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**Breed: Plymouth Rock**

**Varieties: White, Barred, Buff, Silver Penciled, Partridge (pictured), Columbian & Blue**

**Class: American**

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- ☞ There are seven varieties of Plymouth Rocks with Barred being the oldest and Blue being the most recent variety.**
- ☞ To create the multitude of varieties several other breeds were used such as Cochins, Javas, Dominiques, Wyandottes, Leghorns, and Brahmas.**
- ☞ The Plymouth Rock is docile, a good forager, and is very good with children.**
- ☞ Plymouth Rocks have red earlobes which means they will lay brown-shelled eggs.**
- ☞ Plymouth Rocks are dual-purpose birds, and used for both eggs and meat.**
- ☞ Colonists John C. Bennet is believed to have developed the White Plymouth Rock in New England in 1869.**
- ☞ To create the White Plymouth Rock, a Dominique male was crossed with a Black Cochin or Black Java.**
- ☞ The Plymouth Rock has a single, medium in size, set firmly on head, straight upright comb.**
- ☞ A disqualification for the white Plymouth Rock includes evidence of faking, as well as defects in combs, wattles and ear lobes.**
- ☞ Plymouth Rock cocks should weigh 9 1/2 lbs. and hens should weigh 7 1/2 lbs.**