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POULTRY

POINTS ON POULTRY CULLING

Well to Discard Young Cockerels and Pullets That Are Slow in Growing and Feathering.

(Prepared by the United States Department of Agriculture.)

In selecting the future flock it is well to discard the young cockerels and pullets that are slow in growing and feathering, and also those that have crooked beaks, backs, legs and tails.

The winter flock of chickens should consist only of the best grown pullets of the year which hold out some prospect of "earning their keep." Culling is usually begun in July and August by successful poultry raisers, and by the end of September all nonproducers should be weeded out of the flock, with a consequent reduction in the feed bill. Hens which have been fed for more than a year and which molt during July and August are likely to be



Standardized Flock of One Breed.

slackers and should be the first to go. The chances are they will not lay again for some time, the poultry specialist of the Alabama experiment station believes. It is usually advisable to standardize the flock by having all of one breed, but there are special conditions under which the raising of two breeds is advised. Those having mongrel chickens will find it profitable to develop a purebred flock, the United States Department of Agriculture advises. This can easily be done within two or three years by buying a few settings of eggs of the desired breed for hatching purposes. Recent investigations at the U. S. experiment farm indicate that quicker results may often be obtained by such a purchase than by grading up the mongrel stock.

SEPARATE PENS FOR PULLETS

By Keeping Breeders Apart From Rest of Flock They Can Be Handled Differently.

It is often desirable to keep the pullets and the older hens separate. It may be that the flock owner will want to use more of the tested hens for breeders, and by keeping them apart from the rest of the flock they can be handled a little differently, says the United States Department of Agriculture. The yearling hens, or sometimes older ones, and the well-developed pullets are better for the breeding flock because the larger eggs produced will bring out larger and stronger chicks. Some poultry raisers think that the older hens are better than even well-grown pullets that are laying full-sized eggs. They say that the germ cell in the egg from the older bird is stronger. However, eggs from the best pullets ordinarily will produce satisfactory chicks.

DOULTRY NOTES

Success with poultry depends more on health than on breed.

It is a good plan to have hoppers hung on the wall where grit and oyster shell are always accessible.

Good, bright, alfalfa hay saved from the last cutting will come in handy this winter when green feed is scarce.

If the thought ever comes to you of crossing breeds, forget it. It's a step backward in the chicken business.

These cool mornings foretell the coming soon of cold and stormy days. It's time to see that the poultry house is made windproof.

Besides being educators, the poultry shows will stimulate your pep and enthusiasm for better chickens, which in turn will increase profits.

It's far better to have the cement floor of a henhouse set on a 6 to 10-inch layer of coarse stones. Dampness is fatal to hens.

Young ducks will often begin laying at about five months of age, although the breed and the management will cause a variation.

Milk contains a considerable amount of animal protein, and is fine for hens, but it ought not to be counted on as a substitute for meat scraps or tankage in the dry mash.

REMINISCENCES

TWENTY-FIVE YEARS AGO

"The W. C. T. U. meets at Mrs. C. H. Hubbard's Monday to make arrangements for an entertainment."

"Miss Nettie Hertweck returned on Wednesday from a visit to relatives in Fulton, accompanied by Mrs. John Ford and Mrs. Fannie Graham."

"Mrs. Murlan Dillon, wife of Thomas Dillon Jr., died Sunday morning and was buried Monday evening."

Marriage licenses were issued during the week as follows: Luther Watson to Miss Nettie Perry; Dr. R. T. Rudd to Miss Ina E. Vincent; L. J. Stanfield to Miss Josephine Rogers; A. J. Grady to Miss Mattie Clark.

"The Legislature convenes Tuesday, January 4, and then, to quote a distinguished newspaper, 'the organized fools will be pitted against the organized knaves.'"

"We learn that a social and literary club has been organized in Hickman, with Captain H. A. Tyler as president and Charles F. Baltzer as secretary."

TEN YEARS AGO

There was hope expressed that Mr. Honck would build the longed for Cape Girardeau to Hickman railroad, coming by way of Charleston, that gentleman having sold his line to the Frisco.

"Little Miss Dorothy Moore, while playing at school Monday, fell and was knocked unconscious."

Many candidates had announced to go before the 1913 primary election.

"Chief of Police John Wright has purchased the residence of Prof. B. E. Gabby, at the foot of the court house steps."

B. G. Hale sr. sold to W. J. Walker of Tiptonville 352½ acres of land near No. 9 Lake for \$13,000, the deal taking place Friday, the 13th."

Mrs. Mary Miller Ellison, wife of W. S. Ellison, died at her home in this city.

This issue contained a photograph of S. T. Roper, who had announced for reelection to the office of county clerk.

"Postmaster J. T. Stephens informs us that he has received the stamps, etc. for the inauguration of the parcels post first of the year."

Mrs. E. C. Campbell, aged 82, died at her home in West Hickman.

WINTER HOUSE FOR POULTRY

Openings on South Side of Building Should Be Covered With Muslin or Burlap.

On stormy nights, windows or openings in the south side of the chicken house should be covered by a drop curtain. The curtain should be made of muslin or burlap. The floor of the house should be covered with a deep litter of straw in which the grain is scattered in order to make the hens work. Keep a mash mixture before the hens at all times. This can be composed of a mixture of bran, shorts, cornmeal, ground oats, etc. To this must be added a good grade of meat meal which should compose 20 per cent of the mixture.

DOULTRY NOTES

Always feed good laying rations.

Stimulants and poultry tonics are of no value if a good laying ration is fed.

The flock that is healthy needs no doping.

The more room in the chicken house the easier it is to keep the house clean.

Treat every fowl on the farm for lice before they are housed for the winter.

Hens can stand cold weather, but dampness will soon undermine their vigor.

When feeding sunflower seed to the hens be sure and save a few of the largest and best-filled heads for seed.

There still are too many roosters in the average farm flock. Why keep up this useless expense?

Take note of the cornmeal used in mash for chicks. If this is bought in large quantities there is danger of spoiling and mold.

The use of green feed in the winter ration not only helps to keep the birds healthy, but it seems to influence the following spring.

It is not hard to select the best pullets when culling the young stock for winter. Discard the slow-growing, crow-headed pullets which show their lack of vigor.

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Carelessness Means Loss



DANGER!

To argue with a mule is not more dangerous than to argue that you don't need insurance. Think of the men in your neighborhood whose property has been damaged by fire at one time or another. You may be next.

Some property owners are careful, some careless about insurance on property. The careful ones, after a loss, can turn to an insurance company for the payment of the loss incurred.

Not so with the careless man, for he has left his finances in the hands of fate. With no good insurance there's no indemnity to receive. His property becomes a total loss.

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