

Poultrymen Urged To Retain Layers

Selling off laying hens in the face of advancing egg prices during spring months is a common practice among North Carolina poultrymen, according to C. F. Parrish, extension poultry specialist at State college.

Strict culling is nearly always profitable, but disposing of the entire flock when the price of hens begins to increase usually results in an ultimate loss.

Parrish suggests that poultrymen go through their flocks and select and sell the birds that are not laying, those that have become broody, overly heavy hens, or those that give indication of laying only a few eggs a week.

Then the better hens can be retained in the flock until late summer or early fall. In fact, it is always a good practice to keep good, heavy-laying hens any year. A bird that will produce 18 to 24 eggs a month during the spring will make a return above feed costs even though the price of eggs falls as low as one cent each.

Because spring is a busy time for the farmer, many feel they cannot give their flocks the proper attention. Parrish suggests that the flocks be turned over to the children, who will soon be out of school.

Besides giving them something definite to work with, they will have a chance to make several dollars before they return to school in the fall.

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Unemployed Workers Have Been Paid \$2,000,000 In N. C.

RALEIGH, April 13.—Before this week is over, \$2,000,000 will have been distributed to North Carolina unemployed workers in weekly benefits by the state unemployment compensation commission, unless the drop in average benefit amounts is greater than is now expected, Chairman Charles G. Powell announces. Also, more than 200,000 original claims for compensation will have been filed almost by the beginning of this week.

Through Thursday of last week the central office had issued 228,112 checks for a total of \$1,755,342.94, or an average of \$7.70 per check. A part of these checks have been for two or three weeks of benefits, making the average larger than the approximately \$5.75 a week for each claimant. The office issued 6,851 checks on last Thursday for \$45,993.63, an average of \$6.71 each. This was an average day.

Also, through Thursday, the office had received 198,116 original claims for benefits since the first of the year. This number is equal to nearly 40 per cent of the entire number of workers covered by the act in the state, about 500,000. However, a large number of the claims filed are not valid because the claimants are due no compensation.

The central office is still issuing checks for delivery as they are due, a condition reached about 10 days ago when the force "caught up" after having been behind from

February 1. Only a few irregular and incomplete claims are now behind, along with a small percentage of the claims for partial unemployment. These are being straightened out and paid rapidly.

During the past two weeks the office has had the additional task of including the fourth quarter wage reports in the work records of the claimants, which quarter could not be included in the earlier payments, or until April 1. Many of the claimants had been paid all due them, and this additional credit will extend the period of benefits for a few weeks longer.

Workers Indicted For Falsifying Claims

RALEIGH, April 13.—More than 20 workers in North Carolina have been indicted for falsifying their weekly continued claim statements by certifying that they had not worked at all or had earned less than their actual earnings, in order to get unemployment benefits or to get more than they were due, according to reports made by field men to the central office of the state unemployment compensation commission.

The first sentence was for 30 days, imposed upon a worker in Newton for making false statements as to earnings. In other cases prayer for judgment was continued and in still others no disposition had been made or reported to the central office.

State College Answers Timely Farm Questions

Q. What is the best fertilizer for early sweet potatoes?

A. Where the early crop is grown on sandy soils a mixture of three per cent nitrogen, eight per cent phosphoric acid, and eight per cent potash, applied at the rate of 1,000 to 1,200 pounds an acre is recommended. If more than this is used, one-half should be applied before planting and the remaining fertilizer put on as a side application soon after the plants are well rooted. Lime is not recommended for sweet potato soils nor should stable manure be used in the ridge.

Q. Why is it that my broilers do not feather out properly?

A. Early feathering is an inherited characteristic and, while diet and humidity are related to feathering, if this factor is not established in the breeders it is difficult to bring it out by careful management. If the trouble is consistent in a number of lots of chicks, it would be best to discard the breeding stock. In selecting new breeding stock, be sure that the parent flock has this characteristic as well as size and shape so necessary in broiler production.

Q. How can I control blight on my apple trees?

A. Recent experiments have shown that one pound of copper sulphate, also known as bluestone, and two pounds of chemical grade hydrated lime in 50 gallons of water, applied when the trees are in full bloom, will give definite benefits of control. The spraying must be done when the flowers are in bloom. It is sometimes difficult to get full control, due to irregularity in the blooming but generally it protects a sufficient number of blossoms to assure a full crop of fruit. Do not use arsenate of lead.

Don Bestor To Play For Asheville Dance

Don Bestor and his orchestra of Jello fame and rated by popular vote one of the 10 best bands of the country, will play for an Easter dance in Asheville Tuesday night, April 19, at the Carolina Warehouse. Dancing will begin at 9:30. Don Bestor is playing repeated engagements at V. P. I. and Washington Lee University for their spring dances.

T. H. Moore Brings In Big Egg

T. H. Moore brought to The Press office Monday an egg which he says is the largest he has ever seen from a White Leghorn pullet. The egg weighed 4 ounces and measured 7 3/4 inches around lengthwise and 6 1/4 inches the other way.



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