

## **Reprint from the May 6 1978 Jersey Giant Club Newsletter**

(We have a lot of recent members new to raising Giants and the following article written by Golda Miller may answer questions you have about color of newly hatched chicks)

The Agricultural Agent from South Carolina called me the other day, and among other things, he wondered about one of our customers whose little Black Giant chicks had white throats and white under color...I should have described these little Giants before as I am sure other folks have thought that their Giants weren't pure since they weren't all black when hatched. All little Black Giants when hatched will have this grayish white color on their little throats and under color...also when their first feathers come in, many will be white tipped...this is as it should be...if they were any other color or all black I would just think they weren't pure Black Giants. I even think that the way the Standard of Perfection reads that they might be able to have a little white at the end of one or two wing feathers when grown as the Standard reads for disqualifications..."More than ½ inch of white or two or more feathers tipped or edged with positive white"..I don't use these for breeding though as it is very easy to get white into them as it is. The chicks must also have yellow feet...they will get dark on the tops of their feet when grown but must have yellow on the bottom...When they are in production, they lose this yellow until they molt, then it comes back again...when they aren't laying.