Breed Descriptor of Punjab Brown (Poultry-Fowl)





Breeding Tract					
State: Haryana	Haryana				
State: Punjab	Punjab				
Location					
Longitude (deg.)					
Latitude (deg.)					
General Information					
Synonyms	Desi				
Origin	The breed seems to have taken its name from its native				
	tract (Punjab) and its colour (Brown).				
Major utility	Food - meat, eggs				
Comments on utility	In Punjab, the progressive farmers keep these birds for				
	home consumption, while the poor farmers sell live				
	birds/chicks and eggs to earn livelihood. In Haryana,				
	mostly these are maintained as cash reserve by few				
	low-income families located in one part of the village.				
Comments on breeding					
tract					
Adaptability to environment					
Population					
	Year	Population	Other information		
Management					
Management system	Backyard				
Mobility	Stationary				
Feeding of adults	Scavenging				

Comments on Management	Number of hirds	r household mostly y	varied from 2 to	
Comments on Management	Number of birds per household mostly varied from 3 to			
	15. Shelter is provided mostly during night. Chicks are			
	kept under a basket made up of bamboo sticks. Birds are			
	set free in the morning and scavenge the whole day in the			
	vicinity of house of the farmer. Farmers feed whole			
	grains (wheat, broken rice, etc.) in morning and evening			
	only. Kitchen waste is fed to the birds in a routine			
	manner. Eggs for hatching are put on paddy husk on floor			
	or in a basket. The broody hen is made to sit on the eggs,			
	and then it is covered with a basket. During the hatching			
	period of 21 - 22 days, the hen is regularly fed grains and			
	water. Birds are not vaccinated against any disease.			
Morphology				
	Male	Female	Overall	
Adult weight(avg. kg)	2.149	1.567		
Plumage type	Normal			
Plumage pattern	Solid			
Plumage colour	Brown			
Comb type	Single			
Skin colour	White			
Shank colour	Yellow			
Egg shell colour	Brown			
Visible character	Plumage pattern is sometimes spotted or striped. Males in			
	particular have black spots/stripes. Ear lobes are mostly			
	brown. Wattles are red, large sized in males and small in			
	females. Eye ring is red. Comb is red, and erect in			
	position. Beak is yellow.			
Performance	· ·			
	Average	Minimum	Maximum	
Age at first egg (months)	-	5.0	6.0	
Clutch size (days)		4.0	5.0	
Annual eggs production		60.0	80.0	
(avg. no.)				
Eggs weight (avg. gm)	46.0	35.0	55.0	
Hatching (%)		60.0	80.0	
Any Peculiarity of the breed		1	1	
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