

ELEVENTH TURKEY SHOW POSTS NEW MARKS

Boosts Given Standards Of Quality, Size

Exhibition Unequalled, View of Officials and Growers; Future Participation by More Entrants Assured.

As the collection of the Pacific northwest's finest turkeys was removed from the turkey pavilion at Oakland Saturday noon, the 11th annual Northwestern Turkey show ended with a brilliant record of successes. All previous marks were shattered and new standards of size and quality were established for the show, which for eight years has been the world's largest and most outstanding exclusive turkey display.

Unequalled anywhere, the turkey show is on the threshold of a new era of achievement, in the opinion of many of the principal exhibitors and show officials.

Asked Exhibitors Gained.

This year's results indicate that the principal purpose of the show, that of interesting a great number to exhibitors with the finest available quality of bird, is near realization.

Scores of exhibitors who never before had competed in the show at Oakland, were represented this year, and were so enthused that future participation is assured. Outstanding growers from Washington, Idaho, California, Utah and other turkey growing states were present, some as exhibitors but principally as observers, and they, too, are planning to enter into active participation in the future.

Many of the leading growers attending the show were of the opinion, according to their expressions, that despite the fact the show has passed its 11th year, and has been largely instrumental in a great improvement in the turkey industry, it has only begun its period of effectiveness. Future shows, they unanimously declare, will be larger and better than ever before.

Trade Turns to Oregon.

One interesting factor connected with the show was the large number of commercial turkey growers and hatcherymen from other states who visited the show.

"We have been steadily losing customers who have turned to Oregon for poult and eggs," one California hatcheryman said, "and we are here to learn why. After seeing those marvelous birds we realize fully that we have a hard job of improvement ahead of us if we expect to remain in competition with the Oregon growers."

The turkey show opened Tuesday, December 12, and the task of judging the 1,231 birds entered in three divisions, began immediately, continuing through noon Friday.

Entertainment features of the show included turkey picking contests for men and women pickers, a public dance, annual business meeting of the Northwestern Turkey Breeders' association, and the turkey show banquet, at which Governor Charles A. Sprague was the principal speaker. At various times there were meetings of growers and exhibitors, where educational talks were heard, motion pictures exhibited and various demonstrations presented.

Drove 500 Miles to See Show and Feels Repaid

H. E. Solen, of Sonoma, Calif., drove 500 miles to attend the Northwestern Turkey show.

"It was the first time I exhibited at the Oakland show, and despite the distance I had to travel I found the trip well worth while," Mr. Solen declared.

He is a breeder of White Holland turkeys and at the Hemet, Calif., turkey show practically swept the field in the White Holland breed, taking first prize for a pen of five, first prize for the best pair and first prize on both toms and hens.



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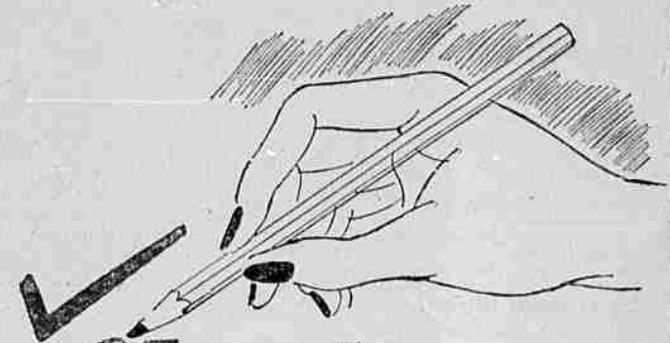
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