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would you breed with a helmet that had one cracked eye if it was an excellent bird ??

Choices	Votes	Percent	Who Voted
never		0%	
depends on how good a bird	5	 35%	Mike Gulliford, Brian McCormick, Bill Papas, GREG BLIVEN, Jim Garus
only if i didn't have a choice		0%	
for sure wouldn't hesitate	9	 64%	Anthony Ferguson, Pavel Lutsenko, Ray Kolinski, Colin Campbell, Jim Bean, GIULIO MARCOCCIA, Bob Bollinger, Fadiel Hendricks, Robert Larochele

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SPEAKING OF EYES, WHAT IS EVERYONES TAKE ON BULL EYES, AND THE SOMETIMES SEEN BIRDS WITH A LIGHT COLORED BLUE EYE?

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bull eyes are a disqualification, i would not show them Mike

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WOULD YOU BREED FROM THEM?

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EWES DIDNT ASK ME BUT HERE I GO, MOST DEFFINATELY, EWESUALLY PRODUCE XLNT COLOR

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I have three bull eyed birds in my SF program right now.. The ancient cross threw a lot of bull eyes. i would certainly prefer not to but ya gottat run what ya brung... I would not use them in my MF birds cuz I dont have to. I had a bull eyed hen in my Americans that I used for color a couple generations ago..this year I have culled every single American I have produced because of bull eyes.. All parents are pearl eyed so it can come back and bite you.

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The first year I bought helmets I got a black hen with one bull eye. I was told that breeding from one bull eye wouldn't hurt. Well this bull eye kept showing up over and over until I finally decided to cull every one that showed up, no matter how good it was otherwise. That was the only way to get rid of it. I did the same thing with droopers and I don't get either one now. My understanding is that the person that told me it was ok to breed with the single bull eye showed a few blacks with single bull eyes at the Canadian National this year. I assume because they were some of his best birds. As Jim is saying, he was a loser at the Nationals. All because he didn't think it would hurt to breed from a single bull eye. Doesn't hurt em eh??? Jim is right. I am going to start culling all birds with cracked eyes. I get very few but if you want to get rid of it completely that is what you have to do.

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I will disagree with everyone of you,I breed with crack eye, bull eye as long as the bird got good qualities and thus far (touch wood) I have not inherited any eye defect in the off spring.

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Where cracked eyes are concerned I think it is important to know the reason for the cracked eye. I believe based solely on anecdotal evidence that cracked eyes can be inherited or they can be the result of damage. I had a season some years ago where I had cracked eyes all over the loft in families that had never had the problem. I had other medical problems in the loft that year. The cracked eyed birds I kept I bred out of without out ever seeing another cracked eye in any of the families. On the other hand I bought a cracked eyed hen four or five years ago and 50% of her young were cracked eyed and her young and grandchildren still throw cracked eyes soooo I conclude that unless you know better if they are really good birds try them out but be careful.

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Mr Mammaing, so it can be that cracked eye can be from something else? not necessary and inherited gene? and thanks for the soft touch...

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Thats just my opinion Fadiel. My experience is that envirnmental issues during development can also casue a cracked eye?? maybe it's fever who knows but during a dark period in my loft when health was down the incidence of craked eyes increased but did not pass on to the next generation.

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Dennis, thats kind of an interesting theory.

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Very Interesting, Mr Manning.

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Like I said guys it's anecdotal cant prove nutin.. But should I ever and I hope i never have a loft that sick again I will not be quick to cull young survivors for cracked eyes

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