

### FARM POINTERS

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Pullets are likely to catch cold when first put in the laying houses, especially those that have been roosting in the trees. The change of the man from a sleeping porch to an inside hotel room applies in principle here. The Oregon station recommends all ventilation possible for the pullets for the first week or two after they are taken off range and put in the laying houses.

Drink for pullets is an important part of the ration. Water is kept before the flock at all times. Most poultrymen keep milk, either sour or buttermilk, constantly before the birds, since it is an excellent protein supplement.

There is little danger of making seed corn too dry. C. C. Ruth, assistant agronomist of the Oregon experiment station, heated sound corn up to 153 degrees Fahrenheit without injury. Another lot was dried at a lower temperature until it contained only two per cent moisture. No injury to germination occurred. While it is unnecessary to dry to this extent, seed corn will stand a great deal of heating.

Potatoes should be dug with as little bruising or mechanical injury as possible, reports the Oregon station. Vine kickers jab the tubers, especially those of good size. Sharp cornered slats on the digger apron scar the potatoes to some extent. Extent. Extremely rough agitation by the apron tumbler sprockets may bruise the tubers unnecessarily. This is especially true on mellow land that separates easily from the tubers. An extremely long separating apron is unnecessary on mellow land. The important point is to avoid surface injury which mars the appearance of the potato and starts rots.

Kale is often seriously injured in Oregon during the winter on low, wet ground, says the experiment station. The worst freezing injury takes place on such land. Much of the kale is often spoiled simply because of excess water. If the kale is fed from the low ground first, there is less danger of winter loss.

Late sowing of grain requires more bushels to the acre, say the O.A.C. experiment station, because of less opportunity for stooling out. Late sown wheat should have about 2 to 2½ bushels of barley and grey oats 2½ to 3 bushels an acre to insure a good stand.

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