

## Re: Crached eggs ?

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Hi all,  
One of my hens lays eggs that are  
always/mostly cracked at one end  
and sometimes elongated.  
She is a Exchequer leghorn.  
My other 4 hens have no problems .

Misshapen eggs can be a genetic weakness, or can be a result  
of a  
past infection.  
What grit do they have access to?  
What feed are they getting?  
Good food and the correct grit can assist in a degree of  
compensation over genetics and infection but only so far.  
Its been a very long time since Exchequer leghorns were part  
of the  
national productive flock in this country, its possible the  
strain  
you have are a bit too inbred and the eggs chosen to hatch in  
the  
past few generations were not selected for good shape  
critically  
enough, hence the slippage to elongation, which will create a  
structural weakness. --

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regards  
Jill Bowis

Hi Jill, I give them poultry pellets which is kept topped up and a handful or two of mixed corn towards the end of the day .  
They have available at all times a poultry mixed grit/shell.

Thanks Keith

The only improvement would be to forget the expensive and high fat mixed corn now there are better and more interesting goodies in the environment, at this time of year.

You might want to try one of the poultry calcium supplements you can buy just to give them a kick in that department

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regards  
Jill Bowis

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Thanks for the advise Jill .

Regards Keith