

Guide line for selection good layer for breeding flock

Parameters	Good Layer: Keep	Poor Layer: Cull
1. Vigor	Strong	Weak, unthrifty
2. Breed	Wedge shape body	Shallow and tendency towards rocker keel
3. Head	Neat, refined	Beefy, crow head
Comb and wattles	Full. Red, waxy, warm and velvety	Very long, thin and sharp pointed
Eyes	Full bright, alert	Dull, sleepy
Beak	Stocky, well curved	Very long, thin and sharp pointed
Ear lobes	Full waxy and velvety	Shrunken & coarse
4. Neck	Stocky, rather short	Long and thin
5. Body	Capacious	Limited capacity
Back	Broad and straight	Narrow and crooked
Sides	deep, straight	Shallow, barrel-shaped
Keel bone	Long and properly calved	Short and crooked
Pelvic bones	Wide apart, thin	Close together, thick
Skin	Thin, soft, oily	Thick, dry, rough
Abdomen	Large, soft, free from fat	Small, hard, with thick fat
Vent	Full, larger and moist	Small, dry
Feathers	Warm and shoaled	Clean and perfect
6. Legs	Wide apart, well-set	Close together, knock-kneed
Shanks	Thin and soft in back	Full, hard and round in the back
Toe nails	Stocky, well curved	Long, thin
7. Temperament	Alert, active, friendly	Shy, nervous, quacky
8. Moults	Late and rapid	Early and slow
9. Pigmentation - Yellow	Starts disappearing	Not rhythmic with laying period