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Egg Production Problems Discussed

"The production of eggs in P. E. I. is holding steady," reports Mr. F. M. Nash, district inspector of Poultry Products. The demand for Grade A eggs is increasing and prices have advanced on this grade. Grade B eggs are not in demand and are accumulating on dealers' floors. Grade B eggs have never been considered a good table egg but are presently weak for the frozen egg or dried egg product. It is becoming increasingly difficult to sell these eggs. There appears to be a heavy production of Grade B eggs across Canada. There are too many being marketed in P. E. I.

Operators of grading stations are now quoting producers for ungraded eggs: A Large 34-5, A Medium 33-4, B 20, C 16-17.

Wholesalers are quoting grading stations for the graded pack job station A Large 39, A Medium 37, B 26, C 21.

Egg Returns Lower

"The percentage of Grade B eggs in producer egg receipts being received at grading stations is increasing at an alarming rate. The accumulation of Grade B eggs on dealers' floors is getting serious—serious from the standpoint that consuming centres are now glutted with them, therefore selling slowly and at reduced prices and, in sympathy with this reaction, the paying price for Grade B eggs has been reduced. The problem to date is to find a market for them. Perhaps the easiest way to settle the problem is not to produce them. Other things being right such as keeping eggs in a cool place before being delivered to grading stations, the production of Grade B eggs is unnecessary as it is definitely known that hens fed a properly balanced ration and in sufficient quantities will produce egg which will grade 80 per cent or better Grade A, the quality of egg in demand today."

The production of Grade B eggs this year is greatly in excess of other years and this is generally attributed to skimpy feeding, faulty rations, and allowing hens to range, picking up additional feed which is not of the desired quality. It is not maintained that the production of eggs, considering present feed prices, is highly profitable but it is maintained that, if one is to stay in the business, it must be carried on efficiently and in a manner which will gain the greatest return. The production of Grade B or C eggs for which 10 to 15c less per dozen is received is not operating a business efficiently.

Wasteful Practices

The losses due to wasteful practices in the poultry industry must be overcome if the economic problems involved in the industry are to be overcome. We believe 90 per cent of the losses involved are avoidable. We believe that if some of the violations of good poultry husbandry are overcome, there will be an immediate decrease in the number of Grade B eggs and an increase in Grade A eggs, the grade in demand by housewives all over Canada.

Eggs in most instances are being placed into Grade B due to flattened or off-coloured yolks and weak albumen or whites, all indicating poor feeding in volume or quality.

The difference between profit and loss from the flock often depends upon care and management. Feeding plays an all-important part in increased production of top quality eggs as evidenced by the following experiment conducted in this province a few years ago.

As a result of complaints that a certain poultryman was not getting a satisfactory grade of eggs and was anxious to conform to any reasonable requirements that would bring about the needed improvement, officers of the P. E. I. Poultry Services contacted the poultryman and co-operated with him to bring about the necessary improvements.

After a thorough inspection the house was thoroughly cleaned with the idea of precaution as well as actual necessity for clean premises. This meant cleaning and scraping all manure, dust and litter that might harbour disease, infection lice, mites or anything that would hinder a hen from living a normal healthy life. The house was then sprayed with whitewash containing a disinfectant. This made it brighter with a further assurance of cleanliness.

The floor of the house was soft. This was scraped and fresh earth used to give a new surface as well as fill all irregular parts. Ventilation was improved by removing the most of the windows and using screening for the summer with the added advice that a modification of this system would be satisfactory for the winter. Roosts were arranged over a proper droppings board and sufficient rests added.

Plan Of Feeding

"Following the renovation of the house, the flock was culled and all birds that showed unmistakable laying characteristics were removed. This alone added much to the economy of feeding and floor space.

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For the balance of the flock. The plan of feeding adopted was to keep a laying mash before the birds, and feed scratch grain in the evening, the mash in a hopper, a rolling guard rail and the grain in troughs to avoid waste. Oyster shells, grit and clean water were kept before the birds at all times. The feeder was requested to pay particular attention to the water and make sure that it was clean and wholesome and never wanting in supply.

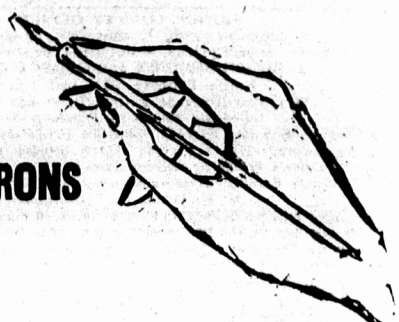
The results of this experiment has exceeded all expectations. On October 4th previous to the change in feed and methods, the producer marketed 12 dozen and 10 eggs which graded 32 per cent Grade A. After the feed was changed on October 18th, 23 dozen were marketed and graded 86 per cent Grade A. On November 2nd, 14 dozen and 10 eggs were marketed and graded 80 per cent Grade A, which is sufficient proof that egg quality and feed are closely related in a general plan of poultry farming. It will be noted that besides securing an increase in the quality of the product, fewer birds produced more eggs.

"It is necessary to feed a good poultry ration or laying mash in volume and quality if the desired results is to be obtained. One hundred birds giving 40 per cent production require 20 to 22 lbs. of feed per day and for 60 per cent production, 26 to 28 lbs. Remember, in feeding hens we hope to accomplish two things. First, to obtain the greatest number of eggs and, secondly, the highest quality eggs. A hen is no different from a manufacturing plant. If you want increased production, you increase the raw material going through the plant or hen. If a quality product is desired, the raw material or feed must be of the desired quality to produce that product.

Balanced Ration Essential

"The greatest loss in the feeding of poultry for egg production occurs when the poultryman attempts to compound a ration from a few farm grown grains without the addition of necessary protein and vitamins. If hens are not fed well balanced ration, it is quite possible they will not pay for their

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keep. The poultryman who intends to maintain a flock of chickens should be prepared to provide them with an adequate diet the year round. The old idea that a hen is a scavenger and can rustle for its own feed has no place in the modern feeding programme. Good poultry management pays dividends in the production of eggs wherein the product grades 80 to 90 per cent Grade A instead of 32 per cent to 50 per cent as is only too common today.

"The grading of eggs in general is done properly throughout the Province. The grade of eggs received by producers is commensurate with the feed given the birds and the time and effort spent on the care of the flock. This office would be pleased to hear from poultrymen who are practicing correct poultry husbandry and not receiving a good grade on their eggs.

"In closing, I wish to emphasize again that the writer realizes the problems besetting poultrymen today in the production of eggs with high feed prices and low prices for eggs, but believe that, even under these conditions, greater profits would be secured by only keeping the number of hens for which proper feed could be supplied. If this were done, egg production per bird would increase and the quality of the product be enhanced. Whatever we may think, the production of Grade B eggs must be reduced or the commercial poultryman with his hundreds and thousands of hens, who is ever ready to take into consideration the details incidental to the production of a quality product, will be taking our markets and automatically putting us out of business.

for Grade A eggs, they have been reduced for Grade B, thus the producers of a high percentage of Grade B eggs are receiving a lower revenue for eggs."

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Minutes were read and signed and the correspondence presented. The report of the sick committee was given and the bill for fruit paid. The report of the dance and lottery was read. Mrs. McCarron visited the school. The Friendship Apron was then opened. Committees appointed were—

Sick — Mrs. Jos McCarron; programme, Mrs. Adelbert Shea and Mrs. Jas. McGaughey. Miss Mary Boylan kindly invited the members to her home for the next meeting. The programme committee presented their programme. A delicious lunch was served by the hostess Miss Lynn. The meeting adjourned with The King.

BY J. R. WILLIAMS

OUT OUR WAY

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