

Poultry Raising In North Carolina In Time Of War

Poultry Meats Grow Rapidly

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Many times recently I have been asked the question, "poultry has a pretty important part to play in this war effort doesn't it?" Invariably I would come back with the answer "yes". I have wondered at times if our people did really realize the importance that poultry does play in our "Food for Victory" program. Yes, poultry is important. It is very, very important at all times. It is one of our very best foods and ranks right at the top in desirability and demand today.

Eggs are not only a most excellent source of protein, but they contain an abundance of vitamins and minerals so badly needed in our daily diet. Eggs probably contain as wide a variety of vitamins as any single food that we have today, so when we eat eggs, we get vitamins, minerals and proteins. A dozen of eggs normally will weigh around a pound and a half, and at 38 cents a dozen the housewife is getting a high-grade protein for 24 cents a pound. When thought of in this light, the thrifty housewife will make greater use of eggs.

Poultry meat also contains vitamins and is also one of our best meats and is badly needed now to replace meats being exported. Our boys and girls in the armed service must be fed and are being fed. It takes food to feed our fighting forces now stationed in foreign lands and also to feed our Allies, so in supplying these foods, those things that can be best exported are used to feed our Allies. Naturally, this means that poultry must make up this slack at home. Poultry is making up the shortage in the amount of meat available for civilian use. Poultry not only is a nutritious food, but it can be produced readily and by large groups of people. It is well to REMEMBER THAT A TON OF POULTRY MEAT CAN BE PRODUCED QUICKER THAN ANY OTHER FORM OF MEAT. For that reason the government turned to the poultry industry and asked them to tremendously increase the production of poultry meat for the year 1943. We are anticipating at least a 28 per cent increase in the number of pounds of poultry produced for meat purposes. Also we expect a 17 per cent increase in the number of layers being kept on the farms. Poultry farming fits in with any other type of farming and has proven a very valuable supplement to any type of farming being conducted in North Carolina. In the mountain sections of North Carolina where an abundance of grass can be produced, poultry farming should develop into one of the leading industries. This year when it is impossible to get fertilizers with a high nitrogen content, many farmers are going to find that it will pay them to conserve the poultry manure and by adding 18 per cent super-phosphate, and 50 per cent muriate of potash, a balanced fertilizer can be made and the fertilizers carrying lower nitrogen can be greatly supplemented. To each 80 pounds of poultry manure, 13 pounds of 18 per cent superphosphate should be added and when this is placed out in the field 4 pounds of 50 per cent muriate of potash should be added to the above mixture. 103 pounds of this mixture is equivalent to approximately 40 pounds of a 2-10-6. One hundred hens will produce approximately two tons of poultry manure in one year's time. At the present time this is valued at \$10.00 a ton. It is estimated that the poultry manure produced by birds kept for laying purposes in Wilkes County will exceed \$20,000.00 annually. The value of the manure produced by Wilkes' great broiler industry far exceeds this. In too many cases too little effort is being made to conserve this valuable and needed crop.

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Farmers Of State Can Attain Goals Of Food Supplies

"Those of us who are farming have a great opportunity to make a real contribution to the present and future welfare of our country by producing food, feed and fiber so necessary to the war efforts."

This is the opinion of E. Harvey Evans, Scotland county farmer and a member of the board of directors of the Farm Credit Administration of Columbia, which comprises the states of North Carolina, South Carolina, Georgia and Florida.

"The goals of production for 1943 may seem to be beyond attainment to us as individual farmers," Mr. Evans said, "but they can be attained if all of us will strive to make a contribution to the needs of our government and allies the first objective this year."

The North Carolina farmer declared he had confidence in the ability of the farm people of this state to produce their share of food and feed crops, and added that there was sufficient credit available to those who needed financial assistance in reaching their goals.

"When we think of the sacrifices and hardships that some of our allies have experienced at Stalingrad and in the Caucasus, as well as our own men in Africa and New Guinea, the least we can do is to put all that we have in time, talent, and resources to see that the individual goals assigned to us are reached," he said. "Then, in the years ahead, when we see the boys who stood before the fire of the enemy in our stead, we can at least with head bared, but lifted up, because we will have the satisfaction that we, too, made a small contribution to the cause of peace and righteousness in this world, in that in 1943 we geared our farming to the goals that our government set."

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The daily ration of potatoes for men in the New Zealand armed forces has been doubled to six ounces.

CURB MARKET SALES RECORD IS ESTABLISHED IN THE STATE

Marketing surplus farm products placed North Carolina home demonstration club members in the big business class in 1942, as sales on the 55 organized markets topped the half-million dollar mark for the first time.

Mrs. Cornelia C. Morris, Extension economist in food conservation and marketing at N. C. State College, pointed out in a year-end summary that other sales in addition to those on the curb market pushed the 1942 total to \$1,199,656.66.

The home demonstration curb market serves as a retail agency and provides farm women with a direct outlet to nearby consumers for such produce as vegetables, meat, butter, eggs, poultry, milk products, cakes, bread, flowers, and canned goods.

The second type of market for farm women is furnished by merchants, individuals, institutions, hotels, and similar large buyers. Women either sell individually or group themselves together in selling produce to these buyers.

Curb market sales during the year just closed amounted to \$570,643.87, and sales to hotels,

institutions, and other large buyers to \$629,012.79.

The Durham county home demonstration market jumped into the lead in 1942, selling products valued at \$45,500.34. Nash was second, followed by Wayne.

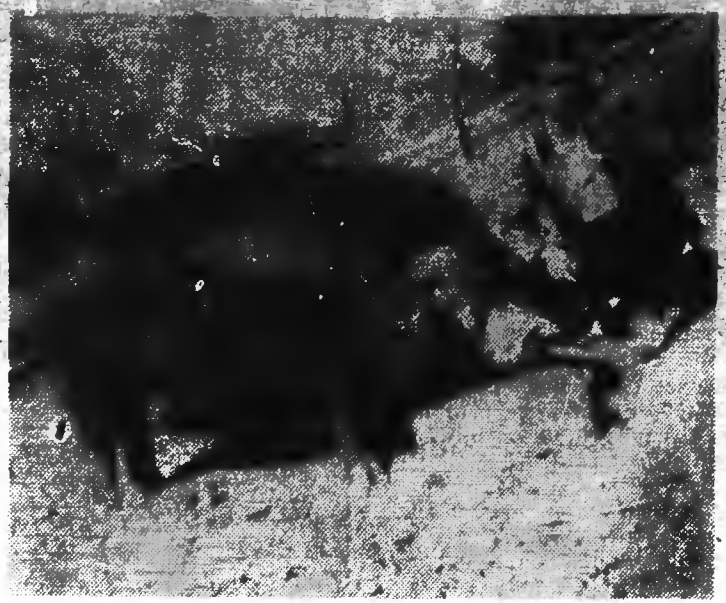
White House Peanut Vender Is Stricken

Washington.—Steve Vasilakos, who from his peanut vender's stand near a corner of the white house grounds saw America Presidents come and go for more than 30 years, is dead.

Big, bushy-mustached Steve, born 58 years ago in a Greek town near the site of ancient Sparta, died of a heart ailment in a hospital where he had been confined for several months while a friend daily pushed the peanut wagon to the Pennsylvania avenue corner and carried on the business for him.

Steve had known, in addition to the parade of presidents from Theodore Roosevelt to Franklin Roosevelt, many visiting dignitaries, among them the monarch of his native land, King George

OVER 700 POUNDS PORK IN ONE HOG



Lonnie A. Miller, of Wilbar, really produced meat in a hurry in 1942. The porker shown with Mr. Miller in this picture was butchered late in December and tipped the scales at over 700 pounds after it was dressed. The hog lived only one year and was an example of what can be done in production of pork.

In some Mexico markets prices have risen an average of 20 per cent.

QUESTIONS

Farm Questions Answered By State College

Question—What is the best garden fertilizer?

Manure has no substitute as a general garden fertilizer. It not only furnishes the plant nutrients but also supplies organic matter to help keep the soil in good physical condition. On soils of average fertility, well rotted manure should be broadcast at the rate of about 10 two-horse wagon loads per acre. When applied at this rate, one load will cover a space approximately 50 by 100 feet.

The farm gardener also should use any good complete fertilizer which he has purchased for his field crops. Use at the rate of 1,000 pounds per acre.

SILOS

Plans are now being made to increase the number of silos in Mitchell county in 1943 to insure a more adequate supply of succulent feed for cattle, reports Farm Agent F. L. Woodard.

Because of the fuel shortage cinders garnered from railway dumps are being peddled in Dublin, Eire.

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