

Simple Test For Egg Freshness Explained

An egg is a sealed package of fine food when it is laid by the hen. It is the only product that Nature gives us that is sealed without the touch of human hands.

"However," points out T. T. Brown, Extension poultryman of N. C. State College, "eggs that bring a premium on the market are those that the consumer desires—eggs that are fresh, large, clean, uniform in size and color, and sound in shell. Most consumers will buy the more pleasing-looking product, but their continued purchases depend upon the actual interior quality of the eggs."

The State College man suggests a simple home method of determining if eggs are fresh. "Place eggs in a pan of water," he says, "and the good ones will rest flat on the bottom of the vessel; those that have lost some of their quality will stand on end; and very poor ones will rise somewhat. Those that rise are older or poorly kept."

Brown explained that an egg does not have an air cell when it is laid by the hen. As it cools, the water evaporates from it and the two shell membranes at the large end of the egg separate and form an air cell. In hot weather, moisture is drawn from the egg, just as water is drawn from the soil and from all vegetation. The depth of the air cell is a measure of quality in eggs.

"It is beyond the ability of man to improve the quality of an egg," Brown declared, "but it is within his ability to maintain that quality through to the consumer. One of the most important steps is rapid cooling of eggs. Eggs, when laid, are about at the body temperature of the hen, which is 106 degrees. They must be cooled rapidly to about 68 degrees to keep fresh."

COTTON

It appears likely that the domestic carryover of American cotton at the end of the current season will total about 12,300,000 bales, reports the U. S. Bureau of Agricultural Economics.



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Notice of Administration

Having this day qualified as Administratrix of the estate of J. D. McLeod, deceased, late of Hoke County, North Carolina, this is to notify all persons having claims against said estate to present them, duly verified, to the undersigned administratrix on or before the 14th day of July, 1942, or this notice will be pleaded in bar of their recovery. All persons indebted to said estate will please make immediate settlement.

This 14th day of July, 1941.

Mrs. Mary C. McLeod,
Administratrix.

G. B. Rowland, Atty.
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STATE OF NORTH CAROLINA DEPARTMENT OF STATE PRELIMINARY CERTIFICATE OF DISSOLUTION

To all whom these presents may come—Greeting:

Whereas, It appears to my satisfaction, by duly authenticated record of the proceedings for the voluntary dissolution thereof by the unanimous consent of all the stockholders, deposited in my office, that the Home Food Market, Inc., a corporation of this State, whose principal office is situated at Main Street, in the Town of Raeford, County of Hoke, State of North Carolina (J. K. McNeill being the agent therein and in charge thereof, upon whom process may be served), has complied with the requirements of Chapter 22, Consolidated Statutes, entitled "Corporations," preliminary to the issuing of this Certificate of Dissolution:

Now Therefore, I, Thad Eure, Secretary of State of North Carolina, do hereby certify that the said corporation did, on the 13th day of June 1941, file in my office a duly executed and attested consent in writing to the dissolution of said corporation, executed by all the stockholders thereof, which said consent and the record of the proceedings aforesaid are now on file in my said office as provided by law.

In Testimony Whereof, I have hereto set my hand and affixed my official seal at Raleigh, this 13th day of June A. D. 1941.

Thad A. Eure,
Secretary of State

A TAR HEEL IN NEW YORK

By BOB COVINGTON

I don't believe that New Yorkers have any "standard" vacation time. August is not as popular as it is down south as a time for getting away for a holiday. Many New Yorkers, working for large firms, have to take their vacation when they can get it and as a result, people start going on vacation the weekend of the fourth of July and the exodus continue until the first weekend in September.

Unfortunately are the early birds as far as vacation is concerned. One pathetically disappointed vacationer told me last week of a two weeks stay at a northern beach. There were only about three days of sunshine. Chill winds whipped in from the sea and the water was too icy to permit more than a dash into the surf and a shivering run back to the cottage. For the ocean about New York and New England is seldom warmed up until the middle of July and even sometimes in August, swimming in the surf is comparable to bathing in the cold salted water that used to remain after the operation of an old-time ice cream freezer.

The solution of this early vacation problem among many New Yorkers whom I know has been either to

go south, or to completely give up the idea of being warm on vacation and go to Canada.

I believe that southern resorts for northern vacations are growing in popularity. Virginia Beach, reached by overnight boat from New York is extremely popular. Automobile excursions on the famed Skyline Drive in Virginia and North Carolina are frequently heard of. Sea Island off the coast of Georgia is becoming increasingly known in New York among those who can afford a little more expensive vacation. This year, too, many New York parents who have boys in southern army camps are combining a visit to the boys with an interesting southern tour.

All of which leads up to the point that you're going to get a vacation, too. For two whole weeks, you won't find this column in the paper, unless the editor in desperation decides to reprint a couple of old ones. This latter would be an extreme measure and a possibility to which I do not believe you should devote too much worrying time. After all, two weeks is not such a long time and it will pass quickly. I know, because it's my vacation and it always goes like greased lightning.

THIS WEEK IN DEFENSE

The War Department asked Congress for legislation to retain the National Guard, Reserves and Selected for the duration of the emergency. President Roosevelt told his press conference that unless Congress acts the Army faces serious disintegration.

The President said no violation of contract or faith would be entailed in such extension of service, because the Selective Service Act had provided for such extension of service by Congress in the event of a national emergency.

LEND-LEASE AID

President Roosevelt sent Lend-Lease Administrator Hopkins to London for a new survey of British needs, and assigned two Army generals to speed the flow of munitions and food to Britain. The Surplus Marketing Administration purchased 30,000,000 pounds of tobacco, 2,544,000 bushels of corn and 75,000 bales of cotton for shipment aboard under the Lend-Lease program.

CIVILIAN SUPPLY

The OPACS announced a program to give preference over other civilian needs to repair and maintenance parts for privately-owned automobiles, trucks, trailers, tractors, household refrigerators, stoves, ranges and water heaters, plumbing fixtures, and furnaces, hospital equipment, surgical instruments and eye-glass frames and parts.

ALUMINUM COLLECTION

OPM Conservation Chief McConnell announced housewives' donations of used aluminum ware during the collection campaign July 21-29 should permit construction of more than 2,000 additional fighting planes. He said tests indicated a minimum of 15,000,000 net pounds usable in defense manufacture will be collected in the national campaign. Civilian Defense Director LaGuardia said Treasury Department will direct shipment of collected material from concentration points in each state to the nearest selected smelter.

Price Administrator Henderson said additional supplies of waste paper and cardboard are needed for packing articles produced by defense industries and urged that waste paper be saved by the householders for collection by waste dealers.

INCREASED WAGES

The Labor Department announced weekly earnings of wage earners in

manufacturing industries in May rose to a new high of \$30.69, a rise of 5 percent since this April and 21 percent over May, 1940. Hourly rates moved up to an average of 72.6 cents, a gain of 2.5 percent over April and 9.1 percent over the same month last year. The Department of Agriculture reported the general level of farm wages rose to the highest level in 11 years on July 1, 60 percent above the 1910-14 average.

POWER FOR DEFENSE

President Roosevelt asked Congress for authority to establish regional or nation-wide daylight saving time for all or such parts of the year as deemed practical. The Federal Power Commission reported that rainfall lessened the power shortage in the Southeast although much more rain is needed before full usage of energy can be permitted small consumers.

Tests With Homemade Paint Are Suggested

Farmers all over the State are using a homemade paint of mortar coloring and used motor oil on barns and other outbuildings. Some are getting good results, but others are dissatisfied, says Howard M. Ellis, Extension agricultural engineer. He suggests that some "experimenting" be done.

"Ordinarily," Ellis says, from three-fourths to one pound of brick mortar coloring will be required for each gallon of used motor oil. The usual mixture is one pound of coloring to one gallon of oil. However, the blacker the oil, the more coloring it will require.

The proper mix should be determined as follows: Divide one pound of red mortar coloring into four parts. Place one gallon of burnt motor oil into a vessel large enough to permit rapid stirring. Mix in two parts (one-half pound) of the coloring, taking care to add the coloring slowly while the oil is being stirred to insure a good mixture. Then paint a small section, about two feet square, on the back of a barn or other building to be painted.

Add another fourth of the mortar coloring to the original mixture and paint a second section beside the first. Add the remaining fourth and paint a third section.

After allowing the oil to penetrate the wood for a short time, inspect the three sections and decide which mix you desire. You are then ready to mix a sufficient quantity to cover the building.

Ellis says the homemade paint can be applied with an old orchard sprayer or with whitewash brushes. Mortar coloring may be bought at most hardware stores for about 6 cents per pound. Crank case drainings may be obtained free from most filling stations.

The unusually favorable position of the Nation's poultry industry is reflected in the June output of more than 4,000,000,000 eggs, largest for the month since 1930.

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Announce Plans For Educational Peach Campaign

Plans for a public-spirited cooperative effort to increase the consumption of fresh peaches during the period of July 24th through July 30th, were announced today by Gideon L. Bateman, Area Supervisor of the Surplus Marketing Administration, U. S. Department of Agriculture.

He stated that the Georgia association of Peach Growers, the South Carolina Peach Growers Association and the North Carolina Mutual Peach Growers Society, who have combined marketing efforts through the Georgia Carolina Peach Marketing Board, are among the co-operating growers' organizations. The Food Trades Industry are also cooperating with the United States Department of Agriculture in this effort to increase the home-consumption of fresh peaches and make the best possible use of our abundant peach crop.

Fresh peaches in season are one of the most popular fruits on the American market," he said. "This year's crop is believed to be the finest and largest in many years. Fresh peaches are one of the important protective foods listed as a "Blue Stamp Item" by the Secretary of Agriculture. It is the aim of the Surplus Marketing Administration to aid the growers, consumers and industry of America by encouraging increased consumption of these needed commodities."

He added that this cooperative educational campaign will augment the Food Stamp Plan under which fresh peaches and other basic health-protecting foods are available to needy families by means of Food Stamps, at this time.

One of the aims of the campaign will be to encourage home canning and preserving. This is in accord with the objectives of the National Defense Conservation and Nutrition program, which urges adequate food supplies.

Tasty appetizing peaches—so good to eat and so nutritious, will be the central attraction on most tables during the period of July 24th thru July 30th.

During this period the Georgia-Carolina Peach Marketing Board, and other organizations of the Peach Producing Industry, and the Food Trades Industry of the South are cooperating with the U. S. Department of Agriculture in a public-spirited campaign to increase consumption of fresh peaches by everyone.

Miss Josephine Hall, Home Demonstration Agent, pointed out that while food is rationed in war-torn Europe, we in America are faced with a different but serious problem.

"We are not eating enough of the basic health-protecting foods of which there is an abundance in this country," she said. "More than 40 percent of our people are actually suffering from mal-nutrition in this land of plenty. And today, more than ever before, American needs strong, red-blooded men, women and children.

"We have always relished peaches and this delicious fruit now takes a new rank as a healthful food. "Recent vitamin research has revealed that peaches are rich in

Control For Two Cotton Insects Is Suggested

A way to kill "two bugs with one stone" is suggested to cotton growers by J. O. Rowell, Extension entomologist of N. C. State College. He has placed in the hands of county farm agents a copy of publication which describes control of boll weevils and cotton aphids with a single poison mixture.

The new publication is U. S. Department of Agriculture Leaflet No. E-538, "Dusting for Boll Weevil and Cotton Aphid Control." The leaflet describes a Derris-Calcium Arsenate mixture which Government scientists have found effective for the control of the two destructive cotton insects.

Rowell said that county agents will be glad to discuss cotton insect control with farmers, and are in a position to obtain additional copies of the new Federal publication. They also have available copies of the N. C. State College Extension Folder No. 45, "Boll Weevil Control."

In reporting on boll weevil conditions, Rowell said that infestation is very serious this season in spotted areas. "I have made a rather extensive survey of the boll weevil situation in the cotton counties," the entomologist said, "and I find that weevil infestations are very severe in some fields, and negligible in others.

"For instances," he continued, "one cotton field in an area will reveal a very high percentage of damaged squares while another field a hundred yards away appears to have no damaged squares. Such a condition makes it important that the cotton grower keep a close check on weevil infestation. Accurate infestation counts will aid the grower in determining whether to dust his entire cotton crop or employ the 'spot dusting' method."

Rowell recommends that dusting begin when 10 percent of the developing squares show boll weevil punctures.

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