



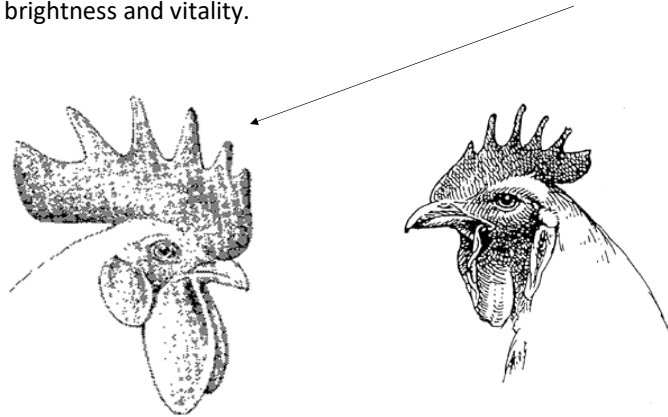
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Judging Birds for the Breed Pen.

An important consideration when you set up your breed pens, is foremost body type of the breed you are working with. One of the things you should notice is the head type of this breed as well as the body type overall. Below are examples of what you should be looking for as you examine your birds for breeding purposes especially if you are trying to breed to that breed standard. Of course this is just one thing to look for but it often overlooked by the inexperienced.

Head Illustrations

Below in picture #2 is an illustration of what is known as a “crow head” or “hawk head” of a chicken. You will note that it has a narrow, shallow head and beak. This is a serious defect. It shows a lack of good breeding practices and the bird could lack vitality and other breed characteristics of the breed. Notice the difference comparing picture #1 which is an illustration of a good, nicely formed head. It shows a certain brightness and vitality.



Below is an actual photograph of two heads of a bantam Brahma. On the left is more of a “crow/hawk” head. On the right is the proper head for the breed. Notice the width and the healthy sturdy look of the correct head.

