

Ameraucana Alliance  
By Russ Blair

Greetings fellow poultry fanciers! There are a few things I would like to discuss. Our quarterly Ameraucana Newsletter has been published and should be in your hands. With the show season approaching I would encourage everyone to think about placing a meet at the shows you may attend. Remember according to our Meet Policy all you need are three or more exhibitors. So please contact Beth Curran as soon as you can so we can include it in our next newsletter. For those who do not know her she has been doing a fabulous job placing, reporting, and keeping track of all our awards and points, so thank you Beth.

I have a quick question as well. Do you know if your Hygrometer is accurate? Here is a simple way to test them so you know for sure. All you will need is some table salt, a bottle cap, plastic container and a little water. Start off by filling the cap with the table salt. Then add just enough water to give it the consistency of wet sand. You do not want water sitting on top, nor do you want to dissolve the salt. Now place the cap and hygrometer in a plastic container making sure the lid is air tight. Let them set for 24 hours, that way the mixture has ample time to stabilize. This should give your hygrometer a reading of 75%. If it is reading different simply adjust it accordingly.

Finally I would like to take a moment to welcome all the new members to our wonderful club. Unfortunately with the steady increase it would take too long to name them all. We have over 150 members with several new members joining every week. I would like to pass along something one of the new members, Dustin Bonner, posted in our members only section of our forum: "Thank you for the handbook. I was very interested to read the history of the Ameraucana. Also, after a quick search of the internet of other breed clubs, I've found this website and forum to be far superior. I've really enjoyed reading here. I particularly enjoy how people here are working to create new varieties, some are quite beautiful. I am jealous at people's knowledge of genetics and creativity to use that knowledge. You folks should be really proud of what you've done here."

So if you would like to learn more about the many project varieties, or about the genetic makeup of a certain variety, or even how to improve your current line I welcome you to join us at [AmeraucanaAlliance.org](http://AmeraucanaAlliance.org) and like us on Facebook. For as little as \$10 you get the Ameraucana Handbook, quarterly Ameraucana Newsletters, full access to our Ameraucana Forum and become eligible for all our awards and exhibitor points at our meets. Until next time, take care and God Bless.