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From the Editor . . .

I know there are still shows coming up this year, including the ABA National/Ohio National this week. However, for me at least, show season is over regarding actual participation. It ended with a cough, a sneeze and a general feeling of malaise. You may sense some of that in this issue which was wrapped up with the benefit of a certain amount of DayQuil.

I skipped the Spring shows, focused on my breeding program and made a personal plan for MEGA to be my one big show for the year and I was fine with that - timing hatchings accordingly. With the best group of Araucana I have ever entered in a show - I prepped for Norman. I sorted through birds a second and a third time while making at least one substitution. But then, all my best laid plans came tumbling down. I kept telling myself that a flu shot needs 2-3 weeks to build up antibodies, but I kept putting off getting one. The date for MEGA kept getting closer, and 7 days before the show, I realized I had put that flu shot off for too long. Pre-show prep stress did me in. You all know about that one.

MEGA went on just fine without us this year as did the rest of the shows which were actually held, and not canceled. The A.I. situation with all it's drama, seems to be settling out to be a bit like the COVID ordeal. Some ignored it, some locked down tight, some canceled shows, and some said "bring your birds!" And all of this seems to be individual state-by-state based decisions. Maybe one day we will all have to simply live in states that support exhibition poultry, private breeders and other personal liberties (that is if you are not already there, as we are). Either way, I will keep breeding my birds to suit myself, and the written Standard, and my climate/local conditions.

For me, the next two months of the year are going to be about the holidays and not much else. Of course, I have just started hatching my Winter chicks. . . But, I do wish all of you luck at the remaining 2022 Fall poultry shows.

Happy Thanksgiving and Merry Christmas from all of us here at Exhibition Poultry Magazine. Talk to you next year!

Ann Charles
Editor



Hello ABA Members!

Mark your calendars on November 12-13, 2022 for the ABA National Meet in Columbus, Ohio. To download the catalog with additional information, visit www.ohionational.org.

There will be three qualifying meets at this show. These meets will showcase birds that have applied to be added to the ABA Bantam Standard. They have satisfied the requirements and this is the last leg of the journey.

Good luck to the Blue American Serama, Splash American Serama, Ginger Red American Serama. Click here for the proposed written standards for these three new varieties.

We are thankful for the ABA members who have agreed to donate either birds or collectibles in the Annual ABA National Meet Auction. If you would like to contribute, please contact Karen Unrath at bantamclub@gmail.com.

To date, we have secured the following donations:

(subject to availability)

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ABA Antique Jewelry Medalion - Karen & Kevin Unrath
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Our 2022 Annual pin will be available at the show and on is currently on our website.

(bantamclub.com)

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Ohio National News

ABA National

November 12 - 13

We have received a record number of entries and all coop tags are written. We have over 7,000 birds and 100 entries in the egg show! Without all our great exhibitors we would not have

reached this number.

We will be live streaming the show on Facebook on Saturday, November 12 from 1:00 p.m. until the end of Junior Show Awards and on Sunday, November 13 from 8:30 a.m. until the conclusion of the Open Show Awards. Be sure to visit our great sponsors and vendors while you are at the show.

Again, we want to thank our great exhibitors, sponsors, vendors, and guests for making this great show possible. We hope everyone has a safe trip. If there is anything we can do for you, let us know. We're looking forward to seeing everyone.

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(Thank you to Michael Smith, via Mary Lewandowski-Rekow, for supplying this photo)



Scenes from the MEGA Show

Norman, Oklahoma, November 5, 2022

Photos by Howard Davenport & Michael Wasylkowski.





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A Chat With: **Mary Lewandowski-Rekow**

This chat started on FB Messenger with me asking Mary for some good photos of birds from her Langshan breeding program. The photo to the right kicked off our conversation.

Mary Lewandowski-Rekow:

Look at the width of feather in this cock. He is my best breeder bird.

Ann: Awesome feather! How much of this do you think is genetic?

Mary: Absolutely genetic. We breed Sumatras for it too. We cull birds with smaller diameter feathers.

Ann: But at what age do you know to cull?

Mary: After 1st adult molt. If we still have them and not culled for other things. We want big wide skulls too.

Ann: Is that with all your breeds? With Araucana, we obviously do not have to worry about tail feathers. But I do watch those wing feathers closely. I can't think of a breed that does not want big wide skulls. Breeders talk about it a lot. From my experience, it is a sign of vigor, and of course genetic too.

Mary: Yes (all our breeds). One of the biggest crimes in Langshan is light eyes. They get placed at shows and the eyes are almost yellow.

Ann: Do your Ameraucana lay really well or is that something you care about in them?

Mary: They lay every other day

when not in molt which continues into winter as I don't use lights on them. But, they lay for 6 years plus. Camille just brought back some black 7 yr old hens, still laying, and took Ermines home.

Ann: Interesting on the Ameraucana. Yours are pretty meaty?

Mary: The good ones are. Yes.

Ann: And your really good ones have the broadest heads, and lay every other day over a longer period of time?

Mary: Yes the good ones, are the biggest and heaviest ones too.

Ann: Okay, so if genetics is the key thing on feather width, how important do you consider feed and environment?

Mary: Feed - Tom and I mix layer ration with bird seed, sunflower seed and kitten kibble. When I switched to doing it "his" (Tom's) way I saw a huge improvement in feather and condition quality.

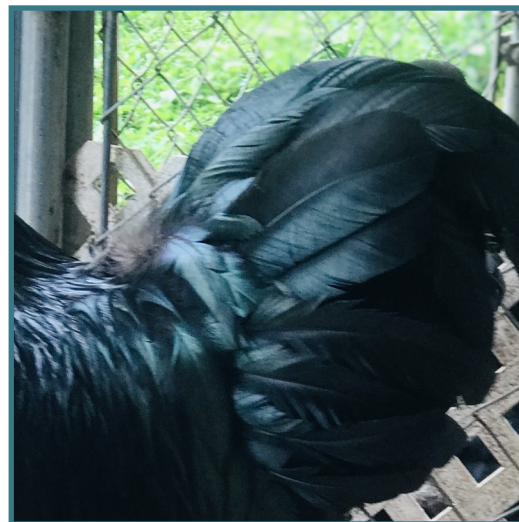
Ann: Yes, more fat and better quality protein.

Mary: The Sumatra hens last the longest. Tom is showing a 12 year old right now. They lay for that long too. Pea combs work good in our weather. The Sumatra cocks get thick legs. They live, but are not show quality after about 3 years.

Ann: Do your Sumatra hens lay every other day too?

Mary: Yes. They are great sitters and mothers. People who think Silkies are the only good ones, have never seen a Sumatra.

Ann: Do your breeders eat the same ration as your show birds?



Do you grow them on that too?

Mary: Yes

Ann: Is the ratio a secret?

Mary: No secret. Three 50 lb. bags of feed to one 40lb bag of bird seed one 10 lb. bag of sunflower seed and one 20 lb. bag kitten food. Kitten feed I get at a farm store. This feed works for us.

Ann: Sunflower in the shell? Or dehulled?

Mary: In the shell.

Ann: I like how much fat that adds to their diet and would explain a lot about the condition on yours and Tom's birds. Thanks for the chat Mary!

Editors Note: Besides Tom and Mary's long lists of wins and accomplishments over the years (too numerous to list here), a black Ameraucana cockerel that was bred, raised and conditioned by Tom Kernan was the first bird to ever win the poultry 'Triple Crown' in the same year. First, the APA Annual in Knoxville, then the ABA Annual, held concurrently with the Ohio National. A feat not repeated since.



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Silent Auction Item: ABA Diploma - 1920 signed by President Emil Meier and George Fitterer for Best Display of Rosecomb Bantams - with raised certificate - will have large reserve.

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* Plymouth Rock Standard Breed Book published by American

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* Heredity in Poultry by Reginald Crundall Punnett, F.R.S. 1923 HC

* The Bantams Down to Date by Joseph Shakespeare R 1925 Signed Frank L Gary 1939

* Profitable Poultry Keeping w/ Original Illustrations by Stephen Beale 1895 Hardcover F.H. Stoneburn

* Bantam Magazine Collection/ The Exponent of Miniature Poultry 1948-1953 - Johnny Batson, Jr.

* Australian Poultry Standards - First Edition 1998

* Bantams by William Flammant Entwisle - Reprint 1981 1894 Hardcover

* Secrets of Successful Poultry Keeping 1948 HC Claire G Hicks 6.22.1960

* Managing Poultry for Exhibition by H. Eason Smith 1974 Hardcover

* British Poultry Standards 1982 Hardcover

* The Poultry World Magazine - (October/November/December all 1885) 1800's Softcovers Donated by Ontario Poultry Breeders

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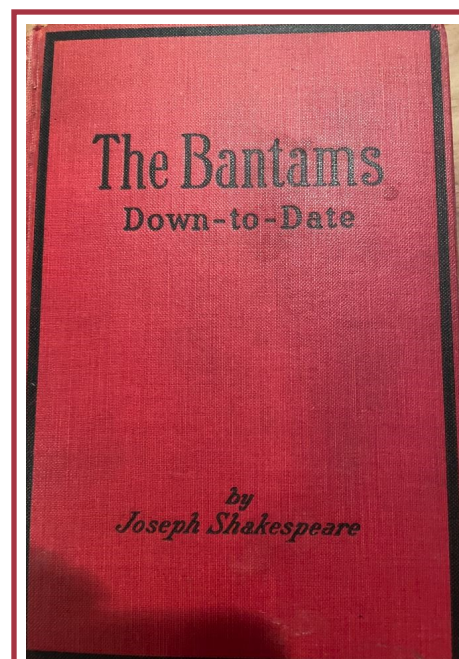
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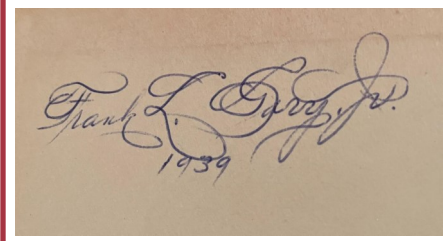
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LIGHTS ON BIRDS: 24/7

Original EPMag Facebook Group Question: How many of you have kept your birds on 24/7 lighting and what has been your experience with it?

By Ann Charles, Editor

Like some of you, I never had any intention of using 24/7 lighting on my birds but after losing point-of-lay pullets two nights in a row to sneaky raccoons I turned the lights on. The attacks stopped. In my mind the 24/7 lights were supposed to be temporary. But after a week or so, I was kind of afraid to change it back. I certainly did not want my breeders to suddenly molt and quit laying because of sudden light reduction. Now, over a year later, lights are still on constantly and I have yet to notice any negative issues with it. . . And I have had no more predator attacks.

Our game cameras are catching raccoons, possums, coyotes, armadillos, etc., on video. But they don't come near the lighted chicken barn (open shed). Due to a lack of available research on this subject I thought I would ask other breeders, who have tried this method, about their experiences with it. Hopefully we can learn from each other if it may be viable in the long term.

The following replies to my



lighting question are from poultry breeders with actual experience using 24/7 lighting on their birds.

Kerby Jackson

I've run lighting in my pigeon lofts for 24/7 for about five years. Apart from the molt, they breed year round unless I split my pairs. I've seen no negatives. At one time, I also had all my poultry on 24/7 light, but the boys became totally obnoxious at all hours and the hens were almost as bad. Eventually I put them on timers just so there'd be a few hours of peace and quiet. I tend to think that if I had a mel-lower breed, it would be much less of an issue than it was.

Years of breeding poultry? 45

Years exhibiting poultry? 41

Which breeds? Campines, Golden & Silver, Golden Sebrights, Golden Spangled Hamburgs, Bresse, Redcaps. 4th generation breeder of utility poultry.

Location: Oregon

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Andrea Drenth

I have a couple barns that way (24/7) and a couple that are on

timers. I've had birds that have lived 8 to 15 years. A small number that died at 2 to 5 years. I have not seen any correlation between light times and longevity. I have many birds that are advanced in age (6+ years) and still producing.

Years of breeding poultry? 15

Years exhibiting poultry? 7

Which breeds? Japanese, Spitzhauben, Russian Orloff, Ameraucana, Polish, Sumatra, Leghorn.

Location: North Dakota

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Edgar Mongold

I have my lights on 24/7 all year long as I am usually hatching year round except for a couple months during summer. Messed up my timers so just leave them on.

I don't know about the negative aspects of 24/7 or benefits either—I just know I get plenty of eggs for hatching when I want them. Does it decrease the life span or production cycle? I don't keep track or really care to spend the time tracking it. My chickens are raised as livestock and when production drops and hands on examination determines they are no longer productive then they are culled and replaced. If one can not breed past a 4 year-old bird I would question how prepotent they were in one's breeding program. I have 8 years of 24/7 and counting. People - do what works for you as chickens are adaptable to lots of variances whether it be feeds, housing, breeding methods etc.

Some may be better than others but too many are personal preferences. Relax enjoy your birds there's no "perfect" option.

Years of breeding poultry: 60+

Years exhibiting poultry: 60+

Breeds: Bantam and large fowl
New Hampshire, White Rock
Barred Rock, Speckled Sussex
Bantam, Black Tailed Buff
OEGB

Location: Ohio

Other info: ABA Licensed
Bantam Chicken Judge

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Weezee Sellars

I have had incident of a 24/7 accidental lights being left on due to a faulty timer. Birds did not lay but they were in the end of molt period. Now I believe the type of light wavelength and color of light to be more important than length of time according to studies.

Years breeding poultry? 40

Years exhibiting Poultry? 10

Which breeds: Jersey Giants in
Black, White, Blue, and Splash.

Location: Mississippi

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Ramona Trombley

I routinely light some of my birds 24/7. Our power fluctuations make timers rather irritating, they constantly need resetting, so I just put a light on an extension cord. I also found the chick house was lit year round, and any more mature birds in there laid well all winter.

I was having trouble in another area with raccoons, put out a



24/7 light and a radio, and that really helped.

I always have a bunch of pullets in there to begin with. They come into lay and produce relatively well. I find they produce the same as they would during the late spring summer normally. Almost all are bantam breeds, they lay well for a few weeks, then take a break, lay a few more weeks and take another break.

If I time it right, I can move them out of the 24/7 light into regular pens in the late spring and they keep producing. If I get it wrong, I get an early molt!

I usually do not use a super bright light, and tons of natural light still gets to them. It does not seem to bother them at all. I like having eggs to eat all winter. Sometimes the male birds are still not fertile with the artificial lighting. They seem to need more warmth, much brighter full spectrum lights, or both. I will often change it to a full spectrum to get hatching eggs in winter, and use a young male.

When I have strung a light out to a large fowl lay house, they laid all winter, as opposed to literally no eggs without extra light. They went to bed as normal despite the light, but took a long break in the springtime right around the time the non-lit birds

started to come into lay, even though they still had the light on. It actually worked out rather well.

Overall, I find the 24/7 light works better for my bantam breeds. Yes, my birds seem fine. I tend to mostly use it on pullets, or hens after their molt. Over the years, that space has become my early breeding pens spot.

I guess if the birds did not also have natural lighting I would be more concerned. But they seem to pretty much follow a fairly natural routine from the daylight, but still be up and eating/drinking a bit through the night. It is not making my males crow more. The worst offenders for that are out back, no added light of any sort, and they still tend to start the ruckus at 2 am!

Years breeding poultry? 40

Years exhibiting Poultry? 37

Which breeds? Bantam Black,
White & Barred Plymouth

Rocks, Partridge Wyandottes, Buff
Brahmas, Black Australorp large
fowl, Silver Spangled Hamburgs
and Khaki Campbell ducks, White
Calls, and my project birds,
Lamona bantams and Rhode Is-
land White bantams.

Location: BC, Canada

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ALFA competition begins with the birds which are entered in the regular show. Placings from the base show will be

used in picking the top finalists for ALFA Awards.

Final numbers and amounts of ALFA awards at each show will be determined by the membership numbers 30 days before the show or by the entry deadline date for the district show. Any ALFA member, regardless of which District they live in are eligible to show and win awards in any ALFA show. No one will be allowed to compete in any ALFA event if their membership isn't paid by entry deadline date of the show in question. Membership can be obtained at any time during the year. ALFA membership is good from Jan. 1st through Dec. 31st each year.

It is estimated that 30% of all

ALFA membership fees will be awarded at the ALFA Nationals each November. Amounts of premiums will be based entirely on the number of ALFA memberships sold during the year less any special events ALFA may sponsor. District Shows will be awarding 50% of their District's membership fees for their own District Show. Of the remaining 50% of card fees, 30% will go to the ALFA National Jackpot Fund and the remaining 20% will be used for administrative costs for trophies, awards, PayPal, etc.

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