

One of the most perplexing and interesting problems is the selection or breeding of high egg producers. Results to date at the Ontario Agricultural College would suggest that it is a question of isolation and progeny testing; the isolation of the good laying hen and the sons of the good layers, mating these together and testing the progeny. Later comes the isolation of good breeders of high performers, both male and female. A pullet that lays over 30 eggs in November, December and January, and over 150 eggs for 12 consecutive months, is considered a good layer. Late-hatched pullets that will not lay well during the winter but do well during June, July and August may also be regarded as good layers, the lack of winter eggs being attributable to late hatching.