

Re: Breeding

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Thanks again! yes, these are just crosses and replacements. However, we have a rooster and a hen from last year that came from our flock. A couple of birds got out of the coop, mated and had two chicks before we found where they are roosting (behind a wood pile in the barn). It was a cross between a buf chochin and a barred rock cross. The birds are absolutely beautiful in color.

---Mike

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Thanks!

Now, if I do that, then add the hens to my existing flock, how do I know that I won't take them back to their father? If you have 50-60 birds, it will eventually get hard to tell who was the father to whom. Do you tag them or something?

---Mike

Yes if they are valuable bloodlines
Wing tag the youngsters as they hatch
When you add them to the main flock as adults put a tamperproof leg ring on them to confirm identity

If you are simply raising replacements or crosses the best and simplest way is to eat all your boys and buy in a replacement cockerel each year. That way you can buy in something which is fresh blood and work on improving whatever features you are looking for - better egg numbers, egg colour, table qualities, breed features etc

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regards
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