

## WAY IS POINTED TO KEEP FLOCKS FREE OF COLDS

### Fresh Air, Roominess And Cod Liver Oil Chief Needs

Chickens, just like many humans are susceptible to colds at this time of the year, says C. E. Parrish, Extension poultryman of State College. Change of quarters, poor ventilation, crowding, dampness, parasitic infection, and under-nourishment are the chief causes of colds in poultry flocks, the specialist explained.

"Each bird should have from 4 1/2 to 4 square feet of space in the poultry house," Parrish declared. "The roof should be checked to eliminate leaks."

"If the opening in front of the laying house extends all the way across the front, the opening at each end should be closed for from two to six or more feet, depending upon the length of the house, so as to help break the draft through the house."

If colds or bronchitis develop in the flock, Parrish recommends feeding additional cod liver oil on the grain for two or three weeks. This is other than the amount of cod liver oil in the mash. A cod liver oil with known vitamin potency should be used, and the quantity recommended should be mixed on the grain fresh each day.

The specialist also said that the oil-coated grain should be fed in a trough to avoid picking up filth.

"Even though the birds do not develop colds, if the pullets have been raised in bare yards without sufficient green food and the shanks of the yellow-skin varieties are pale when there has not been heavy enough production to cause this condition, then it would be profitable to feed some additional cod liver oil for a few weeks," the poultryman stated.

Parrish also suggested that flock owners select at this season the hens that have laid steadily through the spring and summer and are still laying regularly, and mark them for the breeding pen.

## FOOD COST RISE NOT TO AFFECT SCHOOL LUNCHES

### FSA Continues Plan To Nourish Needy Children

European hostilities will have no effect on the Federal Surplus Commodity Corporation surplus food program for some time to come, A. E. Langston, State director of commodity distribution with the State Board of Charities and Public Welfare, said in Raleigh on his return from a conference with Washington officials.

"The corporation is planning to push strongly its plan of giving free lunches to 154,000 needy North Carolina children in school lunch rooms this year, and so far as can be determined there will be no curtailment of corporation purchases of surplus food products in this country," Langston said.

The state director reported Washington officials as believing the present jump in food prices to be of a speculative nature, not brought about by any prevalent shortage of production, and likely to level off in short time when the speculation urge of marketeers has been satisfied.

"Of course in the event that prices to the producers go to such a high level that they are receiving parity payments for their goods in the increased prices, the corporation would cease buying on the open markets because then there would be less need of leveling the difference between production and consumption by government purchases," Langston said.

"I see little likelihood of this happening any time in the next few months", he added.

## BULB PLANTING SHOULD BE DONE IN NEAR FUTURE

Bulbs should be planted during October and November, advises John H. Harris, landscape specialist of the State College Extension Service, and he suggests that the pebble-and-water method of growing these flowers indoors is the simplest.

Bulbs that are easy to force are Roman hyacinths, paper white narcissus, Dutch hyacinth, crocus, tulips, many of the old-fashioned daffodils, freosias, and lily-of-the-valley.

To grow bulbs indoors, Harris says to select a container that will hold water, pour in pebbles until the container is about three-fourths full, place the bulbs in position, and add just enough water to moisten the pebbles, but not enough to touch the bulbs.

Some recommend placing the bulb in a cool dark place until the roots are about two inches long, but Harris points out that this makes the stem too long for some flower-lovers.

He warns that the bulbs should not be kept in a room that is too hot. The temperature should range from sixty to seventy degrees, keeping the water

level just below the bottom of the bulb itself.

"To keep a succession of flowers, bulbs should be potted at intervals from September through January," Harris stated.

For outdoor plantings, the special-

ist recommends a shady position for winter-aconite, snowdrop, and Regal lilies; part shade for snowflakes, wood hyacinth, other lilies, and daffodils and various narcissi.

The colors of the various species of lilies are as follows: Madonna,

white; Crocus, white and yellow; Regal, white with wine stripes; Candense and Henry, orange.

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