

Poultry Department

PROSPEROUS TIMES FOR THE POULTRYMAN

Scarcity of Laying Stock and Breeders Will Curtail Supply for Storage.

From the Philadelphia North American.
Should peace be definitely established in Europe tomorrow, the enormous requirement in foodstuffs would place a premium on everything eatable that America could export for the next five years. No matter how peace may be concluded, the several countries concerned on one side will help pay the debts of the countries engaged on the other. To do this, either side must build a new international system, and America is going to furnish the bulk of the material therefor. On the other hand, should the war continue the disasterous economic conditions which will rapidly be aggravated and American exportable products will enjoy greater demand.

Demand for Poultry Products.
Included in these products will be chickens, most of which are of great quantities. Panics are usually caused by light demand from overproduction, with consequent stagnation of business in general, high prices, and low prices; in the three months just passed the poultry industry has suffered from an unusual pause, brought about entirely through the high prices of eggs. The market was so tight that it reached an unheard of price at this time of the year.

Overwithstanding the very high prices at which eggs were selling, poultry raisers began flooding the market with every ounce of chicken meat that could be raised and scraped, that would leave just a bare foundation for next spring's reproduction. All over the country chicken meat brought ridiculously low prices, and there is now very little good stock for sale, with practically no demand because of the sustained high cost of feeds.

Higher Prices for Stock.
There has not been such conditions in many years and the wisdom, or lack of it, in creating these conditions will be fully demonstrated this spring. It is possible that even higher prices will be asked and paid for hatching eggs, therefore day-old chicks will bring higher prices. It is a fact that a large number of he eggs laid next spring, because the poultry raiser has not the number of fowl necessary to lay them; a curtailed egg supply, and a smaller stock to put into storage, a greater demand for them and necessarily weaker competition between fresh laid and storage eggs, these two factors, together with eggs supporting themselves in price.

Foreign Demand Seen.
Foreign demand is going to exert some influence on price; how great or how small will matter little, so long as there is any demand, and, on the other hand, to the far sighted man all these conditions will appeal, and he will take advantage of opportunity rarely offered. Therefore, the poultry raiser should demand, because of sales the past fall and a steadily increasing demand for poultry meat and eggs, brought about by the scarcity of meat of all

BUTTERCUPS ARE POPULAR BREED



Typical Buttercup Cockerel.

Silician Buttercups originated on the island of Sicily.
A captain of ship bound for America stopped at the island and bought some chickens for the ship's larder. On the cruise to America they laid so many large white eggs that the captain decided to keep them, so brought them into Boston, Mass., about 55 years ago.

The Buttercup cock has dark red feathers, black tail and wing flight, and buff of white at the beginning of the tail, green legs, red and white ear lobes and comb like buttercups.
The hen is a light buff color with black and black mottles on back, also great legs and same kind ear lobes, comb same as cock except smaller. Buttercups hens are layers of four years. Their best year is the third year. They are non-setters, lay a large white egg, and are an exceptionally good table fowl. In the last few years ago a Buttercup hen made a 300-egg record in one year.

The cocks weigh from seven to eight pounds. Hens from four and one-half to five and six pounds.

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Public sentiment is largely against cold storage as at present regulated by the several states; federal regulation is necessary to prevent price manipulation, and to protect competition, along with gouging the consumer.

Supply Is Small.
Spring eggs go into the hands of cold storage collectors at absurdly low prices, and the bird of the season is complete and the short crop season is on.

Egg producers are ignored in the matter of fixing egg prices; likewise are by the same machinery the consumer is never considered except as a gullible prospect.
Since there is so great a demand for poultry in this way and were found to remain free when ordinary precautions were taken against infested fowl.

In connection with this work the entomologists of the department made the first complete studies of the chicken mite and determined that it depends exclusively upon the fowl for its food and will not develop in any stage on fowl or similar substances. Its tests of a large series of insecticides it was found that only thorough applications of crude petroleum to the interior of poultry houses will completely destroy the mites.

Clean nesting material should be kept in the nest boxes. There should be one nest box for every four birds.

No fowl can be a successful utility bird unless it is pure bred.

Heavy Breeds Have Edge on Production

In First Eleven Weeks of Storm Course, Rocks, Dottes, Reds and Orps Have Laid 60 Per Cent of Eggs.
Storr, Conn., Jan. 27.—In the eleventh week of the contest at Storrs the hens rendered a very pleasing verdict. They succeeded in laying nearly 20 per cent more eggs than in the previous week and an even hundred eggs more than in the corresponding period last year, or a total of 2052 for the week. The break is still a little in favor of the heavy breeds. The Plymouth Rocks, Wyandottes, Reds and Orpingtons constituted 55 per cent of the hens entered in the contest, but they laid last week a little over 60 per cent of the eggs, whereas the Leghorns and Campbells, making up 45 per cent of the number of hens, laid a little less than 40 per cent of the yield.
The three best pens in each of the principal varieties are as follows:
Barred Plymouth Rocks—Julius F. Francis, W. Hampton Beach, I. I., 209; Fairville Poultry Farms, Or. Falls, N. H., 280; Rodman Schaff, Fitzwilliam, N. H., 188.
White Wyandottes—Merrythought Farm, Columbia, Conn., 225; A. L. Mullett, Westfield, N. H., 246.
Rhode Island Reds—Jacob E. Jensen, North Haven, Conn., 293; Hillville Poultry Farm, St. Albans, Vt., 284; Geo. W. Harris, Westport, Conn., 285.
White Leghorns—A. P. Robinson, Calverton, N. Y., 402; Hilltop Poultry Farm, Suffield, Conn., 242; Clifford J. Stoddard, Woodbridge, Conn., 245.
Miscellaneous—Cloyes & Sullivan (Buff Wyandottes), Hartford, Conn., 304; Koshaw Farms (Buff Rocks), Granby, Conn., 292; Obed G. Knight, (White Orpingtons), Bridgeport, R. I., 257.

Effective Method Developed by U. S. Dept. of Agriculture.
Entomologists of the U. S. department of agriculture have demonstrated that all species of lice which infest poultry may be quickly destroyed by the application of a very small quantity of sodium fluoride, according to the annual report of the chief of the bureau of entomology just issued. Entire flocks of poultry were cleared of lice by this way and were found to remain free when ordinary precautions were taken against reinfestation by contact with infested fowl.

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DEATHS AND FUNERALS 75

RICHARDS—in this city, January 26, 1917, at the Good Samaritan hospital, Emma J. Richards, nee Williams, aged 84 years. Deceased is survived by a husband, J. F. Richards, 2021 1/2 Main St.; a daughter, Mrs. Myers and stepson, Clara C. Richards, also step-daughter, Mrs. Elvira Kubus of Monmouth, N. J.; two sons, Walter G. of New Canaan, Conn., and Arthur G. of New York, N. Y.; and two sisters, Mrs. O. W. Whittey, Mrs. Rita Kiff and Mrs. Elvira Clark of this city. Friends invited to attend a funeral service at 2 p. m. from the chapel of F. S. Dunning, Inc., east side funeral directors, 414 E. Alder st., Sunday, Jan. 28, at 2 p. m. Friends invited. Interment family lot, Mt. Scott Park cemetery.

DARLING—in this city at 808 Oregon St., East Side, Mrs. Maria Darling, aged 78 years, 2 months and 15 days; beloved wife of O. Darling and mother of Rose A. Darling, 109 1/2 2nd St. General service will be held at the conservatory chapel of F. S. Dunning, Inc., east side funeral directors, 414 E. Alder st., Sunday, Jan. 28, at 2 p. m. Friends invited. Interment at Pleasant Home cemetery, Sunday, Jan. 28, at 2 p. m.

LINDBERG—in the family residence, 751 East Pine St., Mrs. Anna Lindberg, aged 75 years, wife of Carl A. Lindberg and mother of Carl W., Sophie E. and Carl H. Lindberg. The funeral service will be held at the conservatory chapel of the East Side Funeral Directors, 414 East Alder st., at 3 p. m., Monday, Jan. 29, under the auspices of the Lutheran church of that city. Friends invited. Interment Mt. Scott Park cemetery.

BIDDLE—at the residence of his daughter, Mrs. G. M. Childs, 200 1/2 1st St., Mrs. J. W. Biddle, aged 75 years, wife of J. W. Biddle, of this city. The funeral service will be held at the conservatory chapel of the East Side Funeral Directors, 414 East Alder st., at 2 p. m., Monday, Jan. 29, under the auspices of the Lutheran church of that city. Friends invited. Interment Mt. Scott Park cemetery.

COOK—in this city, Jan. 26, Mrs. Annie E. Cook, nee Childs, 200 1/2 1st St., Friends invited to attend funeral services which will be held at Holman's funeral parlors, 4th and Morrison, Jan. 28, 10 a. m., Milwaukee cemetery.

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