

## "THE McCAMMON COOP"

Cochin Housing

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(1) A cockerel from last spring.



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(2) This is the front view of my main barn. Cochins live in this barn.



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(3) One of my happy hens.



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(4) I have several of these little houses scattered around. They house a few birds nicely and have solid floors, but I can take out the wood and the floors are wire for the summer. I usually use a combination of both.



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(5) This is one of my favorite vintage buildings. It was built by an old cock-fighter more than 50 years ago. It has copper bolts and hardware, and almost indestructible wood. I bought it for \$20, and moved it to my place. Not a broken or twisted piece of wood to be found! I couldn't afford to build them like this today! This provides great pens to house young males, breeding trios, or birds awaiting shows.



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(6) This is a nice little pen that is my newest one. Plans are to use it as a breeding pen, probably for Wyandottes.



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(7) Another breeding pen. The birds love these in the summer. They are near my garden and I often throw produce inside.



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(8) This is a picture of one of the several buildings I use as breeding buildings. I also separate young birds in these as they grow out.



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(9) This building houses some of my Wyandottes. I use it for chicks as they grow out, too. There are show pens against the back wall.



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(10) This is a large door that slides open so the females can get some sunlight and fresh air.



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(11) This is how all my males are housed. The wire cages lift up. They have no wire bottom. That way I can roll the wheelbarrow down the aisle and clean out the bedding.



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(12) This is another view of my hanging cages that house the Cochin males. I have two dozen pens like this.



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(13) This is where my Cochin females are kept. We have very sandy soil, so they do well just running on the ground. The pens in the background are used for breeding pens, conditioning pens, or for housing birds awaiting a show. There is a small door along the wall that I can open in the summer to let in a west breeze. I can also let the hens out in the lot to run. The lot serves five different buildings, and I usually rotate who gets to get out each day.

(14) More females on the ground. I have about 30 in this pen.

(15) These are extra cages that will undoubtedly be filled after hatching season!