

Chick Disease Rules Changed For Oregon

State regulations regarding the control of Newcastle disease, the acute respiratory disease in chickens and turkeys, have now been revised to allow controlled vaccination.

Poultrymen are warned, however, that both a permit and the vaccine must be obtained from the state department of agriculture. Vaccination is only recommended in those cases where birds have been exposed or where actual outbreaks of the disease have occurred.

Dr. E. M. Dickinson, college poultry veterinarian, and Dr. C. F. Haynes, Salem, state veterinarian, believe an uncontrolled vaccination program would be dangerous. They, as advisers to the state poultry disease committee, point out that live vaccine is used. Newcastle vaccine has not been stabilized, and vaccination may result in some deaths, retarded growth in young birds, or a slump in lay for producing hens.

Twenty-six cases of Newcastle disease have now been diagnosed by the college poultry disease laboratory headed by Dr. Dickinson. The first Oregon case of the disease was identified in January, 1947. Only one of the cases was in turkeys.

Isolation requires that vaccinated flocks must be quarantined three weeks following vaccination. In the case of actual outbreaks of the disease, the quarantine period is three months. Poultry importations from out-of-state must be tested for Newcastle and accompanied with a health certificate. Day old chicks, poult, and hatching eggs are exempt from this regulation.

Best time to vaccinate young birds is when they are between 4 and 12 weeks of age. For laying hens, vaccination is recommended during the summer months when production and flock size is at the year's low point.

K. Priest Named New Linn County Agent

Kenneth W. Priest has been appointed Linn county assistant agent, O. E. Mikesell, county agent, reports. Priest is a 1948 graduate of Oregon State college where he majored in general agriculture with emphasis on poultry.

The new extension worker fills the vacancy caused by the transfer of N. John Hansen to Polk county and the move of H. Joe Myers from assistant to county extension agent in charge of 4-H work. Priest is to have charge of seed certification and poultry.

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The weather doesn't matter too much to A. J. Weisenfels, Aumville greenhouse gardener. When time comes, he gets right ahead planting his cucumbers, as he is shown doing here, regardless of weather and soil conditions outdoors. (Statesman Farm Photo.)

Native Plum May Become Domesticated

One of Oregon's finest native fruit plants, the Pacific or Western plum, is being tested as a possible orchard variety in certain sections of the state by the Oregon State college agricultural experiment station. A. N. Roberts, assistant horticulturist, is project leader assisted by Lew Hammers, graduate student in horticulture.

Growing wild in Lake and Klamath counties, the wild plum is a very hardy variety, a prolific bearer and a late bloomer. It produces a fine tart preserve, similar in some respects to cranberry sauce, and goes well with meat dishes.

The experiment station launched its study in 1943 with particular emphasis on surveying the native habitat of the plum, selecting the most desirable types for testing as orchard trees and studying propagation methods and pollination requirements.

Selection and testing of the best material from native thickets is essential in getting a uniformly high quality plum, Roberts explains. Large-scale plans for processing the wild plum preserves hinge on assurance of a uniform supply of fruit from cultivated plantings.

The wild plum propagates easily on peach root stocks and other varieties shows promise. Pollination studies this year indicate that the plum is self-sterile and will require cross-pollination.

Field tests of the plum selections are being made at the central station and in Lake and Klamath counties. Cooperating in the county studies are Elgin M. Cornett, Lake county agent, and A. E. Gross, superintendent of the Klamath experimental station at Klamath Falls.

The variety selection and testing program will be continued by the station along with the pollination

Marion County Group Will Visit College

Marion County Dairy Breeders association will meet at the bull stud of the Oregon Dairy Breeders association between Albany and Corvallis on the main highway March 9, 10:30 for its annual college livestock tour, announced Elton Watts, Silverton, president.

The group will have lunch at Corvallis hotel and then visit the dairy barns during the afternoon. Professor Floyd Walberg of the dairy department will tell about the college set-up. W. E. Williams, Mt. Angel, technician, is assisting in the arrangements.

SILLO MEETING SET
Types of silos and their adaptability will be discussed at a meeting set for Thursday, March 3, at the Dallas courthouse. M. C. Huber, agriculture engineering specialist will lead the discussion. He will also talk about homemade wooden stave silos.

and rootstock studies. The entomology department is cooperating in a study of insects.

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Hens Per Person Have Decreased In Past 20 Years

A. J. Mink, Jr., Shedd, was elected president of the Linn County Poultry association at the organization's recent annual meeting in Albany. Marlow Jenks, Tangent, was named vice president, and Kenneth Arnold, Albany, secretary.

Dr. J. E. Parker, head of the state college poultry department, discussed chick brooding and rearing, and broiler and egg production. Dr. Parker pointed out that the need for a new farm enterprise, closeness to markets, temperate climate and the availability of quality chicks were the main factors influencing the development of broiler areas. Specialization in the broiler industry is largely centered in Georgia, Arkansas, and California.

In 1947, Oregon was producing slightly over 500 eggs per person and consuming around 400 eggs per person. In 1930, Dr. Parker stated, there were approximately three hens per person which had dropped to two hens per person in 1948.

Dr. Parker also said that successful brooding largely depends upon obtaining quality chicks which are disease free and backed by good breeding. The best type of litter to use is the one most readily available at the lowest cost.

before the green tips start to appear.

In describing the damage caused by yellow rust, Vaughan notes that the disease causes the plant to lose moisture too rapidly. This causes smaller berries, poorer quality, and lower yields caused by a shorter picking season. He also reminds growers that most pickers dislike working in rust infected fields.

Damage from the disease is most common on the Cuthbert and Washington varieties, according to Vaughan.

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Raspberry Care Told by Vaughan

Lime sulfur spray in the green tip stage will check yellow rust disease in red raspberries, Dr. E. K. Vaughan, plant pathologist at Oregon State college, reports. Four gallons liquid lime sulfur in 100 gallons of spray is a good control when applied as the green tips are showing in the new growth, Vaughan adds. The new growth is about one inch long

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