

External Characteristics of Good Eggs

NOTE:

Eggs will only be judged by external characteristics. No eggs will be broken for judging.

Factors that determine exterior quality are:

Soundness

- Shell should be free of cracks and thin spots. Eggs with broken shells should not be entered.

Cleanliness

- The eggs should be free from dirt and stains.

Shape

- The shell should be smooth and oval in shape, with one end slightly larger than the other. It should also be free of cracks and thin spots. Eggs with unusual shapes are not preferred.

Texture

- Rough or sandpaper shells, pimples, pinholes and mottled or glassy-shells are all egg shell defects associated with egg shell texture. These defects are frequently a result of bird age, but may also be caused by other factors.

Uniformity.

- Eggs should be uniform in size, shape, and color. For best judging results do not mix colors.

ADHERE TO THESE GUIDELINES AND YOU HAVE A BETTER CHANCE OF GETTING A RIBBON.

GOOD LUCK