

POULTRY

Early Molting Hens Are Poor Paying Proposition

What is the trouble with the poultry business? Why are fewer hens kept this year? Is the poultry business going backward? All these questions, and many more like them, have been asked recently.

What is the trouble with the poultry business? Would not any other business fall if it were conducted as the poultry business is conducted? Every female kept is not necessarily a good money maker. Some hens never lay. Some lay a few eggs. But it takes a hen that lays a good quantity of eggs to pay for her feed and return a fair profit above labor, interest, etc.

It has been proved beyond doubt that early molting hens are poor producers. Hens that begin to shed their feathers in July and August seldom start to lay before the latter part of January or the early part of February. Many poultrymen realize the necessity of culling out their poor producers in order to stay in the poultry business.

With the present prices of feed, it is absolutely essential that only the best hens be kept. One farmer last year selected from 500 laying hens 104 that he considered poor producers. No trap nests were used, but the hens were examined from external characteristics. These 104 hens were put in a house by themselves. The following day they laid four eggs.

The flock was again tested and the four layers were selected, leaving an even hundred unproductive hens. They were carefully watched for several weeks and did not lay an egg. At last they were sold. Similar instances prove that the selection of poultry pays. Why not save the tremendous amount of feed fed the poor hens and put it into better stock or human food?

Increase production and increase efficiency, by keeping the late molters. Hatch in September and thus increase the meat and egg supply of the country. Fall hatching of chickens will pay. Pulletts from these hatchings will take the place of the early molters disposed of. Breed only from the late molters. Selection is a big step toward greater poultry efficiency and to a more profitable poultry business.

Increasing Demand for Disliked Guinea Fowls

Guinea fowls, which have suffered unpopularity with farmers because of pronounced propensities for noise-making during the sleeping hours of humans, are likely to rise above this objection in view of a steadily increasing demand for their delicious flesh, in the opinion of a poultry specialist of the United States Department of Agriculture. Guinea-fowl raising now is a profitable side line on eastern farms and may offer opportunities to the commercial poultryman in a few cases. In Farmers' Bulletin 853, "The Guinea Fowl," the specialist discusses the guinea business from the starting of a flock to marketing the produce, which is largely meat.

Colony House System of Poultry Raising Favored

One of the many advantages of the colony house system of poultry raising is that the birds have ample opportunity to find animal food, such as bugs, worms, grasshoppers, etc. This is a very necessary part of the diet if you are raising poultry for the eggs they will produce. If you have movable houses for the flock, place them near fields likely to harbor destructive insects; this will protect the crop and at the same time provide the necessary animal food.

Outline of Good Ration for Growing Ducklings

A good ration for ducklings consists of one part bran, one part cornmeal, one part ground crackers or stale bread made into a mash. Then 10 per cent beef scrap is added, as well as fine green food and a little sand. Be sure that the bread is not moldy and that all other ground grains are of good quality.

POULTRY NOTES

The hen is the only thing on the farm that can make money by "just laying around."

Paint the outside of the hen house; make it look as though it belonged to somebody.

Much loss could be prevented if those engaged in the poultry business were to examine their flocks regularly for indications of disease of any character.

The white chicks that are somewhat dirty in color at time of hatching are the birds which turn out to be the best breeders at maturity.

Provide as much water per day as the poultry will drink. Keep all drinking vessels clean and scald them out frequently.

Don't overlook the value of feeding gritty substances to the poultry frequently. This performs the same mission for poultry that teeth do for men and animals.

Knitted Togs for Kiddies; School Hats Are Jaunty

SINCE "comfort first" is baby's plea, small wonder is it that the softest and daintiest of knitted garments occupy the place of honor in childhood's realm. It is generally conceded that for baby's tender skin there is nothing so "comfy" as knitted wool, lacking, as it does, the irritating qualities of the harder woven fabrics. Then, too, with knitted art responding so generously to childhood's needs, one readily appreciates why doting mothers, others with storm collar which can be worn down or up. Both ribbed and brushed effects continue in favor, while plain coats with brushed trimmings are greatly featured.



Knitted Things for Children.

beginning of September. School hats, of course, should be severely plain and the hats shown in this group demonstrate that they may be designed with this idea in mind and still have a jaunty charm that is all their own. For the high school girl the hat shown at the top is made of braided ribbon with a ribbon trimming in the form of rosette and cascade at the right side. Below at the left is shown a little model of picot-edged ribbon sewed row on row and trimmed with a flat rosette of the same ribbon in a lighter tone. The two hats shown at the right and below reflect the popularity of knitted goods in junior outfits. These are of knitted brushed wool in contrasting



Practical School Hats.

stitch is particularly the mode this season. Proof against wind and weather are the cunning knitted suits which shield little five-year-olds, perhaps older, perhaps younger, from head to foot, just as this picture sets forth. The lovable little "Snow Sprite" of our illustration is clad in a particularly handsome white wool knitted infant's set. The leginottes have a slip-cord at the waist, with tassels. The sweater coat boasts belt and collar and, pride of price, two patch pockets. There are plenteous pearl buttons, two of them finding their way to the cap, posed one on each side flap. One may take choice of double-breasted and single-breasted coats in these sets, some with turn-down col-

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Every mother possesses information of vital importance to her young daughter, and the responsibility for her future is largely in her hands. When a school girl's thoughts become sluggish, when she suffers the consequences of wet feet, pain, headaches, fainting spells, loss of sleep and appetite, and is irregular, her mother should have a thought for her physical condition and try Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, which has proved a reliable aid to nature for just such conditions in so many cases. This Mother Writes: Mahoningtown, Pa.—"I would like to say a few words about Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound. About a year ago I thought it would be necessary for me to take my daughter out of school. She was losing weight, was nervous, and when she would come home from school she would drop into a chair and cry, and say, 'Mamma, I don't believe I can go to school another day!' I gave her Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, and now she is a healthy, happy, hearty, strong girl and weighs 120 pounds. She has no difficulty in doing her 'gym' work, and she works at home every night and morning, too. I am a mother who can certainly praise your medicine, and if it will be of any benefit you may use this letter as a reference."—Mrs. GEORGE E. WHITACRE, 621 W. Madison Avenue, Mahoningtown, Pa. Every girl ought to be healthy and strong, and every mother wants her daughter to do well in school and to enjoy herself at other times. Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound is a splendid medicine for young women just entering womanhood. Mothers can depend upon it. It is prepared from roots and herbs, contains nothing harmful, and has great power to tone up and strengthen the system, so it will work in a healthy and normal manner. For nearly fifty years Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound has been used by women of all ages, and these women know its great value. Let it help your daughter and yourself.

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