

farms in June and July, and sold in November and December five and six months old, sell at from 25 cents to 50 cents per pair. Therefore it behooves the farmer to raise early chicks, for early pullets makes the best winter layers, and winter eggs are decidedly the most desirable, being three times the value of summer eggs. I do not expect every one present to side with me on this subject, nevertheless the farmer will do well to follow them out. Eggs and meat are the returns he looks for from his fowls and not fancy prices.

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