

KEEL AND BODY DEPTH

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I would like to talk about other type issues that can be related to capacity and skeletal structure. Walt Leonard commented on yesterday's post on capacity and skeletal structure about how it can also affect the shape of a birds breast. So let's take a look shall we.

If you stop and think about it we see a fair number of photos posted of birds with shallow, flat breasts. They are often posted with comments that the bird will look better once it "fills out". Well the sad truth is if the bird's skeletal structure is off no amount of filling out will make it look better. Look at the first two accompanying photo's of poor capacity birds. When the keel bone is placed more to the rear of the bird it will have a flat front and shallow looking breast with not much meat on it.

Now look at the second setoff photos of birds with better capacity. Notice how the when the keel bone is more forward on a bird the breast is fuller and well rounded as it should be.

Just a reminder here...be sure and evaluate your males for better capacity not just your females.



POOR/SHALLOW KEEL & BODY DEPTH





GOOD/FULL KEEL & BODY DEPTH

