

Consider Quality In Buying Eggs

When buying eggs, consider quality, size, and shell color in relation to price, because, according to T. T. Brown, Extension Poultry specialist at State College, these will help the buyer obtain the most for his egg money.

The grade label under which eggs are sold is the consumer's guide to quality, Mr. Brown said, and it is a good practice to check on the quality by noting the "broken-out appearance" of the eggs as they are used. Grade AA and A eggs that have been kept cool from the time they were graded will have a firm white and an upstanding yolk. Grade B and C eggs have thinner, more spread-out whites and flatter yolks. These facts on buying and using eggs according to grade apply whether the eggs are large or small, and whether their

shells are white or brown, the specialist said.

This is the season when substantial savings can be made in buying eggs, noting the relative values in different sizes and grades, Mr. Brown declared. Supplies of high quality, large eggs are always short at this season, and the demand of many consumers for large eggs, coupled with the short supply, usually results in making the price high as compared with prices for smaller eggs of equal quality, he said. Meanwhile, small and medium-size eggs reach a seasonal peak in supply, as many pullets begin laying in the late summer, and consumers who choose the smaller size eggs can profit by unusually good buys when these conditions prevail, he added.

Size and shell color can not be changed by the dealer or the consumer, but quality, or characteristics of freshness, may, however, change materially, Mr. Brown said. Consumers and dealers alike, regardless of the quality of eggs they are buying or selling, should make sure that the quality they receive is maintained by storing eggs in a refrigerator free from odors, he said, in a covered container to keep the evaporation of moisture at a minimum.

Farm & Home Hints

By Wilkes County Home Demonstration Department

Baggy Knees

How to get the bagginess out of trouser knees is one of the home - pressing problems of housewives. Clothing specialists of the U. S. D. A. explain that trousers bag where the fabric has been stretched and that shrinking with steam is the cure. Lay trouser leg flat on the ironing board with the baggy part uppermost. Lay a wool cloth over this section and moisten cotton cloth on top. Press gently, moving the iron from side to side so that the steam goes into the garment. Press entire leg of trousers until almost dry. Leave trouser leg in position on board for a few minutes until completely dry. Never press wool until 'bone dry' because this makes the fabric stiff and harsh.

Corn Relish

That lively mixture of bright color and zesty flavor that goes by the name of corn relish may be made up in early fall while gardens still offer sweet corn, peppers, celery and onions. Ingredients: 2 qts. corn; 1 pint

1 cup sugar; 1 quart vinegar; 2 T. salt; 2 T. celery seed; 2 T. dry mustard; 4 cups flour; 1-2 cup water. Remove husks and silk from corn, place corn in boiling water and simmer 10 minutes. Remove and plunge into cold water. Drain; cut from cob. Combine peppers, celery, onion, sugar, vinegar, salt and celery seed. Boil 15 minutes. Mix mustard and flour. Blend with water. Boil 5 minutes. Pack into sterilized jars, filling to a half inch of the top. Adjust lids. Boil jars 10 minutes in boiling water bath, making sure that the water covers the jars. Remove jars and complete the seal.

High Milk Prices Not Always Best To Dairy Farms

When prices of milk get high because of scarcity, brought about either by increased demand or lower production, dairymen tend to neglect the proper culling of their herds, according to A. C. Kimrey, Extension Dairy specialist, at State College.

Culling should be carefully done in times of high prices as well as in low price periods, the specialist said. When milk is high in price, meat is usually

high also; therefore, the salvage price of a cull cow usually bears about the same ratio to milk prices whether high or low.

This winter will be a period of high labor and high feed cost, and the marginal cow that might have returned a small profit during the summer when grazing was plentiful will most likely become a boarder when barn feeding is resumed. With concentrates approaching one hundred dollars per ton and good hay at a price in proportion, it is good dairy business to carefully go over the production, health breeding record, and age of each cow in the herd and then do some thoughtful culling as the facts may indicate, Mr. Kimrey said.

If culling is not regularly done, the percentage of unprofitable and undesirable cows increases, resulting in heavy culling at one time, which for many reasons is undesirable. In herds where a number of questionable cows are being kept, it often means more calves than the place is set up to properly handle. This often results in poorly cared for and improperly fed calves, thus damaging the future herd, he declared.

If reasonable and regular culling is done and feed of the culled cows distributed among the better cows left in the herd, more profit will be realized and often as much or more milk will be

produced with 'ass' cows, Mr. Kimrey said

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