

CHICKEN COMBS AN IMPORTANT KEY TO HEALTH

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Let's Talk Chicken Combs!

You can tell a lot by looking at a chicken's comb. Their age range, breed, and overall heath. Also, your chicken's comb provides a visual guide to what's happening within the flock's dynamics.

Chickens can't sweat, so they control their body temperature with their comb and wattles.

I'm not a veterinarian nor a medical professional, but I do have many years of experience in caring for chickens. I believe in Sciencebased care for my flock.

Take this as a guide and always do your own research. It's YOUR flock, so you get to decide. Please take the time to research the needs of your feathered friends.

PURPOSE

- > Circulation and overall health.
- > Releases heat, allowing your bird to stay cool during the hot summer months.
- > Conserve heat during cold months by restricting blood flow to the comb.
- > A chicken can distinguish between flock members based on their comb.

Potential Issues

BROWN OR BLACK

- > Pecking or Fighting Injury/Scrapes
- > Fowl Pox
- > Frostbite during cold months

PALE

- > *Molting*
- > Lice, Mites, or Parasites
- > Heat exhausting

PURPLE

> Virus

- > Heart or Lung issues

> Free of lesions > Depending on age, breed, point of lay, and if currently molting.

> Bright

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TYPICAL

> Some breeds like the Ayam Cemani, naturally have black combs.

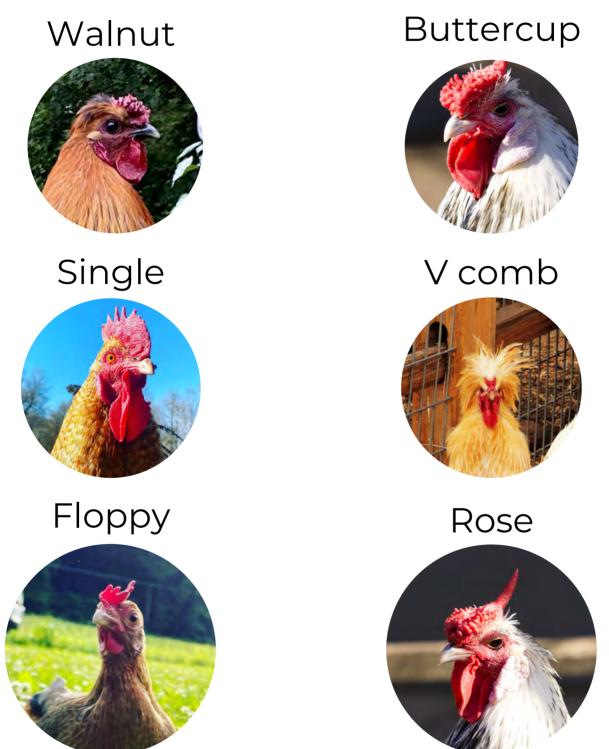


- > Gail Damerow's Blog
- > The Chicken Chick Fowl Pox Prevention
- > **Poultry DVM Frostbite**

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Types of Combs!



Comb types can vary depending on breed standards and barnyard mixes. There's 9 different types of combs. Some are rare and seen only in very specific birds. These are a few of the most common.