

# APA & ABA **TERMINOLOGY FOR EVERYONE**

WHAT IS A **NATIONAL** MEET?

WHAT IS AN **ANNUAL** MEET?

*Are they the same? Yes—it's just in the name.*

There is always a lot of confusion when it comes to the big shows of the year. Which is which, what is what? There is a difference in what each of these shows are called.

The **AMERICAN POULTRY ASSOCIATION (APA)** holds two big meets each year.

#1—the APA “ANNUAL” MEET

#2—the APA “SEMI-ANNUAL” MEET

These two meets are held in different area's of the country each year and there is always a distinct time frame between each.

The **AMERICAN BANTAM ASSOCIATION (ABA)** holds one big meet each year.

This meet is called the ABA “NATIONAL” MEET.

If someone says they are going to the APA NATIONAL they are actually saying they are going to the APA ANNUAL but they are just using the incorrect term.

If they say they are going to the ABA National then yes, they are using the right term—it is the ABA National.

Clear as mud?



# **MORE TERMINOLOGY FOR EVERYONE**

Have you ever heard someone say “ I raise standard” Plymouth Rocks, Brahmas, Leghorns, Old English or (whatever the breed might be) when they are talking about their chickens?

I always wonder what they mean? Standard? What?

There are two SIMPLE terms for our exhibition show birds.

## **BANTAMS and LARGE FOWL.**

Yep, large fowl—**not standards**

If you are raising birds to show or just to run around your back yard they are either Bantams or Large Fowl. They are not “standards” or banties or bantams. Bantams are not “banties” either.

If you say “I raise standard large fowl Brahma’s” you are using the correct terminology.

If you say “I raise bantam Brahmas” you are using the correct terminology.

The term **STANDARD** really means you are raising your birds

**“ACCORDING TO THE APA *Standard of Perfection*”**

**“ACCORDING TO THE ABA *Bantam Standard*.”**



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