



FEEDING YOUR POULTRY



The Importance of Proper Feed

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The difference in these two bird's appearance is due to feed and care. One was fed cracked corn, the other an appropriate chicken feed.

Importance of Proper Feed

Fed cracked corn -7% protein



- Exact same age (5+ months old)

Fed commercial starter feed - 22% protein



- Same hatch
- Two different owners

Background:

From several years ago (I showed this slide on this site a couple years ago) as a county 4-H co-poultry leader, we'd get chicks of several breeds from a good exhibition breeder in early Feb.

Members of our 4H club were allowed to purchase them. Two different 4-H families raised these birds. I took these two photos at our county fair in late July.