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OF INTEREST TO FARMERS

EXPERIENCE AND CARE COUNT WITH POULTRY

Watch Flock Closely and Feed With Eyes Open, Says State Ag. College. Size of Pullets Important.

Experience counts with poultry, declare poultrymen at the state college of agriculture at Ithaca. They say it is easy to tell how it should be done, but that it is a different matter to do it and that doing it over and over again with one's eyes open is the way to gain the knowledge that makes poultry pay.

Immature and undersized pullets are often the cause of low egg production in many flocks, say men at the state college. And some poultrymen say, they say, try to make themselves believe that they have a flock of good-sized pullets by weighing the largest ones. The only persons they fool are themselves, and that to no avail, say the poultry experts.

A pullet which is under-sized or immature will not lay enough to be profitable. And what one man considers a small pullet may be considered large enough by another man. It is not wholly a matter of opinion, however, as there are standards of weight which are about right for egg production.

The time chicks should be hatched depends on the man who is going to do the feeding. Chicks may mature earlier under the care of one man than under that of another. The general rule should be followed of maturing the pullets so that they will come into laying in the early winter months when egg prices are highest.

As with every other kind of livestock, eternal vigilance is the price of success and the poultryman who makes a profit is the one who cares for his flock in both senses of the word.

24 ASSOCIATIONS TRY TO IMPROVE DAIRYING

Working for More Economical Milk Production in New York State; Results Begin to Show.

Twenty-four dairy improvement associations in New York state are doing their best to raise New York dairying to a profitable basis. These associations are located in seventeen counties, as some of the counties have two. An agent is in charge of each one, and he tests the cows of members, advises about feeding methods and general management, helps the owner to weed out his unprofitable cows and has the responsibility of doing all he can to better dairying conditions in his association.

G. W. Taibly of the state college of agriculture at Ithaca is general supervisor of all the associations, and receives a monthly report from each agent in the field. The reports received in December tell of the progress being made. W. W. Sandler of the Chenanga Valley association says: "Boarder cows are going for beef regularly. No place for a boarder here."

Rolland Leonard, agent for the Andes association of Delaware county reports that he tested 344 cows during the month and that seven cows were sold for boarders.

H. R. Breese of the Hamilton county association says: "The dairymen of this section seem to be watching the cost of milk production closer than ever, and are weeding out the boarder cows. During the month of November, eight unprofitable cows were sold out of one dairy, and their owner is going to take the money the eight cows brought and try to get two that will make as much money as the entire eight did before, and this seems to be the idea throughout the association."

These reports are typical of the feeling throughout the state where these associations are doing their work and shows the trend of the times toward more efficient and economical production in all lines of agriculture.

SAN JOSE SCALE Winter Months Good Time to Look for Pest.

The San Jose scale is again making serious inroads into New York orchards, according to the entomologists of the State Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva. The great activity of quaternary and several years ago practically eliminated the pest as a menace to fruit growing in this state. Lately, however, vigilance has been relaxed to the extent that the scale is again becoming a serious problem in many orchards.

Fruit growers are urged by the station officials to be on the lookout for badly infested trees as they prune their orchards this winter. The twigs and small branches of severely infested trees have a grayish, scurvy look which may extend even to the main branches. By marking such trees, special attention can be given to them when they are pruned later on.

Spraying with lime sulfur at a strength of one part lime sulfur to eight parts of water early in the spring just as the buds begin to swell will hold the scale in check, it is said. Trees which have been marked as having a heavy infestation should receive extra careful spraying in the spring.

TOMKINS SCORES WELL IN DAIRY IMPROVEMENT

Has Two High Five Cows in Association's Latest Monthly Report; Monies in Second Place.

According to the latest report of the supervisor of New York state dairy improvement associations, two of the five high cows in butterfat for the month of October were in Tompkins county.

The leader was a Guernsey owned by N. F. Hopper of Ithaca and her record was 84.8 pounds of fat. Virgil Peck, of Ithaca, Monroe county, took second place with the 81.1 pound record of his "June Butter-boy Segis," a Holstein-Friesian. Mr. Peck has been placing consistently in the lead for some time.

D. Skaden and Son, of Mannsville Madison county, were in third place with a grade Holstein. Their "Selma" produced 72.3 pounds of fat during the month.

Fourth and fifth place were close; F. Neidinger and son of Bainbridge Chenango county, came in just tenth of a pound ahead of H. F. Quick of Brookton, the other Tompkins county contender. Neidinger and son's Aaggie gave 71.4 pounds of fat in the month and Mr. Quick's "Spot" was close behind with 71.3 pounds. Both these cows were purchased Holstein-Friesians.

Fully half the dairy improvement associations in the state report the sale of boarder cows and efforts to weed out the low producers. That is the real aim of this work, says G. W. Taibly, supervisor of the associations, and the local agents are not going to be satisfied until a great majority of New York's some four hundred thousand unprofitable cows are sent to the butchers.

FREE POULTRY ACCOUNT BOOK READY AT ITHACA

State College of Agriculture Offers State College of Agriculture Offers to Interested Poultrymen.

"How to keep a poultry account" has been added to the list of five practical farmers' account books prepared for free distribution by the state college of agriculture at Ithaca. This new book reduces to its simplest terms the work of keeping a cost account and profit and loss statement on a flock of hens.

It provides a place to take an inventory of poultry, poultry feed, supplies and equipment as well as simple but complete directions for doing so. It next gives an opportunity for keeping a record of all expenses incurred by the keeping of the flock, and for all money received from sales of poultry or their products.

In addition to this, room is made for keeping a record of time spent in labor on the flock, whether done by man or horse or automobile. This enables one to figure accurately at the close of the year the cost of the labor of caring for the hens of the flock, so that it can be subtracted from the gross returns along with the cash expenses.

Room is provided for a second inventory at the end of the year as well as directions for closing the whole account. "The best part of it all is," say practical farmers who have seen the book, "that all these directions are given in little more than one printed page, so that anyone, whether he has ever kept any kind of a cash account or not, readily has no excuse for not being able to make the best use of the book."

In the back of the book are also given time-tried ration for both laying hens and chicks, with a few concrete suggestions about the rearing of chicks, and the general care of a flock of hens. A card addressed to the office of publication of the state college of agriculture and ask for "How to Keep a Poultry Account" will bring it.

SPRAYING VS. DUSTING

Well-Tried Remedies for Insect Pests Found Best.

The well-tried routine sprays for the control of insect pests and diseases in the orchard as the best measures of protection so far perfected are strongly advocated by the entomologist at the New York State Agricultural Experiment Station at Geneva in a recent statement regarding the station's dusting and spraying experiments in 1924.

On the whole, the regulation sprays which have long proved their worth gave somewhat more consistent results than did dust mixtures made up from the commercial preparations now on the market, it is said. In some cases, the dusts were so expensive as to make it impossible to secure economical control, while in other cases the dust mixtures did not prove to be as efficient insecticides as did the spray mixtures.

Sprays containing lime arsenate were found to give better results against codling moth than did dusts containing lead arsenate. Also lime-sulfur sprays containing nicotine and sulfur control than nicotine dusts in combating rosy aphid, it is said.

According to this authority, the use of oil emulsion against San Jose scale should not replace the use of lime-sulfur for scale in New York orchards, unless scale is making headway against lime-sulfur treatment as sometimes happens in old orchards. Casein "spreaders" failed to increase the effectiveness of the sprays to which they were added, although they may have reduced the amount of spray injury.

Rude Rural Rhymes

Eating

Altho the Irish and the Dutch are quite inclined to eat too much, and Yankees hardly seem to me as lanky as they used to be, no dame or gent has ever flourished who was not adequately nourished. We should be frequently employed in filling up our usual void. When I go forth with well-filled looks due to the grub that Hannah Cooks, no baker's window tempts me high, however flush with cake and pie. But going hungry home at noon each bun and biscuit seems a boon. I seek the store and buy a stack, each in its portly paper sack. If e'er by chance, when home I landed, fair Hannah saw me empty-handed, she'd know my appetite was stranded. All men who study such things know that in the human embryo the earliest scene of our life act is shaping our digestive tract. When Mother Nature puts the rest in she hangs 'round that large intestine. The stomach forms our center, tho, in lots of people that we know, it's some circumference also. Whatever else in life befalls us three times a day our hunger calls us, and often too, this bard is seen to take a little snack between.

—BOB ADAMS

Births

Jan. 13, to Mr. & Mrs. Glenn Corbin of Inavale, twins, a boy and a girl. Jan. 14, to Mr. and Mrs. Allen Moot of Black Creek, a daughter, Genevieve. Jan. 15, to Mr. and Mrs. Harry Theoclitus of Wellsville, a son, Gregory.

Marriages

Jan. 10, Miss Louise Cornell and Wheeler L. Jones, both of Whitesville.

Sallie's Temptations (Copyright 1924—By Gladys Baker)

Curtiss Catches a Glimpse of the Real Sallie

"You're getting tired of simple folk who don't speak the same language that you do. Isn't that the trouble, Sallie?" he prompted. "No, I've loved every minute of it," I retorted, "it has been splendid. Getting up early and at night so tired than one can sleep at the first hint of darkness. And do you know, Curtiss, I haven't even thot of a cocktail—or a fag." I added as the thot came to me. "I know you haven't and I've admired you tremendously for it," he responded. "If you could see how much more attractive you are out in the open like this with your eyes shining from good wholesome living and all the fold-dear forgotten. But then, I suppose, I'm radical on that subject," he smiled and changed the subject. "Do you know why I'm here instead of shooting quail with the others?"

"No." He explained the situation and from him I caught the spirit of the scene and sorrowed for the thrush, my heart stirring with pity. "And what are you going to do?" I questioned, after a moment's silence.

"Justice" was his swift answer. "Justice" I repeated, "Curtiss, it seems to me that you always want to do the thing that's so high above the others. Things we never think of doing. It must be soul-satisfying the knowledge you are bound to have of your integrity and your honor." I spoke slowly and my seriousness broke the spell in which he had been submerged and thotful.

"It isn't that," he interrupted, sweeping aside the words of praise almost abruptly, "there's no satisfaction for the soul in my thots, no unusual quality to them. It seems, though, that I just miss the gay ones and must follow things that no one else can see and as far as you and your friends are concerned, the things that do not matter." He threw out his hand in the little gesture with which I had grown familiar, "one's thots and feelings can not be ignored, however."

"Perhaps we, too, have some such emotions in our innermost beings, but are unwilling to face them," I admitted, "it's so much easier to ignore problems than to be analytical and introspective. We admire you tho for your faithfulness to those same things that are too much both for us to notice. The things that we laugh and scoff at, Curtiss, but" I continued, "I'm real opinion on the subject." "even tho we've steeled ourselves to a sort of callousness against the finer promptings, there are moments when we realize that there is another side of life that makes us look like the wasters that we are," I concluded.

He searched my face as if he had never expected to hear me speak of anything substantial. I was flushed and breathless from my dissertation. "Then you do—you have realized the difference between—er—shall we say, drifting and rowing. You're very fine, Sallie, when you're in a different atmosphere, you've been breathing. And yet," he resumed, "you'll go back to it," and his voice held sadness, "you who in your young days are so drugged with the perfume and colour of the petals that it's almost impossible not get lost in the maze of blowing blossoms."

I was deeply touched by his emotion. "YOU can save me Curtiss," I suggested, and my voice held a note of entreaty. "Mais non!" he declared lapsing into French which he invariably used to give emphasis to what he was saying "you would look upon me after a while, as a policeman. My words of warning with which I would halt your headlong and stumbling footsteps, would be as lashes to your high-hearted spirit."

"But—you have already been a good influence for me," I argued. "You're very sweet to say that, but it is a thankless task this making over of others. If you're this—your're this and if I'm that—I'm that. And who am I that I should presume to change you?"

He bowed his head in his strong yet sensitive hands that were bronzed from his life in the open. Stillness lay about us.—The sacred hush of a Cathedral. Incense of pine and that subtle fragrance of the clean-out-of-doors penetrated the forest.

In all the world there were just we two out there alone-together. (To be continued next week.)

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