

THE UTILITY POULTRY HOUSE

ADVANTAGES OF THIS TYPE OF COLONY HOUSE.

1. When the two parts are run together it makes a house large enough to accommodate 25 or 30 laying hens throughout the winter.
2. The front section can be used for brooding chicks in the spring and the rear section for a breeding pen, or the whole winter flock, when they get free range, can be accommodated in this half.
3. For poultrymen who have only one horse, this gives a fair-sized winter house, but one that can be moved by a single horse when required.
4. On rough or uneven land the fact that it can be separated into sections makes it possible to move it from place to place.

UTILIZED THROUGHOUT THE WHOLE YEAR.

The main feature which distinguishes this house from others is the arrangement whereby it is possible to utilize the building to the full by converting the winter scratching shed into a separate brooder house during the summer months when the scratching shed is not needed.

The building, as constructed in the accompanying drawings, is of the movable type, and so that it may be constructed as lightly as possible it is suggested that the corner studs only be constructed of 2 by 4's and the rest of the studding be of 2 by 2's.

It being of the first importance that the birds should be supplied with comfortable roosting quarters in the cold season, the rear portion, as shown in the accompanying sketches, should be lined with building paper on both sides of the studding, and a second sheathing of lumber affixed on the inside of the studding, making a dead air space and preventing draughts.

If desired the roosting section may have cotton instead of wood in the front, fifteen inches above the floor to a few inches below the place where the front roof joins.

LIST OF MATERIAL REQUIRED

Eleven pieces 2 inches by 4 inches, 16 feet long.
 Four pieces 2 inches by 4 inches, 12 feet long.
 Eight pieces 2 inches by 4 inches, 18 feet long.
 Four pieces 2 inches by 4 inches, 12 feet long.
 Four pieces 6 inches by 6 inches, 10 feet long for runners.
 Seven hundred board feet shiplap.
 Four yards poultry wire.
 Four yards cotton cloth.
 Roofing to cover 162 square feet.
 Hardware, hinges and fastenings for two doors and four windows.
 Nails, 10 pounds 4-inch.
 Nails, 40 pounds 2½-inch.