultry Association Show - White Card, Club Meet, March 11-13, 2021

26 bantams entered by 7 exhibitors, judged by Eric Kutch

BB, BV Black cockerel by Clint Carter, out of 5
RV Black hen by Cole Woods
BV Blue hen by Janet Tipton, out of 4
RV Blue hen by Rissa Woods
BV Blue Wheaten hen by Janet Tipton, out of 3
RV Blue Wheaten cockerel by Janet Tipton
BV Brown Red cockerel by Cole Woods, out of 2
RV Brown Red pullet by Cole Woods
RB, BV Buff hen by Janet Tipton, out of 4
RV Buff cockerel by Janet Tipton
BV Wheaten hen by Janet Tipton, out of 5
RV Wheaten cockerel by Janet Tipton
BV Splash Wheaten cockerel by Janet Tipton, out of 2
RV Splash Wheaten cockerel by Janet Tipton
BV Splash pullet by Janet Tipton, out of 1

14 large fowl entered by 4 exhibitors, judged by Eric Kutch

BB, BV Black hen by Athena Balderas, out of 6 – Champion AOSB, Champion Large Fowl
RB, RV Black cockerel by Janet Tipton – Reserve AOSB

Meet Report

Continued - Utah Fancy Poultry Association Show - White Card, Club Meet, March 11-13, 2021

BV Blue hen by Athena Balderas, out of 2

RV Blue not reported by show club

BV Blue Wheaten pullet by Stout Bantams, out of 5 – Junior Champion

RV Blue Wheaten cockerel by Janet Tipton

BV Blue Wheaten Frizzle hen by Janet Tipton, out of 1

Utah Fancy Poultry Association Show – Blue Card, Club Meet, March 11-13, 2021

26 bantams entered by 7 exhibitors, judged by Steve Beaty

BB, BV Black cockerel by Clint Carter, out of 5

RV Black hen by Cole Woods

BV Blue hen by Janet Tipton, out of 4

RV Blue hen by Rissa Woods

BV Blue Wheaten hen by Janet Tipton, out of 3

RV Blue Wheaten hen by Rissa Woods

BV Brown Red cockerel by Cole Woods, out of 2

RV Brown Red pullet by Cole Woods

RB, BV Buff hen by Janet Tipton, out of 4

RV Buff cockerel by Janet Tipton

BV Wheaten hen by Janet Tipton, out of 5

RV Wheaten cockerel by Janet Tipton

BV Splash Wheaten cockerel by Janet Tipton, out of 2

RV Splash Wheaten cockerel by Janet Tipton

BV Splash pullet by Janet Tipton, out of 1

14 large fowl entered by 4 exhibitors, judged by Steve Beaty

BB, BV Black hen by Athena Balderas, out of 6 – Reserve AOSB

RB, RV Black cockerel by Janet Tipton

BV Blue hen by Athena Balderas, out of 2

RV Blue not reported by show club

BV Blue Wheaten cockerel by Janet Tipton, out of 5

RV Blue Wheaten pullet by Stout Bantams

BV Blue Wheaten Frizzle hen by Janet Tipton, out of 1

Colorado Poultry Association Spring Poultry and Pigeon Show, Club Meet, April 9, 2021

11 bantams entered by 3 exhibitors, judged by Jeff Halbach

BV Black hen by Janet Tipton, out of 1 bird

BV Blue pullet by Janet Tipton, out of 1 bird

BV Blue Wheaten hen by Janet Tipton, out of 3

RV Blue Wheaten cock by Donald Long

BV Buff hen by Janet Tipton, out of 3

RV Buff cockerel by Janet Tipton

BB, BV Wheaten hen by Michelle Forster, out of 3

RB, RV Wheaten pullet by Janet Tipton

21 large fowl entered by 7 exhibitors, judged by Jeff Halbach

BV Black hen by Sienna Roaque, out of 3

RV Black cockerel by Mylee Forster

BV Blue cock by Audrey Roaque, out of 2

RV Blue hen by Lucie Dolenc

BV Blue Wheaten pullet by Roggen Dunes Gamebirds, out of 5

Meet Report

Continued - Colorado Poultry Association Spring Poultry and Pigeon Show, Club Meet, April 9, 2021

RV Blue Wheaten cock by Roggen Dunes Gamebirds

BV Wheaten cock by Michelle Forster, out of 2

RV Wheaten hen by Michelle Forster

BB, BV White cockerel by Roggen Dunes Gamebirds, out of 9

RB, RV White pullet by Michelle Forster

Colorado Poultry Association Spring Poultry and Pigeon Junior Show, Club Meet, April 9, 2021

1 bantam entered by 1 exhibitor, judged by Jeff Halbach

BB, BV Blue Wheaten cock by Audrey Roaque, out of 1

18 large fowl entered by 7 exhibitors, judged by Jeff Halbach

RB, BV Black hen by Sienna Roaque, out of 3

RV Black cockerel by Mylee Forster

BV Blue cock by Audrey Roaque, out of 2

RV Blue hen by Lucie Dolenc

BV Blue Wheaten pullet by Roggen Dunes Gamebirds, out of 5

RV Blue Wheaten cock by Charli Tucker

BB, BV White cockerel by Roggen Dunes Gamebirds, out of 8

RV White – no result reported

Missouri State Poultry Association Show 1 Yellow Card, Club Meet, April 17, 2021

10 bantams entered by 4 exhibitors, judged by Art Riber

BV Blue pullet by Gavin Ellison, out of 2

RV Blue pullet by Drake Ellison

BB, BV Blue Wheaten hen by Rebecca Howie, out of 4 – Best AOCCL

RV Blue Wheaten hen by Landon Howie

RB, BV Wheaten hen by Rebecca Howie, out of 4 – Reserve AOCCL

RV Wheaten hen by Rebecca Howie

11 large fowl entered by 4 exhibitors, judged by Dwight Madison

BB, BV Black hen by Lisa Helms, out of 9

RB, RV Black hen by Lisa Helms

D'Qd Brown Red pullet by Clifton Randolph, out of 1

BV AOV Lavender hen by Brandy Brown, out of 1

Missouri State Poultry Association Show 2 Blue Card, Club Meet, April 17, 2021

8 bantams entered by 4 exhibitors, judged by Art Riber

BV Blue pullet by Gavin Ellison, out of 2 birds

RV Blue pullet by Drake Ellison

RB, BV Blue Wheaten hen by Landon Howie, out of 4

RV Blue Wheaten hen by Landon Howie

BB, BV Wheaten hen by Landon Howie, out of 4 – Reserve AOCCL

RV Wheaten hen by Rebecca Howie

11 large fowl entered by 4 exhibitors, judged by Gary Rossman

BB, BV Black hen by Lisa Helms, out of 9 – Reserve AOSB

RB, RV Black hen by Lisa Helms

BV Brown Red pullet by Clifton Randolph, out of 1

BV AOV Lavender hen by Brandy Brown, out of 1

Meet Report

Missouri State Poultry Association Junior Show Grey Card, Club Meet April 17, 2021

10 bantams entered by 4 exhibitors, judged by Gary Rossman
BV Blue pullet by Gavin Ellison, out of 2
RV Blue pullet by Drake Ellison
BB, BV Blue Wheaten hen by Landon Howie, out of 3 - Best AOCCL
RB, RV Blue Wheaten hen by Landon Howie - Reserve Best AOCCL
BV Wheaten hen by Landon Howie, out of 2
RV Wheaten hen by Landon Howie

Awards list for 2021 Ameraucana National Meet

♥ Ameraucana National, Lebanon IN - October 16th



Open Show Competition, with 3 or more entries exhibited in a class:

Champion Ameraucana Overall.....	\$100
Reserve Champion Ameraucana Overall.....	\$75
Best of Breed Bantam.....	\$75
Reserve of Breed Bantam.....	\$50
Best of Breed Large Fowl.....	\$75
Reserve of Breed Large Fowl.....	\$50
Best of Variety Bantam (8 recognized, plus Best AOV).....	\$75
Reserve of Variety Bantam (8 recognized, plus Reserve AOV).....	\$50
Best of Variety Large Fowl (9 recognized, plus Best AOV).....	\$75
Reserve of Variety Large Fowl (9 recognized, plus Reserve AOV).....	\$50
Champion Bantam Trio.....	\$50
Reserve Champion Bantam Trio.....	\$25
Champion Large Fowl Trio.....	\$50
Reserve Champion Large Fowl Trio.....	\$25
Champion Display Overall.....	\$50
Reserve Champion Display Overall.....	\$25

Ameraucana Egg Competition, with 3 or more entries in a class:

Best Bantam Eggs.....	\$75
Reserve Bantam Eggs.....	\$50
Best Large Fowl Eggs.....	\$75
Reserve Large Fowl Eggs.....	\$50

Junior Competition, 17 and under:

Best of Breed Bantam.....	Rosette
Reserve of Breed Bantam.....	Rosette
Best of Breed Large Fowl.....	Rosette
Reserve of Breed Large Fowl.....	Rosette
BV Bantam and Large Fowl.....	Blue "Ameraucana National Meet" Ribbon
RV Bantam and Large Fowl.....	Red "Ameraucana National Meet" Ribbon
Exhibitor (other than BV & RV).....	"Ameraucana National Meet" Ribbon

☺ Only Ameraucana Alliance Members are eligible for these awards.

☺ Eggs entered into the egg judging contest become the property of the Ameraucana Alliance.

☺ Winning members that prefer plaques, rosettes, trophies, etc. may request assistance from our Alliance officers in procuring them using their cash award(s).

☺ "Specials" donated by our members or others will be awarded by them.