

# WINNERS IN DOUBT AS CONTEST NEARS END

White Leghorns Tied for High Honors in Egg Laying Contest at Close of June

Pullman, Wash., July 14, 1917.

I feel that I can put little or nothing into this letter to add to your interest in the contest reports for June, 1917. With 106 days of the contest still ahead of us the gaps between leading hens and pens are closing up and today no one can predict safely as to who the winners will be.

May 31 found the White Leghorn pen of Mr. McRae leading the White Leghorn pen of Mr. Hanson by four eggs. July 1 found them tied as high pens to date. The P. W. Harries pen of White Leghorns, with an average egg production of 21 1/2 eggs per bird for the month took second place as high pen to date. The White Leghorns of Mr. Unsworth held their own at third base, while the Barred Rocks of Bliss and Bliss moved up to fourth place.

In the singles competition is every whit as keen. For two months R. I. Red No. 940 owned by Mr. Whitlock of Vancouver has led White Leghorn No. 501 by a single egg, but in June with a record of 26 eggs in 30 days, No. 501, known as Lady Tekoa, put 13 eggs between herself and second hen, White Leghorn No. 270, owned by P. W. Harries. No. 940 dropped to third place. Unquestionable is 940's ability to lay. In 12 days in June she laid 10 eggs, but it was the broody coop that was her undoing and that gave No. 501 her chance to gain.

Lady Tekoa has now 167 eggs to her credit with 106 days of the contest left in which to cross the 200-egg line. Will she do it?

The leading hen for the month of May is again leading hen for the month of June—No. 1192, Barred Rock owned by H. J. Leighty of Seattle. No. 1192 laid April 30, every day in May and every day but one in June, and has laid every day in July to the 12th with no signs of ceasing. This gives her of record of 73 eggs in 74 days. Who will suggest an appropriate name for the bird? Another hen deserving of special mention for consecutive laying is White Leghorn No. 1065, belonging to Carl O. Engel of Seattle. This hen laid 28 eggs in May and 24 in June. Injustice was done her sister, No. 1066, who laid 24 eggs in May and by an oversight was not listed on the May honor roll. Mr. Leighty's pen of Barred Rocks was high pen for the month of May, with 112 eggs and for June, with 110 eggs.

Then, too, the summary of feed and egg records is particularly interesting for June. It shows that the sales of eggs from 878 birds amounted to \$314.01 and that it cost about \$180 to feed or an average of 20.88 cents a bird. The honor for the highest flock production was carried off by the Minorcas with Rocks second. White Leghorns lost second place to the Rocks by four-hundredths of one egg per bird. Feed and litter cost, per bird, for the month ranged from almost 23 cents for the Minorcas to a trifle over 17 1/2 cents for the light weight mixed flock. The cost of feeding the White Leghorns was 19 1/2 cents per bird. The Minorcas made for us a profit over feed and litter cost of 23 1/2 cents each, the White Leghorns 20.39 cents and the average of all the birds 14.82 cents.

In other words 1000 of the average White Leghorns of the contest would have returned above feed costs for the month \$203.90. This amount must cover cost of labor, egg cases, cartage, loss of birds, depreciation in value of birds and equipment, interest on investment, incidentals—and profit.

Which reminds me of two amusing incidents which recently have come to my attention and the enjoyment of which I wish to share with the contestants.

Incident No. 1. A man—not one of the contestants—wrote me that he thought the contest records were extremely low and that he had a flock of 25 birds at home that were beating the contest records. He said he had never less than a 40 per cent egg yield. Since last fall and much of the time it had averaged 60 per cent and ended the letter by saying that, however, he had decided to sell all his birds as at the present prices of eggs his hens did not pay their feed bill. I might have replied that at no time since last November had the contest flock averaged more than 45 per cent and yet they had paid all their feed bills to date with a substantial sum left over every month. Therefore I recommended that he get his next stock from some of the contestants whose birds had smaller appetites than his own.

Incident No. 2. Another man (and

maybe he was a cousin of one of the contestants, but I am not sure) wrote me that he considered a 50 per cent egg yield in winter only "normal." He ended up his letter by saying that he had a flock of 200 pullets. That he began with about 500 last fall, but he believed in culling and he culled out the poor layers as fast as they showed up and then he proceeded to brag some more about his "normal" egg yield. "It is as plain as the nose on your face," says I to him. "Just cull out every bird that does not lay 50 per cent and you have a 50 per cent "normal" egg yield." The only trouble is we don't do it that way in the contests.

For June the best flock of White Leghorns in the contest was house in No. 7, east wing. Here 40 birds laid 651 eggs an average of 16-plus eggs per bird. Let us see what a little culling would have done to that flock. Suppose we had culled out eight birds, we would have increased the egg production to 19 eggs per bird, or from 53 to 63 per cent. Instead of which I am sending out a report which says that the White Leghorns in the contest averaged 44.6 per cent for the month of June.

May I call attention to Mr. Hogan's predictions for the 10 high birds to date?

No. of Eggs	Hogan's Laid Prediction
White Leghorn, 501	167
White Leghorn, 270	156
R. I. Red, 940	152
White Leghorn, 345	145
R. I. Red, 187	148
White Leghorn, 297	146
White Leghorn, 509	143
White Leghorn, 305	143
White Leghorn, 952	143
Barred Rock, 1275	141

Of the two high pens to date Mr. Hogan predicted that entry No. 34 would lay 755 eggs, and entry No. 187 would lay 812 eggs. The pens were tied at 614 eggs each July 1.

Entry forms for the Second All-Northwest Contest are now ready. The present contestants may have until July 25th to send in their entries, after which competition is open to the world. Any one may enter six birds upon payment of \$1.00 per bird. Entry forms and rules may be had upon application to the director of the Egg Laying Contest, Pullman, Wash.

Yours truly,  
HELEN DOW WHITAKER.

## Hens Making Highest Individual Records for Month of June, 1917

- Marred Rock, H. J. Leighty of Seattle, 29 eggs.
- White Leghorn, Paul B. Towne of Tekoa, 26 eggs.
- White Leghorn, P. W. Harries of Seattle, 26 eggs.
- Black Minorcas, John Dollenbacher, Selah, 25 eggs.
- White Leghorn, C. H. Burnett, Jr., of Seattle, 25 eggs.
- R. I. Red, Auburn Poultry Farms, Auburn, 25 eggs.
- Black Minorca, Lester Boyd of Pendleton, Ore., 25 eggs.
- R. I. Whites, H. J. Kingsbury of Twin Falls, Idaho, 25 eggs.
- Barred Rock, Oregon Ag. College, Corvallis, Ore., 25 eggs.
- White Leghorn, D. Tancred of Kent, 24 eggs.
- White Leghorn, C. O. Engel of Seattle, 24 eggs.
- White Leghorn, Valley Farm, Boerne, Texas, 24 eggs.
- White Leghorn, R. Wells of Prosser, 24 eggs.
- Barred Rock, Bliss & Bliss of Southworth, 24 eggs.
- White Leghorn, Mrs. W. J. Mathers of Yardley, 24 eggs.
- R. I. Reds, A. M. Williams of St. Helens, Ore., 24 eggs.
- Barred Rock, Mrs. H. S. White-leather of Yardley, 24 eggs.
- White Leghorn, K. Hammerbacher of Grants Pass, Ore., 24 eggs.

## Hens Making Highest Individual Records, October 15 to June 30, Inclusive

- White Leghorn, Paul B. Towne of Tekoa, 167 eggs.
- White Leghorn, P. W. Harries of Seattle, 156 eggs.
- R. I. Red, Abercrombie & Witbeck of Vancouver, B. C., 152 eggs.
- White Leghorn, J. R. McRae of Milwaukie, Ore., 151 eggs.
- R. I. Red, Auburn Poultry Farm, Auburn, 148 eggs.
- White Leghorn, LeVista Farm, Baker, Ore., 146 eggs.
- White Leghorn, A. Unsworth, Sardis, B. C., 143 eggs.
- White Leghorn, J. A. Hansen of Corvallis, Ore., 143 eggs.
- Barred Rock, Oregon Ag. College, Corvallis, Ore., 141 eggs.
- White Leghorn, K. Hammerbacher, Grants Pass, Ore., 140 eggs.
- White Leghorn, J. D. Balmat of Spokane, 139 eggs.
- Barred Rock, William M. Coates, Vancouver, Wash., 137 eggs.
- White Leghorn, L. F. Solly of Westholme, B. C., 137 eggs.
- White Leghorn, C. O. Engel of Seattle, 136 eggs.
- White Leghorn, Valley Farm, Boerne, Texas, 136 eggs.
- R. I. Red, A. M. Williams of St. Helens, Ore., 135 eggs.

White Leghorn, P. W. Harries of Seattle, 134 eggs.

White Leghorn, J. E. Bryant of Oregon City, Ore., 132 eggs.

White Leghorn, J. R. McRae of Milwaukie, Ore., 132 eggs.

White Leghorn, J. A. Hansen of Corvallis, Ore., 132 eggs.

Barred Rock, Il-a-Hee, Grants Pass, Ore., 131 eggs.

White Leghorn, C. Hudson, Escondido, Cal., 130 eggs.

White Leghorn, A. Unsworth of Sardis, B. C., 130 eggs.

Pens Making Highest Records for Month of June, 1917

Barred Rocks, H. J. Leighty of Seattle, 110 eggs.

White Leghorns, P. W. Harries of Seattle, 106 eggs.

Barred Rocks, William Coates of Vancouver, B. C., 103 eggs.

White Leghorns, C. O. Engel of Seattle, 99 eggs.

White Leghorns, Valley Farm, of Boerne, Texas, 97 eggs.

White Wyandotte, H. S. Cadwell of Kalspell, Mont., 96 eggs.

White Leghorn, K. Hammerbacher of Grants Pass, Ore., 95 eggs.

White Leghorn, Charles Hudson of Escondido, Cal., 93 eggs.

White Leghorn, Willis & Willis of Mt. Vernon, 93 eggs.

White Leghorn, A. Unsworth of Sardis, B. C., 92 eggs.

White Leghorn, J. H. Haskell of Harstine, 92 eggs.

White Leghorn, J. A. Hanson of Corvallis, Ore., 88 eggs.

White Leghorn, W. M. Harbison of Valley Ford, 87 eggs.

White Leghorn, G. O. Pooley of Duncan, B. C., 87 eggs.

White Leghorn, W. C. Thurlow of Fairview, Ore., 87 eggs.

White Leghorn, J. D. Balmat of Spokane, 86 eggs.

Black Minorcas, John Dollenbacher of Selah, 85 eggs.

White Leghorn, L. F. Solly of Westholme, B. C., 85 eggs.

Barred Rocks, Mrs. H. L. White-leather, of Yardley, 85 eggs.

White Leghorn, O. M. Clay of Arletta, 85 eggs.

Pens Making Highest Records, October 15 to June 30, Inclusive

White Leghorn, J. R. McRae of Milwaukie, Ore., 614 eggs.

White Leghorn, J. A. Hanson of Corvallis, Ore., 614 eggs.

White Leghorn, P. W. Harries of Seattle, 596 eggs.

White Leghorn, A. Unsworth of Sardis, B. C., 583 eggs.

Barred Rock, Bliss & Bliss of Southworth, 541 eggs.

White Leghorns, J. D. Balmat of Spokane, 537 eggs.

R. I. Reds, Auburn Poultry Farm, Auburn, 531 eggs.

White Leghorn, Valley Farm, Boerne, Texas, 527 eggs.

White Rocks, C. Daniels & Sons of Hoquiam, 527 eggs.

White Minorcas, B. O. Longsdorf of Lebanon, Ore., 525 eggs.

White Leghorns, L. F. Solly of Westholme, B. C., 514 eggs.

White Leghorns, K. Hammerbacher of Grants Pass, Ore., 514 eggs.

White Leghorns, C. O. Engle of Seattle, 513 eggs.

White Leghorn, Charles Hudson of Escondido, Cal., 507 eggs.

White Leghorn, W. C. Thurlow of Fairview, Ore., 501 eggs.

Barred Rocks, Oregon Ag. College, Corvallis, Ore., 501 eggs.

White Leghorn, C. C. Coolidge, La Grande, Ore., 500 eggs.

White Leghorn, W. J. Loveland of Roy, 499 eggs.

White Leghorn, D. Tancred of Kent, 497 eggs.

Salmon Favorelles, Mrs. T. M. Dennis of Wenatchee, 497 eggs.

## SEWER DISTRICT CLOSED

The accounts for the sewer district created for the improvement for the outfall sewer from State street to the septic tank were closed by the city council Tuesday evening, the work having been completed by J. C. Broad, the contractor. The total cost of the improvement was \$4088.15, or \$88.15 in excess of the bonds floated for that purpose and \$5 in excess of the available cash in the sewer funds. The increased cost was occasioned by several changes in the original specifications which called for added expense. The work was done in a highly satisfactory manner by the contractor and was rushed with all possible haste. The outfall sewer is now adequate for the needs of the city for many years to come.

## FEDERATED CHURCHES

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Date of first publication June 22, 1917.

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