

Well Managed Birds Pay Biggest Profit

The poultryman who has a well managed flock is the poultryman who will receive the biggest returns from the fall increase in egg production.

A few pointers on good flock management have been set forth by Roy S. Dearstyn, head of the State college poultry department.

Pullets should be about ready for the laying house in September, he said. The house should be thoroughly cleaned and disinfected before the birds are placed inside.

Broken window panes should be replaced, and if drop curtains are used on open-front houses, these should be checked for needed repairs.

Cull all pullets carefully. Market all sub-normal birds, especially those with excessive bleaching of shank and face parts. These birds are usually carriers of coccidiosis.

Do not change pullets from growing mash to laying mash until they have reached 25 per cent production. Then change the mash gradually over a period of two weeks.

Don't buy cheap mash—it is the most expensive in terms of results produced for money spent. Keep a good grade of mash before layers at all times. See that they have plenty of fresh water.

Practice rigid sanitation to keep the death rate down. Keep accurate records on the flock. Without records, the poultry business is a hit-or-miss affair, mostly miss.

Good breeding males are essential but scarce. If these have not been secured, get them at once.

September is a good month to plant grazing crops. A mixture of Italian rye grass and crimson clover sown in September will provide excellent winter and spring grazing.

fall crop. For Piedmont and Mountain soils this application should consist of 400 pounds of a 10-4-4 mixture and for Coastal Plain soils the application should be the same amount of an 8-4-4 mixture. Where available, a good coat of stable manure may be applied during the fall or winter instead of the commercial fertilizer.

Urges Feed Mixture For Spring Grazing

A mixture of oats, barley, and crimson clover sown in September makes a good "feed insurance policy" for the dairyman, said John A. Arey, extension dairy specialist at State college.

It not only insures against feed shortage in the early spring, but it also enables dairymen to keep their cattle off the permanent pasture until proper growth has been made.

A crop to be used for grazing should be sown thick on good land which has been well fertilized, Arey emphasized.

He recommended this seed mixture for one acre: Two bushels of oats, two bushels of barley, and 15 pounds of crimson clover.

Animals for Exhibit Need Good Attention

Cattle to be exhibited at fairs, this fall should be given extra attention until show time, according to John Arey, of State college.

Good feeding, which should have been started some time back, should be continued to put as much

healthy flesh on the animals as possible.

In addition to fitting the animals properly, they should be trained to the halter so they can be handled well in the show ring, Arey continued.

Good animals are often placed "down the line" because it is impossible for the leader to show them to best advantage.

Entries in the livestock exhibits are expected to be both numerous and of high quality this year, Arey added.

A Bible Eighteen Centuries Old

What is believed to be the world's oldest Bible, still legible, was recently found in a bookshop in Cairo, Egypt. It is nothing more than a pile of 190 sheets of dusty manuscripts of laboriously hand-written pages. Dates appearing on it indicate it was written in the second century, A. D. The sheets do not include the entire Bible as we know it now. Only the Gospel of Matthew and Paul's epistles are complete. All the rest of the books of both testaments are fragmentary.

The Cairo shopkeeper in whose place of business these ancient manuscripts were found declared they had been discovered in an earthen jar on the site of an old monastery. They are now on exhibition in the Austrian national library in Vienna, which has purchased them.

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State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. How can I renew an old pasture?

A. Cut down all weeds and shrubbery and scratch the soil with a heavy spike-tooth harrow or disc set almost straight to a depth of two to three inches. Then apply from two to four hundred pounds of a 4-8-4 mixture in the Coastal Plains or an equal amount of a 4-12-4 in the Piedmont and Mountain sections and reseed with the desired seed mixture. If the old pasture is badly infested with obnoxious weeds it is advisable to break the land and grow some crop before reseeding it to pasture.

Q. How many pullets can I safely put in my 20x20 laying house?

A. Each laying bird should be allowed at least four square feet of floor space and not more than 100 pullets should be put in a 20x20 house. It is possible to house more than 100 pullets in this size house, but to do so will cause the birds to crowd and result in slow growth. Overcrowding also makes the birds susceptible to colds and in many cases results in epidemics of roup. There is also a possibility of the pullets developing cannibalism when over-crowded.

Q. Is it necessary to use fertilizer under winter hay crops?

A. In many sections it is customary to sow fall crops after corn, cotton, or tobacco without fertilization, it being supposed that enough fertilizer is left from the spring application. Some fertilizer is left and the fall crop will use some of it, but except on very fertile soil, it will pay to apply a fertilizer to the

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