

Young Pullets Require Good Housing, Feed

Prepare the laying house now for the young pullets, says C. F. Parrish, poultry specialist, in timely suggestions to North Carolina chickenraisers. "Also, see that the pullets have plenty of green feed for the remainder of the summer and the fall," he advised.

"Scrub out the laying house with hot lye water," Parrish said, "and after the house is thoroughly dry, apply a good disinfectant as an extra precaution. Let the house air out for a few weeks, if possible, before filling it with pullets."

The Poultryman says it may be necessary to plant some additional green feed for late summer and fall. He recommends soybeans as good late summer and fall green feed. Where soybeans or other green feed

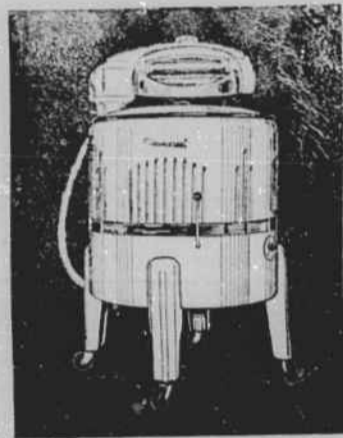
are not available, broadcast oats in corn or near the chicken house when the crop is laid by. These oats will furnish tender green feed through hot August and September weather.

Parrish also said: "If the flock of pullets is to be vaccinated for peck or dewormed, do it early. It is not a good practice to do either job after the pullets have started laying."

"Go slow on feeding new grains," he declared. "Start with only a little new grain each day and gradually increase the amount if no trouble is noticed in the flock. It is better to allow the new grains to become thoroughly dry before feeding poultry."

As a final suggestion, the Extension specialist said "This is the season do that repairing of poultry houses and equipment that has been put off so long. What about putting a floor in the laying house? How about building those dropping boards or nesting racks that have been needed so badly? Do you have enough nests?"

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Tobacco Production Lower In Spite of Increased Acreage

North Carolina farmers indicate a 1941 flue-cured tobacco production of 497,180,000 pounds, four per cent below last season, grown on 502,000 acres—approximately one per cent above the 1940 acreage. J. J. Morgan, statistician of the State Department of Agriculture reported on July 10.

"The condition of the flue-cured crop on July 1, reported at 77 per cent, indicated a yield per acre of 990 pounds compared with the record yield of 1042 pounds harvested last season," Morgan said, basing his information on the Federal-State Crop Reporting Service summary.

"The crop at this time is around two weeks later than usual in practically all areas," he added. "Dry weather during the first of the season delayed trans-planting and retarded early growth. Although most growers reset two or three times, stands are considerably below average throughout the State. Plants are irregular in size, but late June and early July rains restored soil moisture and growth is now evening up at a satisfactory rate."

Mrs. M. L. Friendlander of Los Angeles has a contract with a taxi driver that whenever he finds her dog, "Murphy," too far away from home he is to drive him back in his cab.

When Merle Todd fell between two moving freight cars at Cadillac, Mich., his body broke the air hose connection and the cars came to a stop before their wheels touched his body. He suffered only bruises.

An Indian man, arrested for distilling corn liquor, told the judge that petition, had been forced to dilute their liquor, had been forced to dilute their liquor half and half with vinegar.

SOUTHERN WILDLIFE

Hung Fly

Uh, oh! It's hung over there on that old log. Mighty good place for a big bass and you don't want to create too much disturbance for fear of removing the old mossback for good. O. K., quietly wade within rod-reaching distance of the fly. Then draw your line and leader back through the guides until the tip of your rod comes in contact with the hung. If you keep the line taut you usually can release the hook by pushing against it with the rod tip.

Fireflies for Bass

Once I jokingly proposed to a fishing companion that we try baiting with fireflies for night bass fishing. Now comes along a new fly that's treated with phosphorus! Somebody has put out a landing net that weighs a fish as it lifts him from the water. And there is a dope which they say you can rub on dry flies to make them float, and on your face to keep away flies and midges.

Unusual Fish

The hogfish is a queer fellow. He is related to the flounder family. When the hogfish feels or detects the presence of an enemy, it instantly changes color to match that of its feeding ground. Color changing is done so quickly that the naked eye never catches the transformation until it is complete.

The riband fish is also an outstanding creature of the deep. It comes from the greatest depths of the sea which are its natural home. Volcanic disturbances spew this fish from its environment at times and throw it upon the shore. Shaped like a ribbon, the riband's body is so thin as to be almost transparent. The color of burnished silver, in the water gives off a sheen of great beauty and depth.

Saltwater Rackteers

It time to wake up! An article in July issue of "The Southern Sportsman" published in Austin Texas, goes over the salt water fishing problem pretty completely. To sportsmen who believed that the ocean was a vast storehouse to be drawn on indefinitely, the extraordinary poor fishing for the past two years has been a severe shock. And nothing is being done about it. Shrimp netters kill not thousands, but millions of small fish in the inland bay regions. There should be a law to keep them out of inland waters. Commercial fishermen bottle up great hordes of fish in the passes as they go to and from the ocean and their retreats in the bays and lagoons. By stretching nets, bottling them up, in these passes they can slay countless tons of fish. Something should be done about it! Don't wait for "George to do it." Write your state representative and senator. Let's get some action before it is too late. **Will It Rot!**

That's what we call it—rot! Once we put our nice bamboo casting rod in an air tight case. The rod was wet. We forgot to dry it upon reaching home. Next time we wanted to go fishing the rod practically disappeared in our hands upon taking it out of the case. So—never put a rod away damp or in a damp case. Dry it thoroughly. Your aluminum rod case is not necessarily watertight at the end. It is well to lubricate ferrules by rubbing them thru your hair or the side of your nose before assembling the rod.

Timely Farm Questions

QUESTION: What should be done when crops contain too much moisture at the time they must be placed in the silo?

ANSWER: One hundred pounds of dry hay, stover or straw introduced into the cutter along with each ton of the green crop will raise the dry matter content of the mixture approximately 3 1/2 percent, says John A. Arey, Extension dairyman of N. C. State college. Three hundred pounds of such material, added in this way, would convert a crop of 16 to 18 percent dry matter into a mixture having nearly 30 percent, a very desirable level.

On his wife's testimony that he pawned her clothes, got drunk and then beat her, Loren Owen of New York was sentenced to "get out of town and not come back for any reason."

'41 FARM INCOME WILL BE BIGGEST SINCE 1929 PEAK

Hogs Bringing Highest Prices in Four Years; Egg Production Up

Farm income this year will be the largest since 1929, but the total will be less than 9 per cent of the national income. Government authorities have revealed. In 1929 the farm income was 10 per cent of the total; in the 1910-14 span it was 16 to 18 per cent.

Members of the farm block in the House and Senate in Washington are insisting on restoring the farm income to its former position; and to accomplish this, they maintain that crop prices must advance still higher, regardless of the Government's progress to control the price structure. Senator John H. Bankhead, of Alabama, has warned Congress and the Administration the farm block would oppose any attempt to peg prices of the basic crops below present levels. The Senator said he would lead a fight against any attempt to fix a minimum on cotton below 20 cents a pound.

Markets are being aided by the unusually good domestic demand and by the Government purchases of foods for relief distribution and for export. Economists are of the opinion prices will advance less in the last half of the year than in the first six

months. Plenty of feed for livestock on farms this fall and winter is indicated by early reports. In many sections of the South, the corn prospects were the brightest in many years. Cotton has done fairly well in most sections, but the weevil damage was on the increase during July.

Livestock-feed price ratios are now much more favorable to livestock producers than in 1940, it was announced. Cattle slaughter has been somewhat larger this year than last and prices are higher in response to a good consumer demand for meat. Continuation of this situation during the rest of the year will net cattlemen the largest in come in years.

Hogs are selling at the highest prices in three or four years. Prices are at profitable levels in relation to prices of feed, a situation that means larger pig crops is probably the largest on record but consumer demand is good, and prices continue above pre-war parity.

Total production of eggs was larger in the first six months of 1941 than in the like period of last year, and further increase is expected in the last half in the year in response to favorable prices. Chickens and eggs are selling higher this summer than last, stimulated by increased buying power of consumers and Government purchases in the defense program.

By jumping 85 feet from a bridge into the Potomac river, William Dudley of Washington won \$2, but was fined \$10 for violating a regulation.

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