

# On & Around the Farm.

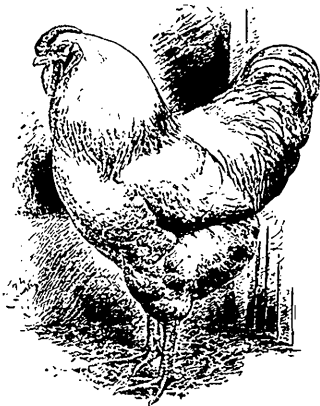
## General Notes.

**THE FRENCH OATS CROP**, according to official returns, is 248,000,000 bushels compared with 256,000,000 bushels in 1896.

**CANADIAN WHEAT FOR AUSTRALIA**—During the fiscal year ended June 30, Canada shipped to Australia 100,845 bu wheat and 91,611 bbls. flour, having a

21½; Holland, 21½; Manitoba, 20; Germany, 19; France, 17; Austria, 16½; British Columbia, 15; Ontario 14; Hungary, 13½; Italy 12; Quebec, 10; New South Wales, 18; all of Australasia, 9½; Russia, scant 5.

**TREAT YOUR POTATO SEED.**—Frank A. Goodhue, Manitoba, states that potato seed soaked in the corrosive sublimate solution, one part mercuric chloride to 1000 parts of water, produced a large crop of good quality, while seed not so treated, planted in an adjoining field, gave less than half a yield of scabby potatoes.



TYPICAL WYANDOTTE COCK.

total value of \$115,118. During the same period Canada exported to Newfoundland 121,776 bbls flour, and to the U. S. 5,217 bbls. Other countries to which Canada shipped flour include Brazil, St. Pierre, Hayti, Hong-Kong and China.

**WHEAT YIELD IN VARIOUS COUNTRIES**—The average production per acre in the wheat growing countries named has been estimated as follows. Denmark, 81 bushels; U.K., 29; Norway, 26; Belgium,

**FEEDING PIGS FOR PROFIT.**—As soon as the pigs are large enough to eat, provide a place where they can be given food apart from the larger hogs. If it is obtainable, milk is one of the best rations for growing pigs. In its absence, shelled corn and oats, equal parts, ground into a fine meal and made into a slop, is the next best thing. Some advocate crushing the cobs with the corn and feeding it, but we condemn this practice. The crushed cob takes up room and is not digestible in the hog's stomach. In feeding cattle this is all right, as their stomachs require a certain amount of rough feed. Push the pigs as rapidly as possible, and sell them when they weigh all the way from 150 to 250 lbs., according to the demands of the buyers. Study the market carefully and furnish what is wanted. In

fattening hogs, drop out the slop during the last four weeks and give them all the corn they will eat up clean twice a day, and all the clean cold water they will drink.

To get the fullest profit from your hogs, butcher as many as you can at home and turn them largely into sweet country lard and bacon. Many buyers will pay more for these right from the farm than they would have to pay in the general market.