

Breed Descriptor of Tellichery (Poultry-Fowl)



Breeding Tract			
State: Kerala	Calicut		
	Kannur / Cannanore		
	Malappuram		
State: Puducherry	mahe		
Location			
Longitude (deg.)	. - .		
Latitude (deg.)	. - .		
General Information			
Synonyms			
Origin	The breed derives its name from the name of a place Tellicherry in Kannur district of Kerala.		
Major utility	Food - meat, eggs		
Comments on utility	Tellichery birds are also thought to have some medicinal value. These are used for preparation of ayurvedic medicines for asthma treatment. Its soup is also believed to be beneficial for treatment of anemia and worm infestation.		
Comments on breeding tract	It is found in the Malabar region of Kerala. These are available mostly in the not so well developed interior areas.		
Adaptability to environment			
Population			
	Year	Population	Other information
Management			
Management system	Backyard		
Mobility	Stationary		
Feeding of adults	Scavenging		

Comments on Management	Birds are kept in the free range system. Flock size ranged from 2 to 16 with an average of about 5.5 birds per household. Birds roam freely and eat whatever available in the form of grains, seeds, vegetation, insects, etc. Commercial poultry feed is not fed. Shelter is provided in wooden houses raised above the ground. Brooding is a usual practice.		
Morphology			
	Male	Female	Overall
Adult weight(avg. kg)	1.62	1.24	
Plumage type	Normal		
Plumage pattern	Solid		
Plumage colour	Black with shining bluish tinge		
Comb type	Single		
Skin colour	Grey		
Shank colour	Blackish grey		
Egg shell colour	Light Brown		
Visible character	Shining bluish tinge on hackle, back and tail. Comb is red and large in size. It is erect in cocks and drooping on the rear side in hens. Wattles are red in colour. Ear lobe is mostly red in colour. Eye ring is blackish red. Beak is blackish.		
Performance			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum
Age at first egg (months)	6.0	5.0	8.0
Clutch size (days)		4.0	6.0
Annual eggs production (avg. no.)		60.0	80.0
Eggs weight (avg. gm)	40.0		
Hatching (%)		70.0	80.0
Any Peculiarity of the breed	Hen makes lot of sound after laying egg. The eggs are tinted and small to medium in size.		