

The chickens reared in the orchard varied more in age. The first were hatched on the 25th April, and the last on July 6th. Most of the birds were hatched in May. We sold 218 as broilers from this lot during July. The later cockerels were removed to the fattening crates as was done with those grown in the pasture field. Most of the pullets were taken out about the 1st October, and by the 1st November practically all had been removed with the exception of about 100, these were cockerels held as breeders, and the July chicks.



The above illustration shows how it is possible to produce two crops in one season, viz.: apples and chickens. This is one of the best places to grow strong, healthy chickens at a very low cost.

We raised in this field 733 chickens at a cost of 8,649 lbs. of grain. A pound of chicken equalled 3.34 lbs. of grain, or nearly the same as the pasture field chickens.

The figures mean that a farmer can in his fields raise a four-pound cockerel for thirteen or fourteen pounds of grain. This amount of grain at \$30.00 per ton, would be worth twenty cents. The cockerel would sell in the market for at least forty cents, and if fattened, would be worth sixty cents. The data we have on hand would indicate that it costs about five to seven cents each to hatch the above birds, that is figuring eggs, oil and losses.