

Interest Centers in Judging Tables



Interest of visitors at the Northwestern Turkey show is centered each year to a great measure on the long tables where the judges work long hours each day picking the prize birds of the show. Pictured above is Judge H. P. Griffin as he examines one of the White Holland entries. Students in the Oakland schools hold the birds on the table as the judges conduct their examinations and this year, for the first time, are receiving compensation for their services at the rate of five cents for each bird handled.

Owner of Grand Champ Foresees Some Hard Luck

George Bonebrake, whose 28-pound young bronze tom won the grand championship of the dressed show division at the Northwestern Turkey show this year, claims to be the real "hard luck guy." If kicking machines were quickly available, he doubtless would be tempted to buy himself one of the best obtainable.

If the usual developments follow the show, Mr. Bonebrake will within the next few months receive letters from turkey growers all over the nation wanting toms from his flock for breeding purposes. It usually follows that the winner of the grand championship in the dressed division immediately finds a ready sale for a large number of young toms. News from the Northwest Turkey show is closely followed by more than 20 million people throughout the United States, according to estimates, and a great number of these are looking for toms with which to improve their flocks.

The sad part of Mr. Bone-

brake's situation is that he sold off nearly all of his young toms for meat and has only a few left with which to meet the heavy demand that is expected to pour upon him.

He has exhibited for several years, and has won numerous prizes, but this is his first year to win grand champion honors.

Douglas county growers, however, were elated by his victory, which brought this honor back to Douglas county after it had been won by Washington and Willamette valley birds for several years.

The tom exhibited by Mr. Bonebrake was a magnificent bird, heavily fleshed and with great thighs.

talling approximately 500 birds with a total weight of more than 10,000 pounds was moved to San Francisco to be shown to the general public of that great city.

The entire exhibit was purchased by the Northwestern Turkey Growers, of Salt Lake City, the central marketing agency for western turkey cooperatives.

The association submitted the best of several sealed bids received from buyers for this collection of turkeys, which, because of the proven superiority of Pacific coast birds, was recognized as the finest collection of turkeys ever assembled.

In order that a great number of people in one of the principal market centers supplied by the Northwestern Turkey Growers association, might see these turkeys the buyers had the birds shipped to their agent, the B. J. Holmes company, and arranged to set up a public display in that company's salesrooms.

The average weight of the turkeys shown at the Northwestern Turkey show have increased 33 pounds in the past two years, according to show records.

San Francisco To See Dressed Birds Of Oakland Show

Following conclusion of the Northwestern Turkey show at Oakland, the dressed bird division, to-

Strong's First In Breeders' Display

Co-Winner, Earl Strong, Show Pioneer, Poultry Raiser For Last 22 Years.

First place in the Master Breeders' display, one of the most coveted honors of the Northwestern Turkey show at Oakland, was won this year by the Strong's of Oakland. Second place was awarded to Mrs. Fay Leatherwood of Oakland.

The Master Breeders' display is a special event in which the exhibitor enters six birds, one of each class. The entire group of six birds must be included in the judging, which most particularly checks uniformity and quality.

The Strong's of Oakland, winner of the high honor this year, are Mr. and Mrs. Earl F. Strong.

Mr. Strong is a son of B. W. Strong, retired pioneer Roseburg merchant and banker, Earl, who for nine years has served as president of the Northwestern Turkey Breeders association, sponsors of the turkey show, was graduated from Roseburg high school and University of Oregon. He has been engaged in farming and turkey raising for the last 22 years.

He began breeding turkeys 13 years ago and handles Narragansetts exclusively.

Pioneer of the Show

He was one of the pioneers in the Northwestern Turkey show, assisting to organize the annual event, and was named president to succeed McKinley Huntington, who served for the first three years of the organization. Mr. Strong was re-elected last week to serve for another term, his tenth.

He and Mrs. Strong have exhibited turkeys every year since the show began, 12 years ago, and, while winning various prizes, never reached the top division until 1929 when they took class championship.

The Strong's raise about 500 birds each year and engage in handling eggs and breeding stock almost entirely.

Refrigeration Plant at Show Has to Be Heated

"Believe it or not," the crew in charge of the exhibit of the dressed turkeys at the show in Oakland had to keep stoves going to warm their refrigeration plant. The management of the Northwestern Turkey show several years ago purchased and installed a refrigeration system to keep the dressed birds at the proper temperature during the week of display. The plant has functioned perfectly in past years, but this year, with the outside temperature hovering around 16 degrees at night and below freezing throughout the day, it was necessary to keep electric heaters going in order to maintain the proper room temperature.

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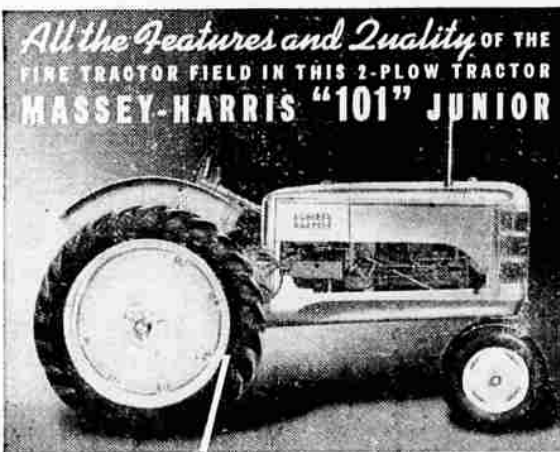
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