

Re: Chicken vocalizations

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John Morse wrote:

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I've been doing quite well on my first experiment with chicken farming, thanks largely to great advice I've received here. I have 23 Rhode Island Reds, 20 hens and 3 roosters. They are about 6 months old and laying like crazy. I'm getting typically 18 eggs a day! The chickens really have been quite fun to work with. I guess I expected more indifference on the part of the chickens (in regards to their surroundings and people), but they really are quite alert, aware, and very curious. They come running up to the fence when I approach and follow me the length of the pen when heading for the coop. When I go in the coop they all come in to see what is going on. If they are all inside and I talk to them from outside the pen they will all come pouring out the pophole to see what is going on. Feeding and watering times seem to be great fun for them and none seem to want to miss anything. They really do seem to have a rather large vocabulary as well, which leads me to my question. Are there any sites with good collections of vocalization recordings with behavioral explanations for the sounds? At times the squawking the hens make sounds somewhat distressed, but they may just be chatting. The roosters, of course, crow up quite a racket at times, in particular the two dominant ones,(sometimes in unison) but there are a great many other sounds made at different times and it would be nice to have a better understanding of what they are talking about.

thanks
Hal

They have a different sound that they make when they see a hawk or something strange flying.
I can't quite describe it though.

John

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I have just discovered that differetn hens speak different languages.

I was used to my Silkies, chattering away to their chicks, and I recognised the sounds. Now one of my other hens finally has some chicks, but her sounds are completely different.

Mind you, I'm not sure the chicks are understanding her very well, so maybe she's an anomoly.

Catherine

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