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Is This Giant Rooster The Biggest In The World?

"I have a 5-mo. old chicken that might be the biggest rooster in the world," says Michele Velleman, New Hampshire, who recently sent us photos of "Big Bird" - a bruiser of a rooster that weighs in at 26.2 lbs. "He's a Cornish cross that hatched on April 1st of this year and started out like all the rest. But within 2 weeks, we knew we had something special because of his rapid rate of growth. He shares a coop with 17 other chickens and two turkeys. Unfortunately, he can't make it up the ramp into the coop on his own so I set up a dog kennel on the ground for him to give him some protection from the weather. He is out and about all day long and comes when you call, although he can't run. He loves meal worm treats and watermelon but we

haven't done anything special to fatten him up. His crow is pretty impressive as well."

FARM SHOW had a story back in 2012 about "Big Boy", a Cornish/Plymouth Rock rooster that was believed to be the world's largest chicken at 24.18 lbs. The last time the Guinness Book of World Records listed a "world's largest chicken" was in 1992 when it listed an Australian chicken that weighed in at just over 23 lbs.

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"Big Bird", a Cornish cross rooster in New Hampshire, weighed 26.2 lbs. when he turned 5 mos. old on September 1st, 2016.

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