

# Daily Chicken Wellness Exam Sheet

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Signs of Health and Illness
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OBSERVE	HEALTHY	EARLY WARNING	SERIOUS
<i>Posture</i>	Erect, head and tail held high	Squatting, head tucked in, tail droopy	Hunched, head and tail hanging down
<i>Movement</i>	Consistent	Limping, lame	Reluctant to move, paralyzed
<i>Activity</i>	Active, alert, busy	Uninterested	Inactive, seeking solitude
<i>Comb + Wattle</i>	Bright red, full, waxy	Pale	Dark, swollen, or shriveled
<i>Face</i>	Filled out	Shrunken	Sunken in or swollen
<i>Eyes</i>	Bright, shiny, alert	Dull, watery, partly closed	Swollen, crusty, closed
<i>Nostrils</i>	Clean	Dirty	Caked, crusty
<i>Breathing</i>	Quiet	Labored	Noisy, gasping
<i>Beak</i>	Clean, usually closed	Open	Wide open, with or without discharge
<i>Breast</i>	Plump	Thin	Shrunken
<i>Abdomen</i>	Firm but not hard	Swollen	Bulging, hard
<i>Feathers</i>	Smooth, clean	Dull or off-color, stained around nose, eyes, vent	Rough, ruffled, broken
<i>Vent</i>	Clean, slightly moist	Stained	Dry, shriveled
<i>Shanks</i>	Clean, smooth, waxy	Enlarged, crusty scales	Enlarged, warm joints
<i>Appetite</i>	Consistent	Increased or decreased	Loss of appetite
<i>Thirst</i>	Consistent	Increased or decreased	Excessive drinking
<i>Weight</i>	Consistent	Weight loss	Emaciation
<i>Egg Laying</i>	Consistent	Decreased	Drastically decreased or dropped
<i>Droppings</i>	Firm, gray-brown with white caps; occasional sticky cecal dropping	Soft or loose	Runny, smelly, or off-color

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General Notes on Signs of Health or Illness

## Hens of Concern

Name/Age/Breed	Reason for Monitoring

## Dietary Supplements or Natural Remedies/Preventative Tx

<input type="checkbox"/>

## Future Projects/To Do's

<input type="checkbox"/>
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## *Flock History*

Recording this:	Can help you determine this:	Your Records:
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Ailing Flocks nearby	Diseases that could spread to your flock	<input type="checkbox"/>
Previous illness in your flock	Diseases already present on your property	<input type="checkbox"/>
Contacts	Diseases possibly brought in by new chickens, visitors, borrowed or purchased equipment	<input type="checkbox"/>
Flock age	Diagnosis based on age group involved	<input type="checkbox"/>
Time of year	Relationship to weather or to mosquitoes and other carriers	<input type="checkbox"/>
Feed changes	Illness due to improper nutrition or toxins in feed	<input type="checkbox"/>
Duration of illness	Diagnosis based on how long signs last	<input type="checkbox"/>
Rate of spread	Diagnosis based on how rapidly chickens are falling ill	<input type="checkbox"/>
Past Vaccinations	Diseases not likely to be involved	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meds used in the past	ID of possible resistant pathogens	<input type="checkbox"/>
Meds used recently	Diagnosis based on flock response to meds	<input type="checkbox"/>
Percentage involved	Diagnosis based on % of sick birds	<input type="checkbox"/>
Mortality rate	Diagnosis based on % of dead birds	<input type="checkbox"/>
Appearance at death	Diagnosis based on carcass position and location	<input type="checkbox"/>

## FlockHistory(Cont)

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Name	Breed	Age

## Notes

Note: Signs of Health and Illness and flock history chart were pulled directly from *The Chicken Health Handbook* written by Gail Damerow. This sheet was put together by Christina from @give.them.beauty in honor of Leaf, her Welsummer hen.