

POULTRY



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Poultry And Eggs In Sound Position With Prospects Excellent

Receipts Of Live Poultry Were Much Lighter Than Anticipated

New York Correspondent
 Poultry receipts in leading markets during August were much below expectations. Hatchings were heavy last spring and during the summer which prompted dealers to look for a surplus of broilers and fryers along with a surplus of storage holdings. Instead of a surplus there was a shortage and storage holdings decreased rather than increased.

Prices of poultry have held their own or advanced slightly in recent weeks which is counter to the seasonal trend. As a rule supplies increase sufficiently so that prices work lower in August.

Several factors appear to have influenced the poultry market during August among which was the holding back of many chickens, the development to the roaster size, the greater consumption of poultry on the farms, and a larger demand for poultry because of high meat prices.

Indications are that poultry values will be reasonably favorable to producers this fall on account of the meat situation and the light supplies in storage.

Turkeys will probably be plentiful and prices will not doubt be set at moderate levels so as to induce an active consumption. There is a larger carryover in storage than last year but dealers are featuring turkeys extensively, as well they might since turkeys cost only 60 per cent as much as bacon.

Egg Values Rise
 The values are following their customary seasonal trend which is to rise gradually during the summer and early fall until top prices for the year are reached in November. So far the production of eggs has been moderate, and the year considered. Prices have been unusually high all season to prevent a heavy carryover and the movement out of storage was heavy and egg prospects relatively light. There is not for the fact that only a light surplus went into storage last spring and summer. This would be an unfavorable aspect of the egg market. As it is the holdings on September 1 were below normal.

Two seasons after the November peak is reached will be affected materially by the quantity of pullet eggs that begin to reach market and by general business conditions. If business conditions continue to improve, a good market should result even with increased production of pullet eggs, as compared with normal.

Plan For Purchases Of Appliances Will Be Formulated Soon

Prospects are bright for a plan whereby persons living in rural areas where power lines have not yet been built will be given an opportunity to purchase electrical appliances needed and pay for them monthly, according to Dudley Bagley, chairman of the North Carolina Rural Electrification Authority.

A plan in my opinion will be the salient feature of the proposed rural electrification program. "The chief benefits to be derived from making power available in rural areas will be in encouraging farmers to use electric power for refrigeration, cooking, pumping water, and other services in addition to lighting their homes."

The Electric Farm and Home Authority, an agency of the Federal government, has been authorized to make such a plan. It will cooperate with the Electrification Authority in making arrangements to get their equipment and other services in addition to lighting their homes.

More Feed Available At Lower Price For Feeding Of Poultry

Keeping Birds Healthy Now Will Help To Increase The Egg Supply Later

BY A STAFF WRITER

The outlook for poultry production is favorable for the remainder of 1935, according to C. F. Parrish, extension poultryman at State College, who has just completed a study of outlook reports made by the federal bureau of agricultural economics.

"Egg and poultry prices are likely to continue at higher levels throughout the remainder of this year than they were last year," he said. "The supply of fresh eggs will be a little larger than in 1934 but the supply of shell eggs in storage is much smaller than heretofore and will offer less competition to the fresh egg supply. Winter egg production should be larger and more eggs should be produced during the early months of 1936 but the lighter movement of meats will tend to support the consumption of eggs."

There is also more feed available and the prices are lower than in 1934, according to Parrish. He also said that the number of hens in farm flocks now is six per cent less than last year at this time, and the smallest since 1925.

He recommended that farmers see to it that their birds are given good feeding, plenty of clean fresh water, a clean range, and a clean comfortable house of shelter.

By keeping the birds healthy and getting them to put on as much fat and body weight as possible poultrymen can help increase the egg supply later.

He also said that now is a good time to scrub the floor and fixtures of the hen house, exposing everything possible to the sun. The house should be allowed to stand vacant until well dried. In cleaning, disinfectants should be used liberally.

POULTRY DEALERS LICENSED

A bill recently passed by Congress requires that dealers in live poultry, in cities to be designated by the Secretary of Agriculture, must obtain Federal licenses and must conduct their business under the same general type of Federal supervision as already governs the marketing of other livestock. The new provision is designed to prevent excessive charges and unfair and deceptive practices and devices at certain markets where live poultry is sold in large volume. It is expected that the reduction of excessive handling costs will permit better returns to producers and more reasonable retail prices to consumers.

CLEMSON HOLDS POULTRY SHORT COURSE

The sixth annual Poultry Short Course was held at Clemson College September 4, 5, and 6. F. H. Gooding, Extension Poultryman, planned the program, and the principal discussions were conducted by H. C. Gauger, poultry disease specialist, and Dr. B. A. Mays of the Clemson College Livestock Sanitary Office in Columbia, S. C.

Answers

1. Idaho, Montana and Wyoming.
2. Honolulu, Hawaii.
3. Andorra in Vieja, capital of the principality of Andorra.
4. Kilauea, in Hawaii, which is in constant eruption and has a crater nine miles in circumference and 1,900 feet deep.
5. Along the Mediterranean from Cannes, France to La Spezia, Italy.
6. Iceland.
7. Guatemala, Honduras, Costa Rica, Salvador, Nicaragua and Panama.
8. St. Helena, in the Atlantic Ocean 1,000 miles west of Angola, Africa.
9. New Zealand.
10. Bangkok.

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Leg Banding Is More Practical Than Trap

Poultrymen and owners of farm flocks can gain a good deal of the advantage of trapping without the extra work involved, if they will examine their birds critically a few times at the right seasons of the year and record certain important qualities by leg bands. This method is recommended by Morley A. Jull of the U. S. Department of Agriculture.

Doctor Jull, who is senior poultry husbandman of the Bureau of Animal Industry says trapping is not practical for the average poultry grower, but that the use of a series of leg bands is a thoroughly practical method of improving the quality of average flocks and of increasing profits from poultry.

Poultrymen should pay particular attention to three important qualities in their pullets, said Doctor Jull. These are: Barleness of sexual maturity; the rate of laying; and the persistence of production. In breeds in which broodiness is likely to cut production, non-broodiness is a fourth important qualification.

To identify these characters in each pullet is not difficult and does not take much time or equipment according to Doctor Jull. The condition of the comb and wattles and the distance apart of the pubic bones will indicate to an experienced breeder whether a young pullet is laying.

BIG RETURNS FOLLOW GOOD MANAGEMENT

In view of good egg prices expected for the rest of the year, C. J. Maupin, extension poultryman at State College, Raleigh, N. C., urges that hens and pullets be brought into lay under the most favorable conditions possible. Good feeding, a clean range, plenty of clean fresh water and a clean comfortable house or shelter will go a long way toward putting the flock into good condition.

CALLANDER MOVES UP

Appointment of Wm. F. Callander as Assistant AAA Administrator by Secretary Wallace was recently announced. Mr. Callander has been with the U. S. Department of Agriculture since 1908 heading the Division of Crop and Livestock Estimates of the Bureau of Agriculture Economics for 12 years.

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