

FARM POULTRY

CARE REQUIRED IN PICKING BREEDERS

With the hatching season soon to get into full swing, poultrymen are observing their breeders and their surroundings. For weight, the breeders should meet the standard requirements for that breed. Leghorn hens, says W. H. Allen, poultry specialist at the New Jersey College of Agriculture, New Brunswick, should weigh four pounds, and the American breeds at least one pound heavier.

Handle every bird and see that it is free from foreign color and disqualifications such as side sprigs on the comb, feathers on the shanks, crooked toes and poor tail carriage. Then treat the bird for lice.

Good size, health, and vigor, as well as weight, must be observed in the individuals that go to make up the breeding pen. Depth from the center of the back to the front of the keel bone, a long keel bone, and a distance of three inches between the keel bone and the pelvic bones, together with a long, wide, flat back are the essential qualifications for which to look. These factors apply to the males of the breeding pen as well as to the females. A male bird with a pedigree is worth twice as much as one having the same qualifications but no pedigree. The lighter breeds require only one male to a pen of 15 breeders, and the heavier breeds require one with every ten.

Breeders need more exercise than do the layers. Allow at least 4 square feet of floor space for every bird. See that the litter is deep and that the flock is kept hungry enough to work for the scratch grain. Range should be provided when it is possible. Feed plenty of green feed, such as sprouted oats and cabbages. Fresh air is another essential. Don't close the curtains unless it is freezing weather, stormy, or the wind is blowing from the front of the pen.

Less than 50 per cent production gives best results. Collect the eggs often and do not hold longer than a week in a dry room before setting them.

Treating the Fowls for Diseases During Winter

If the flock develops colds, or kindred diseases first give a dose of epsom salts, about one pound to each 100 birds. The salts can be dissolved in water and the water used in the mash. Use about a pound to three gallons of water.

Then treat the individual birds by painting their eyes and nostrils with iodine or a 20 per cent solution of argyro. If there is canker in the mouth, remove it and paint the spots with iodine, or if there are pox scabs on the comb, remove them and treat the same way.

Very little is known about the control of chickenpox, roup, and canker, but the main is in preventive measures. One way to prevent the spread of these diseases is to keep visitors out of the poultry house.

Remove sick birds from the flock when they show the first symptoms of sickness. One sick bird may contaminate the whole flock.

Cull Flock Rigidly at Beginning of the Year

One of the largest costs of running a poultry farm is the death rate among the laying hens. One authority figures this loss at 1 per cent a month or 12 per cent a year, calculated on the number of hens on hand from a given point to the corresponding period the following year. This loss will not take care of an epidemic if it hits the flock.

It can be readily seen that the wise thing to do is to cull out very rigidly at the beginning of the laying year, and carry only the most healthy and vigorous hens through the winter.

Feed Hens Liberally

In a laying pullet feed will pass through the crop, stomach, gizzard, and five feet of intestines in less than four hours. This fact shows the necessity of feeding liberally late in the evening and early in the morning throughout the winter to shorten the night as much as possible and increase production.

Poultry Facts

- Gather eggs at least twice a day.
- Have sufficient nests clean and disinfected.
- Hens ought to have a dust box to help them keep free from vermin.
- Birds that show signs of weakness should be removed. Pale and shrunk combs are good indicators of weakness.
- The birds need a constant supply of oyster shell, grit, minerals and charcoal, readily accessible or mixed in the dry mash.
- Egg production depends upon two factors: (1) The inborn capacity of the hen for egg production, and (2) the conditions to which the hen is subjected.
- Russian edicts are both dictated and Red.

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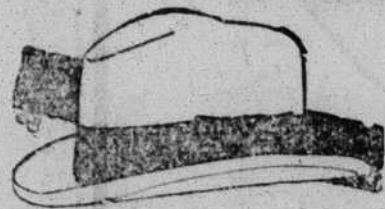
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