First Step: LEARN YOUR BREED CLASS

**BANTAM CLASS AND BREEDS (61)**

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<th>GAME BANTAM:</th>
<th>SCCL (Single Comb Clean Legged):</th>
<th>RCCL (Rose Comb Clean Legged):</th>
<th>AOCCL (All Other Comb Clean Legged):</th>
<th>FEATHERLEGGS:</th>
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**STANDARD CLASS AND BREEDS (53)**

### DUCKS CLASS AND BREEDS (14)

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<th>LIGHT:</th>
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<td>Call, East Indie, Mallard</td>
<td>Runner, Campbell, Magpie</td>
<td>Cayuga, Crested, Swedish, Buff</td>
<td>Pekin, Aylesbury, Rouen, Muscovy</td>
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### GEESE CLASS AND BREEDS (12)

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<td>Chinese, Tufted Roman, Canadian, Egyptian</td>
<td>Sebastopol, Pilgrim, American Buff, Saddleback Pomeranian</td>
<td>Toulouse, Emden, African</td>
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### TURKEYS BREEDS (8)

Royal Palm, Bronze, Narragansett, White Holland, Black (Spanish Black), Slate, Bourbon Red, Beltsville Small White

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**Second Step: KNOW YOUR VARIETY**

**Variety:**
- Color or pattern - For example, both large and bantam Plymouth Rocks are recognized in each Standard in Barred, White, Buff, Silver Penciled, Partridge, Columbian, and Blue varieties. The black variety was recently admitted, but for Plymouth Rock bantams only.
- Distinctive traits - The Standard of Perfection will list the characteristics of each variety

**Third Step: KNOW YOUR GENDER AND AGE**

**Gender & Age:**
- Cock (C) is a male bird over one year old
- Cockerel (K) is a male bird under one year old
- Hen (H) is a female over one year old
- Pullet (P) is a female under one year old.
- Birds might also be placed in a trio, which will be either an old trio (2 hens and a cock) or a young trio (2 pullets and a cockerel).
- Look at feathers, combs, voice, knobs
Forth Step: KNOW WHY YOU ARE RAISING YOUR FLOCK

- Meat
- Eggs
- Dual purpose
- Ornamental

Fifth Step: KNOW THE AMOUNT AND TYPE OF SPACE YOU WILL NEED

Each animal is different so you need to do your research!

- Standard needs 3 square feet
- Duck needs 4 square feet
- Goose needs 6 square feet
- Turkey needs 8 square feet

6th Step: DECIDE AND PREPARE

- Do as much research as possible. This will save you time to enjoy your project.
- Know your disqualifications before buying stock.
- Gather or purchase equipment and supplies

7th Step: START YOUR FLOCK

You have three choices:

- Purchase from Hatchery either chicks or fertilized eggs
- Purchase from breeder either adult stock, chicks or fertilized eggs
- Purchase, trade, or share adult stock and breed your own.

If you are buying chicks or eggs know what size they will be by the time fair rolls around.
EDUCATIONAL SITES:

http://www.apa-abayouthprogramsite.org/
The name of the APA-ABA Youth Program is derived from the willingness of the American Poultry Association and the American Bantam Association to sponsor this program to further the education of youth in poultry. The primary objective of our program is to encourage and help our young members to acquire the knowledge, skills and experience to participate fully and effectively in the poultry fancy as an adult.

The University of WI Animal Science  http://www.uwex.edu/ces/animalscience/poultry/

Atlas of Pathology with images  http://www.poultrymed.com/

University of Minnesota Poultry Department:  http://www.anisci.umn.edu/poultry/index.html

Oklahoma State:  http://www.ansi.okstate.edu/ exten/poultry

University of Florida:  http://www.animal.ufl.edu in search type in word “poultry”

University of Illinois:  History of Chicken Breeds:  http://www.urbanext.uiuc.edu/eggs

Calculating Protein Levels  http://www.lionsgrip.com/protein.html


Rare Breeds  http://www.kippengrabbelton.be/engels/index.htm

National 4-H Poultry & Egg Conference  http://ulisse.cas.psu.edu/nat4hpoultry/

4-H Embryology  http://ulisse.cas.psu.edu/4hembryo/