

Summer Prep - Large Cochins and Hot Weather

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Summer is just around the corner and Large Cochins can drink a lot of water, which in turn is passed through the body and out the other end, quite frequently with a lot more moisture added to the droppings. With all of the fluff the big Cochins have they sometimes get pretty messy around and under their vents. In the course of a single day flies can lay eggs in this area and overnight you have an infestation of maggots. I've learned this the hard way, and I pride myself on attention to detail, but there is nothing worse than finding one of your birds like this. As a preventative measure, I clip below the vents of all my Large Cochins for the summer. Keeps them cleaner and it's a good preventative measure. Maybe not an issue if you're in a less humid climate, but I thought I'd pass it along.

