

FACTS ON RAISING DOMESTIC RABBITS

Ed. Note—The writer of this article is a former Haywood county citizen. He is considered an authority on rabbit raising and some of the facts set forth in this article will, no doubt, prove valuable to amateur raisers here.

(By J. C. Ledbetter, Charlotte, N. C.)
God has blessed our Southland with what it takes to raise rabbits. Yet it is surprising to see the great masses of people out of work and part time workers who are suffering for lack of something to do and do not know what to do. While still in its infancy this new industry recently opened in this section is the greatest relief for the farmer and the part time worker. In the western states they are raising three times as many rabbits as they are chickens. Many western poultrymen, hog raisers and grain farmers and even men who had permanent positions have turned to rabbit raising and nothing else.

In the western states it costs one-third more to raise rabbits than it does here, in housing and feeding, on account of extremely cold and long winters.

It is estimated that they can raise rabbits at less than four cents per pound and our rabbits will never bring less than ten cents per pound on the 10 year contracts being let by the Piedmont Rabbit Packers.

The best thing we can mention in regard to the rabbit industry is the fact that we can raise a hundred of them in our back yards right in town. This is what many people are doing today. The only advantage the farmer has is that he can raise his own feed. This is not a trial or guess work for the market is here and that is all we need, for anyone can raise rabbits that know how to raise babies, for rabbits have the exact body of a human.

We have a dependable market for the producer. In a short time there will be receiving stations for live rabbits and the skins from the home killed ones over North and South Carolina and there will be trucks that circle the country each week from the packers. These trucks will gather the products regularly so the raiser will know just when to carry his stock to the station and receive a nice check for his spare time and a little space in his back yard. It is estimated that there will be receiving stations in every small town in the two Carolinas in about two years time. These will be established as quick as enough raisers are gotten in each locality. People who are alive to their own interest will not alone become interested in this great industry, but will induce others to investigate.

It only takes a very small capital to start, and certainly such a small investment that work both while you sleep and while you work is worth considering and we owe it to our dear old Southland as well as ourselves to support this great movement and help to establish this industry here in our country.

Let's don't be afraid, let's be doers as well as dreamers. This is the fastest growing industry in the world so why sit back and look until we fall with stare glare? Now you people who need a few extra dollars should investigate this thing and get busy.



How to train BABY'S BOWELS

Babies, bottle-fed or breast-fed, with any tendency to be constipated, would thrive if they received daily, half a teaspoonful of this old family doctor's prescription for the bowels.

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DR. W. B. CALDWELL'S SYRUP PEPSIN
A Doctor's Family Laxative

It might interest you to know that the man who recently put into effect a \$50,000 expenditure movement to establish a packing house here in Charlotte started in the rabbit business some years ago with 3 rabbits for which he paid \$110.00. These rabbits he kept in a piano box and were no better stock than you can buy today for \$10.00 each. This man had no market for his meat he could only sell the fur, and with a wife and 3 children he was soon making a good living from 80 breeding does which it took only a short time to raise, for it is possible to raise 60 to 75 rabbits from 1 doe in one year. He began his adventure in Atlanta, Ga., but later moved west where the industry was growing and grew up with it and when leaving the west to return here and develop this industry where we live 12 months in the year instead of six months living and six months in a pen. He resigned a position as general manager of the largest packing plant for rabbits in the middle west because he believes that the South is the place to raise rabbits and in the face of these facts it does look like this man knowing what he does about this business is willing to turn loose the small fortune he has made in this industry, that we poor, starving mortals of this sun kissed land would use our minds and not be the victims of pessimism of those who have never succeeded in anything. We are afraid to sow our seed in the soil we know and until we get over this we will continue talking hard times. People this won't do, let's wake up and live awhile longer. In your lives experience do you recall anything that so completely unfits a man for life as fear? Men who fear not to meet adversity wear a crown of success. We see many dotted with happy homes where optimism is backed by self-reliant men. These homes were built by men of courage who preferred to do the extra work. We cannot sit by and wait for good times again, but must take the things that are going forward and go with them.

Look at your prosperous neighbor, he took a chance. It may have been cattle or hogs, land or crops or he may have preferred to wear out instead of rusting out. You cannot succeed without an effort. You have often heard that luck is a lazy man's explanation of a working man's success. This is proved more today than ever, now today with this new industry leaping to the South as many others have done, it is time to wake up and rub our eyes for there is no time to sleep.

It might also interest you to know that rabbit meat and fur are replacing a great number of other products that have been on the market for years. You should buy your strat from those who can assure you a permanent and dependable market at prices that will justify productions and beware of those who wish to sell you registered prize winning stock as the fur and meat from these rabbits would not be worth any more than that of good pedigreed stock.

There is not anything you can start into with so small an investment and make so great a gain in such a short time as you can in this new industry called rabbit raising. Let's not be afraid because we don't know, but find out, when over \$500,000 of our tax money has been spent by the United States Government in the last few years experimenting and perfecting this industry. We should reap our share of the harvest. Write the Bureau of Animal Industry at Washington, D. C., and get any amount of bulletins telling you it is the coming thing of our country and how it is done.

Then when you are interested in making money, I respectfully refer you to the Piedmont Rabbit Packers, Charlotte, N. C., who are devoting their full time to establishing a fair market at prices that will justify production for all raisers.

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COLLEGE GRANTS GIRLS' DEMANDS

GREENSBORO, N. C.—North Carolina College for Women today bowed to the demands of the modern girl when authorities announced that students of the institution would be allowed to smoke in their dormitory rooms during the remainder of the 1931-1932 term.

In announcing the decision to the students, Dr. Julius B. Fouet, president, said that regulations promulgated in connection with the permission would be strictly enforced. He also said that the college authorities only were recognizing conditions already existing.

Five Point Value In Dairy Farming

More attention to the dairy cow in North Carolina offers five opportunities to the North Carolina farmer. "While we realize the value of milk as a food and know that there should be at least one cow for every five persons in the State, we should not overlook the opportunities provided in increasing the number of cows in all sections of the State," suggests John A. Arey, dairy extension specialist at State College. "In nearly every part of the State there is the opportunity to increase the number of cows so that the cream and milk may be sold. Farm dairying offers first a sure monthly cash income; second, profitable employment for farm labor throughout the year; third, a good market for home grown feeds, fourth, a system that will check erosion and build up the fertility of the land, and, fifth, cash returns from pasture land that would otherwise be idle."

These five points were also recommended by committees of farmers at the regional agricultural meetings which have been held in the State during the past month, says Mr. Arey. For a person to engage in the selling of cream or milk, he should have a unit of not less than five cows for the expense of collecting either milk or cream from smaller herds is rather heavy.

To further develop the dairy industry, Mr. Arey says the committees recommend feeding liberally of a balanced ration made up almost entirely of home-grown feeds. Plenty of grazing in the form of permanent pasture and cover crops to last throughout the year where possible, was suggested. A good cow will need from 1,800 to 2,000 pounds of grain for one year.

Then finally good pure bred dairy sires should be used to gradually build up the herd to a higher point of production and profit.

Better Management Needed This Year

Organization of the farm for more economical management and the use of a budget to determine the needs and income of the owner are two items to be considered by every North Carolina farmer in 1932.

This thought was developed by committees on farm management and reorganization at the regional meetings held in December by the agricultural extension service of State College.

"A simple form of budgeting is recommended for farm and family receipts and expenses for the next year," says the report. "This budget should consider first those items which the farm itself will produce in the living of the family and should include such items as feed, seed, food, and fuel. Second the budget should consider those items which must be purchased such as fertilizer, taxes, hired labor, clothing, medical care and the like. After the minimum cash needs of the farm have been determined, the farm business should be studied so that cash enough to meet these needs might be produced."

"By using average yields per acre and production figures, every farmer can approximate what he may expect from his land and livestock in one year," says R. H. Rogers, farm management specialist at State College. Cash crops should be restricted in 1932 to meet the budget requirement of minimum cash for the year and even further if it interferes with producing the entire living at home.

The coming year is also a period when many needed physical improvements might be made in the farm equipment. Much terracing, ditching, repair work and other improvement might be made at little cash outlay. Mr. Rogers says the coming season will not offer much in the way of cash income and it is imperative that the suggestions of the farmers committee be carefully followed.

To-Day

So here hath been dawning
Another blue day;
Think, wilt thou let it
Slip useless away?

Out of eternity
This new day is born,
Into eternity
At night will return.

Behold the foretold
No eye ever did,
Lo, soon it forever
From all eyes is hid.

Here hath been dawning
Another blue day,
Think, wilt thou let it
Slip useless away?

THOMAS CARLYLE

Place For Poultry On Every Farm

Every North Carolina farm should plan for a flock of poultry in 1932 both to supplement the income and to provide about 30 dozen eggs and 15 chickens for food for each member of the family.

"Increasing the poultry flock to this extent this year should be comparatively easy," says C. F. Parrish, poultry extension specialist at State College, who finds that there are now only four hens per person on the farms of the State now and that these hens average only 77 eggs each during the year. Most of these are produced during late winter, spring and early summer and tends to flood the market at a time when everyone has eggs on hand.

In general, it is best to grow the medium or heavy weight birds for farm flocks and these should be hatched in February and March, Mr. Parrish says. Early attention to the selection of breeding birds from those present on the farm and the ordering of at least 200 additional baby chicks from an accredited hatchery should be done. If possible to buy 200 baby chicks, Mr. Parrish advises incubating 300 hatchable eggs for renewing the flock this season.

Where a farmer wants to grow a semi-commercial flock of poultry, from 200 to 1,000 birds of the medium or light weight breeds should be kept. Purely commercial flocks have from 1,000 to 1,200 birds to begin the season.

The eight point healthy chick program should be followed this year. This means clean incubators, clean eggs, clean chicks, clean houses, clean feed, good management, clean equipment and clean water and litter. Mr. Parrish says. Each farm ought to grow enough corn and wheat to make enough scratch feed for the

NOTICE OF FORECLOSURE SALE

Under and by virtue of the power of sale contained in a deed of trust, executed by John Messer and wife, Linda Messer, to the undersigned trustee, bearing date of the 1st of April, 1931, and recorded in the office of the Register of Deeds of Haywood County, in Book 29, at Page 54, to which Book and Page reference is hereby made for the terms and conditions of the same, and default having been made in the payment of the notes thereby secured, and the holder thereof having directed that the said deed of trust be foreclosed, the undersigned trustee will offer for sale at the Courthouse door, in the Town of Waynesville, at 12 o'clock noon, on Saturday, the 13th day of February, 1932, and will sell to the highest bidder for cash the following described real estate, lying and being in Jonathan Creek Township, Haywood County and being more particularly described as follows:

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poultry flock for one year. Three or four pounds of green feed is needed every day for each 50 birds and the flock should be culled at regular intervals during the year.

did start—greater than ever and with a real North Carolina as National Commander, C. Bourne is confidently the Legion in North Carolina is in a membership record at a date than ever before.

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