

CHICKEN

ORIGIN:

Tame chicken descends from bankiva hen that lives in the wild in the jungles of India and Sunda Islands. There were tame chickens in China already n. 3000 eKr.

DISTINGUISHING MARKS:

Meaty crown of the head and gills hanging from the chin characteristic. Weight of the cock is app. 2,5 kg and chicken 2 kg. The most common colours are white and brown colourful.

ECONOMIC MEANING:

Chicken lays eggs about 16 kg/ year. Only in the breeding poultryhouses will be needed a cock. A chick will develop from a fertilized egg bathed for 21 days by the chicken. Nowadays bathing takes place in large incubation and hatching machines. Young chickens begin to lay in 21- 22 weeks of age. Chickens with efficient production are germinated for about one year.

Due to high body temperature (41,5 degrees), chicken's vital functions are active. It means that they need plenty of energy. The main nutrition is grain and furthermore is given some albumin-rich fodder.

BREEDS:

Most common breeds are:

Leghorn

Lohman, white

Isa Brown, brown

