

Fun for the Whole Family

FARM TOPICS

HELP HENS BOOST WINTER EGG YIELD

Adequate Quarters and Rations Important.

By Dr. W. C. Thompson, Poultry Husbandman, New Jersey Experiment Station.—WNU Service.

The old idea that high egg yields are unusual and difficult to obtain in winter has changed with the times. A yield of 50 per cent or greater is now a normal and requisite part of present day egg farming.

It has been firmly established that winter yields are partly a matter of inheritance of precocity, or early starting tendencies, partly a matter of surrounding well-bred birds with comfortable and adequate winter quarters, and partly a matter of furnishing those birds with well-balanced forcing rations. Winter season egg prices are generally relatively high and there is comparatively less competition from remote sections of the country. Poultrymen should attempt, therefore, to obtain high yields in this season. A more rigorous selection of the individuals housed and kept over winter is advisable. It is not a time when egg farmers can afford to keep boarders in their flocks, that is, hens which eat but do not lay. Adopt a high standard of quality for the layers now in winter quarters. Sell or eat the laying quarters, making sure that they are clean, sanitary, draft-proof, comfortable, and that they provide sufficient room.

Crowded flocks are under a handicap. Uncomfortable birds rarely eat normally or lay heavily. Environment is an important factor in obtaining winter egg yields, particularly since outside weather conditions are so apt to fluctuate severely from day to day. The closer one can keep interior poultry house conditions normal, the better are the chances for prolonged, continuous, high egg yields.

Poultrymen must see to it that every layer has an unhindered opportunity to eat grain-mash and mash and drink water whenever she desires. Inadequate hopper and water fountain spaces and crowded conditions frequently make it impossible for otherwise good birds to perform satisfactorily as egg producers.

Greater Feeding Value In Dry-Rendered Tankage

Dry-rendered tankage is more palatable, has higher quality of protein and greater feeding value than wet-rendered tankage. It also has higher quality protein and greater feeding value than meat and bone scraps. Wet-rendered tankage and meat and bone scraps, however, may be fed satisfactorily by mixing them with vegetable protein supplements. Such additions do not improve the feeding value of dry-rendered tankage, says E. F. Ferrin, division of animal husbandry, University Farm, St. Paul.

When linseed oil meal or soybean meal furnish nutrients more cheaply than dry-rendered tankage, a mixture of 25 per cent dry-rendered tankage and 75 per cent linseed meal or soybean meal may be fed. It is advisable to feed a mineral supplement to supply calcium when such a high proportion of vegetable protein is fed.

Twilight for Hens

A new idea in artificial lighting for hens comes from Mr. and Mrs. William F. Ahlgrim, successful poultry keepers of Valparaiso, Ind., who have been turning out 500 eggs a day and selling them at top prices, according to Country Home magazine. The Ahlgrims use electric lights to prolong the feeding day, but found that suddenly turning them off on dark winter evenings made it difficult for the hens to find the roosts. Now they switch on first a string of dim lights which produce an artificial twilight. Ten or fifteen minutes later, after the hens have "retired," these lights are switched off.

With the Agriculturists

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There are now more than 25,000,000 milk cows in the United States.

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Lightning rod joints do not need to be soldered, but they should be properly clamped together.

The time to eliminate drafts in barns is before they cause damage to live stock.

Dairy cattle need a higher protein ration during the barn feeding period than they do in the summer time.

During winter months it will pay to go over every machine carefully and tighten loose bolts, oil and grease moving parts, replace broken or worn parts and paint the woodwork.

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How Women in Their 40's Can Attract Men

Here's good advice for a woman during her change (usually from 38 to 52), who fears she'll lose her appeal to men, who worries about hot flashes, loss of pep, dizzy spells, upset nerves and moody spells. Get more fresh air, 8 hrs. sleep and if you need a good general system tonic take Lydia E. Pinkham's Vegetable Compound, made especially for women. It helps Nature build up physical resistance, thus helps give more vivacity to enjoy life and assist calming jittery nerves and disturbing symptoms that often accompany change of life. WELL WORTH TRYING!

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Along the Concrete



ASK THE OTHER BOY

Little Gordon had arrived home from school with a cut lip and a black eye. "Dear me!" exclaimed his mother. "Do you mean to say you've walked through the streets like that?" "I had to, mum," grinned Gordon. "You see, there wasn't room for the two of us in the ambulance." —Stray Stories Magazine.

Standing Him Off Friend—You can't cheat old Father Time. Man—No, but some of the women drive a mighty close bargain with him.

Early Riser Judge—Have you ever been up before me? Accused—I don't know. What time do you get up?

Catty Kitty—Don't you believe that years teach us more than books? Katty—Well, you ought to know, dear.

SULKY

By GLUYAS WILLIAMS

