

Feed Hens When Eggs Are Scarce

By the middle of May, North Carolina's supply of eggs will be much less plentiful than now, says T. T. Brown, extension poultry specialist at State college.

When spring came, Mr. Brown explained, farmers stopped selling their hens, which began laying rather heavily. However, with no feed except corn and some spring grass, these hens will not continue to lay very long. Soon most of the layers in these farm flocks will stop laying and go broody or molt. Then the market will be flooded with hens instead of eggs. As a result, hen prices will drop and egg prices will go up.

Farmers seem to forget at this season of the year that egg prices do not remain low

all the year but start going up in early summer and remain relatively high during the summer, fall, and winter, the specialist said. Farmers are showing little interest in growing out a crop of pullets for next season's layers. Instead, many of them are keeping a few old hens which will be molting or out of production, or at least in very light production, during the highest price egg season next fall. That will mean scarce eggs and low producer profits, Mr. Brown stated.

Although commercial and semi-commercial producers are going ahead with normal size flocks, the farm producers with 150 hens or less are reducing their flocks sharply this year, the extension worker declared. Since these flocks are the source of the greater part of the egg supply in North Carolina, indications are that eggs will be scarce during the summer and fall of 1948 and the winter and spring of 1949.

Farmers who are growing all or part of the grain for their

poultry the coming year have a rosy future ahead, Mr. Brown said. Many acres which would have been planted to small grain had the weather been suitable and many more surplus tobacco acres will be planted in corn this spring. A good

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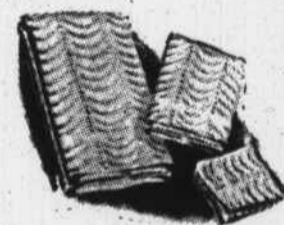
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