



HOW EXHIBITION POULTRY ARE JUDGED BY LICENSED APA—ABA JUDGES

Taking into consideration the number of birds being shown in the class you are exhibiting in or the type of show you are attending—the placing by licensed poultry judges are listed below. The birds are placed by examining their individual qualities. A licensed judge *might* place a class, *even if the birds shown in that class are not the best indication of meeting the “standard”* for that breed at this particular show. Birds with very distinct disqualifications or sever defects will not be judged. Usually judges leave these coop tags unmarked.

Example: If the bird being shown is a hatchery type of bird, purebred but not “exhibition quality” purebred—the bird still might be placed with the judge trying to choose one that is a little closer to the “standard” of exhibition poultry than others in the class as long as there are not distinct disqualification or sever defects.

Following judging you should speak to the judge and he will give you the details why your bird was not judged or placed in your class. Most judges are more than happy to help educate youth exhibitors on the finer points of showing purebred exhibition poultry. Even if your bird places well, you might speak with the judge to ask for his feedback.

First Step: the birds in the “class” are judged for these placements:

- BV—Best of Variety
- RV—Reserve of Variety
- BB—Best of Breed
- RB—Reserve of Breed

Second Step: the birds are judged for:

Class Champion (the best bird that is closest to the “standards” set forth by the APA or the ABA).

Reserve Class Champion (the second best bird that is closest to the “standards set forth by the APA or the ABA).

All Class Champions & Reserve Class Champions are moved to Champion Row where the judges pick the *Show Champion and Reserve Show Champion* from the birds displayed.