

FARM POULTRY

PAYING POULTRY
FLOCK IS GROWN

Spring-Hatched Pullets Carefully Developed Are Best.

Developing the spring-hatched pullets from the time the chicks leave the incubator until the pullets are placed in the laying house is the pathway to profits in the poultry industry.

"The object of this development is to have pullets of stamina, bone and vigor and fully up to the standard weight of the breed," says R. S. Dearstyn, poultryman at State college. "At first the proper mashers are needed until finally the laying mash containing 20 per cent of protein is given. The young pullets must have an abundance of succulent green feed especially, as the grass on the range gets old and tough. When placing birds in the laying house, do this about two weeks before they start laying so that they may become accustomed to their surroundings."

Nesting material should be changed often, runs cleared of litter, perch poles scraped and freed of mites, and the birds examined for internal parasites. A minimum of four feet of floor space to each bird is needed in the house, and at least two feet of perch pole for each three birds. Dampness in the house and damp litter is to be avoided if the birds are not to have roup and colds. Fresh, clean water is necessary and the mash hoppers are to be kept filled at all times. Oyster shell and grit needs to be kept before the birds, and grain fed twice each day with the heaviest amount at evening.

Mr. Dearstyn says that the poultryman will do well to spend about ten minutes each day in general observation of his flock. This will help him to find any lack of thriftiness or any indication of disease. Birds roughly handled, irregularly fed and watered, infested with parasites or neglected in other ways will not prove profitable.

Caponizing Profitable
Way to Market Poultry

Caponizing is one of the most profitable ways of marketing late-hatched cockerels. In an experiment last year fifty June hatched cockerels were caponized. The birds were of dual-purpose breeds and caponized when they had reached a weight of 12 ounces to 2½ pounds. These birds were sold the following April and averaged six pounds each, dressed for market. They brought 35 cents a pound, or an average of \$2.10 per bird. The feed cost of producing these birds was 84 cents each, and with an additional charge of 10 cents for dressing and picking, the net profit was \$1.16 per bird.

Another poultryman caponized 191 barred Plymouth Rocks last summer. When sold their average weight was 7.7 pounds each, and they brought 43 cents per pound. The total cost of growing these capons—chicks, feed and labor—was placed at \$366.14. There were 176 birds at selling time, which brought a total of \$661.14, leaving a net profit of 85 cents per bird.

Poultry Notes

Winter egg profits will depend largely on the care given pullets.

Hatch the chicks early so that the pullets are mature for winter egg production.

Don't forget the importance of fresh, juicy greens for both the baby chicks and old hens.

The first half of April is the ideal time to hatch chicks of smaller breeds such as the Leghorns.

Giving hens 12 hours of light increases egg production at the season when the prices are high.

When calcium carbonate is not available in sufficient quantities, hens lay soft-shelled eggs or no eggs at all.

Making it easier for the hens to consume large quantities of mash aids in the production of eggs. At least 10 linear feet of double hopper space should be provided for 100 hens.

Culling should not be considered as a substitute for correct management of a flock of hens. Even the good producers may cease laying in the summer if proper care is neglected.

To carry on heavy production hens must have strong bodies and a good supply of nourishing feeds.

Good producing hens may become thin if not fed sufficiently. Total feed consumption can be increased usually by giving a moistened mash once a day throughout the summer months.

Give free range to the birds which are to be used as breeders this spring. They should also be fed an abundance of whole yellow corn.

Breeding, selection, and poultry culture are employed by alert poultrymen to meet the shifting market demands for poultry and eggs.

Popular Weather Signs Decried by Forecaster

"There's a lot of pagan superstition about many of the weather signs that people like to believe in," said a weather forecaster recently. "There are a score of rural sayings, especially when winter is coming on, as to how severe it will be. The groundhog is credited with miraculous vision. Such ideas go back for centuries.

"Lots of people believe that the position of the new moon is a sure foreteller of weather. The saying is that if the new moon stands upright, the thin crescent in a vertical position, the weather will be dry for the greater part of the coming month. On the other hand, if the new moon reclines on its back, in the shape of a shallow cup, that means a month of rainy weather.

"All the pioneers in this country firmly believed that, and out in the country districts you will find many people today who are equally credulous. Unfortunately, the idea has no basis in fact. Weather bureau records, if examined, will completely disprove any such ideas."—New York Sun.

"Grandeur That Was Rome"

Rome, the eternal city, offers such a multitude of sights that to visit every one worth while would take days or even weeks. Most important among the places to see are the Colosseum, the Forum, St. Peter's, the Vatican, the Catacombs, the Baths of Caracalla and the castle of St. Angelo. The works of art in Rome are innumerable and include statues and paintings by Bernini, Giotto, Raphael, Perugino and Botticelli. Other marvels of the city are the Appian way, queen of all ancient roads, which was built in 321 B. C. and was flooded with traffic for all of the known eastern world; also the Claudian aqueducts, ancient engineering triumphs, which still supply Rome with water.

State of Maryland STATE ROADS COMMISSION

NOTICE TO CONTRACTORS.
SEALED PROPOSALS for building one section of State Highway as follows:

Carroll County, Contract No. CI-85-511. One section of State Highway along the Westminster-Taneytown Road, from Bear Branch to Fountain Valley, a distance of 4.87 miles (alternate bids for resurfacing with hot and cold bituminous mixtures).

will be received by the State Roads Commission at its offices, Federal Reserve Bank Building, Calvert and Lexington Sts., Baltimore, Maryland, until 12 M. Eastern Standard Time, on the 1st. day of July, 1930, at which time and place they will be publicly opened and read.

Bids must be made upon the blank proposal form which, with specifications and plans will be furnished by the Commission upon application and cash payment of \$1.00, as hereafter no charges will be permitted.

No bids will be received unless accompanied by a certified check for the sum of Five Hundred (\$500) Dollars, payable to the State Roads Commission.

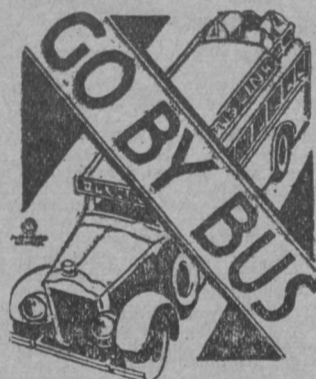
The successful bidder will be required to give bond, and comply with the Acts of the General Assembly of Maryland, respecting contracts.

The Commission reserves the right to reject any and all bids.

By order of the State Roads Commission this 17th. day of June, 1930.

G. CLINTON UHL, Chairman.
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CATTLE KING'S SON IS OUT OF PRISON

Wild Youth Wrecked His Father's Fortune.

Leavenworth, Kan.—Coney Slaughter, scion of a pioneer Texas family whose holdings once included a territory which could embrace Rhode Island, was discharged from the Federal penitentiary, a penniless man.

Slaughter, one of the few bankers who served every day of a six-year term to which he was sentenced for embezzlement of \$352,000 from the Pueblo Mercantile National bank, wrecked the family of his father, one of the proudest in the Texas panhandle.

His father, W. B. Slaughter, was one of the cattle kings of the Southwest. He owned Lazy S ranch, with its thousands of acres of countless cattle. Coney Slaughter's grandfather was the man who carried the message from General Sam Houston to the defenders of the Alamo at San Antonio to evacuate the fort. The order was ignored and the garrison was wiped out.

The younger Slaughter was the indulged child of wealthy parents. His father said once he spent \$700,000 clearing up one of his son's last escapades, when he was sentenced. It was reported his parents were reduced to operating a second-class hotel in San Antonio.

After Slaughter wrecked the Pueblo bank he was a fugitive for eight years, traveling from city to city. He followed the races and was reported to have won \$43,000 at a New Orleans track shortly before he was arrested at a sanitarium in Philadelphia. He was penniless when arrested, having

lost most of his money in gambling dens, he told officers.

At the penitentiary he became a trusted inmate and was often permitted to go without the walls. On the night of January 31, 1915, he escaped. It developed later he had outside aid and that a waiting machine hurried him from the prison.

While in prison Slaughter had told of \$100,000 supposed to have been of the loot from the Pueblo bank, hidden somewhere near Denver. Slaughter was arrested in August, 1925, by Denver officers after a housekeeper had become suspicious of his actions.

Although many searches have been made for the \$100,000 in Colorado, it has never been found, officials said.

Remember Plural When Speaking of Molasses

"Molasses" comes to us through the Spanish from the Latin "melleceus," meaning honeylike. Since the singular and plural forms are spelled the same the word is often construed as a singular when it should be construed as a plural. Hence "molasses are," "these molasses," and "those molasses" are common expressions, especially in the South and West. They are incorrect except in those rare cases when the speaker or writer has in mind different varieties of molasses and really desires to use the word in the plural. "These molasses are good," is not correct when the speaker refers to molasses on the dining table. He should say, "This molasses is good." On the other hand, it might be correct, though awkward, for a merchant to write, "Please send me 10 gallons each of both of those molasses I ordered last year," when he referred to different varieties of the product.—Pathfinder Magazine.

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