

Good Profits In Nehalem Valley Chicken Raising

That chicken raising in the Nehalem valley can be made very profitable, is the opinion of J. H. Sell, local chicken raiser, who stated he had been asked if one could make a living here with chickens and how many chickens it would take. The following is contributed by Mr. Sell in answer to the question:

Proper knowledge of the business and the proper amount of labor will make a success of any legitimate project one undertakes.

As to the poultry game, a business at Vernonia, I see no reason why anyone should not make a go of it. We might figure a little on a 100-hen basis.

Figuring the cost of 100 hens at \$1.25 each to either buy or raise, and they should make a 50 per cent lay for the year, which is 182 eggs per year, or a total of 18,200 eggs per year for the 100 hens. At 36 cents per dozen, or 3 cents each, this amounts to \$546. Feed costs \$275 per hen per year, or \$27,500, leaving a net of \$271. The above 50 per cent lay, or 182 eggs, could be increased to 200 or better with the cull nests.

With a flock of 1000 to 2500 hens, a one-man capacity, the feed cost could be lowered with the purchasing of feed in ton lots.

Charles Weeks, the one-acre chicken man, figures as follows on a 600-hen basis: 600 pullets at \$1.50 each, \$900, the house at a cost of \$1 per bird, \$600; one acre of land in Weeks community \$1000 first payment, total \$2500 to get started. Then he figures the operating cost as follows: 600 hens laying 144 eggs each, 7200 dozen at 34 cents, \$2448; feed at \$1.80 per bird per year \$1080, labor at 35 cents per bird per year \$210, overhead at 25 cents per bird per year \$150, replacement at 45 cents per bird per year \$270, leaving a total annual profit for the year of \$738.

You make a \$2500 payment on one acre and they do the improvement. One acre of land in that community costs \$3000 and to bring that acre up to full capacity costs about \$3000 more. But I am just giving you the payment plan for comparison with prices in Vernonia.

Now let us see what it will cost here in Vernonia to start in the chicken business. We will say the land costs \$100 and for putting it in cultivation, clear of all stumps, \$250, making a total of \$350. House for 100 laying hens at 50 cents per hen, a 20x20 house for 100 hens and for 600 hens a house 20x120 which could be built with a lumber cost of from 30 to 60 cents per hen depending upon the grade of lumber used. Six hundred hens at a cost of \$1.25 each would be \$750. The annual feed cost at \$2.80 per hen would be \$1680, making a total of \$2430. At an annual lay per hen of 182 eggs, 600 hens would lay 109,200 eggs, which at 35 cents per dozen would mean a gross revenue of \$3276. Subtracting from this amount the feed cost of \$2430 and the building cost of \$350, a net profit of \$486 is left.

It is estimated that our cities are increasing in population at the rate of 175,000 a month, and at our present rate of consumption it will take an increased production of 250 carloads of eggs per year to supply the demand.

There is no danger of overdoing the egg business for some time yet, and the Nehalem valley is a good place to start in the chicken game, as land can be bought here for less than \$100 per acre and on terms at that.

Improved places here can be bought for \$15 to \$100 down and \$10 to \$30 monthly payments. Own your own home even if you move off and leave it, you are money ahead. There are many renters here who have bought the place several times over in rent, and still do not own it. By purchasing, there is a chance to get the money back.

If you own your own home you can remodel it to suit yourself. If an acre or two is bought with it, you can raise all of

your potatoes, vegetables, chickens, keep a cow or goat for milk, a pig or two for meat, or raise rabbits for meat. One party last October bought 1404 pullets and by the first of May they had paid for themselves as well as their keep, besides supplying eggs for the table.

Another party here cleared more than \$600 above feed costs from 127 hens. Another party with 100 hens pays their own feed and that of 100 growing pullets, goats and pig feed bill and the grocery bill for a family of four. Another party cleared \$30 per month on 100 hens.

I do not know of a better place or one that a working man can get a home and into the chicken game than Vernonia and the Nehalem valley. One can get started here with less cash than any place in the country, and has a better show to get going than in most places. To raise 600 pullets it will take about 1500 baby chicks, and the 600 pullets will more than pay expenses the first year for themselves and the improvements. One man can handle 2500 hens.

FARM REMINDERS

Chicken mites thrive in warm weather. It is advisable to watch the roost connections, says the Oregon experiment station, and if any mites are present, to paint all connections and the bottoms of the roosts with a strong germicide or wood preservative. Crude oil is sometimes used, but has little lasting power, it is found.

Ladino clover pasture on Wapato silt clay loam soil is being irrigated with a gravity ditch by the strip border method and is giving very large returns on the Oregon experiment station farm. A carrying capacity of over three cows to an acre is reported. The pasture is divided into three lots of four acres each for rotation grazing.

An abundance of clean, cool water is important for the poultry flock during hot weather, says the Oregon experiment station.

If plenty of range is available for the growing pullets, both the grain and mash can be fed in hoppers without danger of overfeeding, says the Oregon experiment station.

A corrugated rubber mat in front of the kitchen sink saves the hard wear on either floor or linoleum. It is also more restful for the feet.

A convenient dressing table for the baby may be made from an unfinished tea cart. The shelf below makes a good place to keep baskets of supplies for the baby.

A strap fastened at intervals to the wall near the sink makes a handy place for kitchen knives, forks and spoons.

The Dalles—Airport will be established here in the near future.

Seaside—State highway department started oiling Roosevelt highway south of here.

Lightning And Smokers Cause Forest Fires

With 500 to 600 fire started on the national forests of Oregon and Washington in the first week in August the fire season is now on, federal foresters in the Portland office report.

While the very large percentage of the August fires so far were caused by severe lightning storms of August 1 and 2, up to August 1, man-caused fires were over two and one half times as numerous as lightning fires. Smokers led all man-caused causes, showing an increase over 1928 for the same period, forest service reports show. Up to August 1, a total of 368 forest fires had been reported on the twenty-two national forests of the north Pacific district, or 288 less than a year ago. This difference is said to be due largely to the delay in opening of the 1929 fire season which is about two weeks later this year than normally.

Beginning August 1, lightning fires have been numerous and destructive, especially the state of Washington, the Chelan, Rainier and Colville forests being the worst hit. Among the largest are the Camas creek and Mid-night mountain fires on the Che-

lan, the former now covering several thousand acres, the Vulcan mountain fire on the Colville now under control and the Cougar creek fire on the Rainier which is in an old burn and difficult to handle. Frank Frans, a fire fighter on the Cougar creek fire, was severely injured by a falling rock on August 6, and died while enroute to a Tacoma hospital. There has been some difficulty in getting sufficient fire fighters on the Colville forest, and local federal foresters had to make special arrangements with U. S. immigration service to bring in some 160 Doukhabours from the vicinity of Grand Forks, B. C. to help fight the flames. Probably 1200 men are now fighting fires on the national forests of Washington alone, the Portland office reports. Oregon's national forests have fared very well so far, it is said, no large fires having occurred, though there have been a large number of lightning-set fires.

With the forest areas daily becoming drier, and the possibility of other lightning storms, federal forest officers urge the

public to use the greatest possible care with cigarettes, matches and campfires while in the woods. Conditions are daily becoming more critical and every user of the out-of-doors should realize his or her personal responsibility.

Pasture Demonstration at College On August 27

Oregon State College, Corvallis, Aug. 14.—Forty-five milk cows, feeding on 12 acres of irrigated ladino clover pasture, with complete 90-day data on the cost of maintaining this pasture and its effect on the butterfat production of the cows will be ready for the inspection of Oregon dairymen who will convene here August 27 for the Irrigated Pasture Field Day.

Irrigated ladino clover pastures are advocated by the ex-

periment station as one means of overcoming the problem of dried up pastures in Oregon during the usual dry season, July, August and September, according to P. M. Brandt of the dairy husbandry department, who is in charge of the 90-day experiment. Reports from county agent demonstrations in central and southern Oregon, as well as on the moist, unirrigated sections of the coast, show that ladino clover pastures in these areas have far outstripped all other

pasture crops in carrying capacity.

Will Hold "Maine" Picnic

The second annual state of Maine picnic will be held in Godfrey park, St. Helens, Oregon, on Saturday, the 24th of this month.

A program of entertainment including a basket luncheon will be carried on. Everybody who has ever lived in the "Pine or gasoline.

Tree" state is urged to be present.

Accustom your family to fresh fruits served au naturel as dessert once in a while. It will be good for them, and save work for you.

Resinous substances such as sticky fly paper are often hard to remove from clothing. Try turpentine, benzol, carbon tetrachloride, chloroform, wood or denatured alcohol, either, kerosene or gasoline.

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Saturday evenings 7:30 to 10:30 p.m. prizes given.

What is Your Grocery Bill?

There's quite a difference at the end of the month between your food bill elsewhere and here. But there's no difference in the quality of the costliest eatables and those offered here.

Meats for All Temperatures

Whether you want meats for hot or cold weather, we are always fully stocked with a plentiful supply for both. In asking for suggestions for a menu, do not worry about quality, for the best is assured.

Nehalem Market & Grocery



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Plans Are Now Being Made To Start Moving To The New Building Thursday, August 22

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