

POULTRY YARD

Co-operate in Selling

T. D. Young, Peterboro Co., Ont.

To pay for milk by weight is not just. It is much fairer, however, than the way in which eggs are paid for. The milk poorest in fat is worth something but in the case of eggs, if my neighbor has 12 rotten ones, he will get the same price for them as I will get for 12 good ones.

We have always felt the injustice of such a system of selling eggs. We had no remedy heretofore, but an alternative is in sight. Let us all co-operate and get the right price for a good article.

Methods of Handling Turkeys

James E. Orr, Middlesex Co., Ont.

A lady of this place, who is clever in the art of turkey raising, told the writer her mode of work, which is herewith passed on for the benefit of others:

"I am aiming to raise 100 mature turkeys this season. I have now, the last of May, fifty pressing nicely, and others will be coming out soon.

Much care is required with the little chicks at first as they are extremely sensitive to cold and wet weather. Keep them dry. For the first six weeks I feed the turkeys hard boiled eggs, bread and rolled oats. The egg shells act as grit, which the pouls require from the first. I always give this feed dry. Never give turkeys sloppy feed of any kind. I give them clear water in a clean vessel. The dry feed appears to give them strength and sets their digestive organs at work quietly and naturally.

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peas, or broken corn. About this time they begin to run about and pick up many logs and worms.

The crows and hawks are quite an annoyance to our young turkeys and occasionally raid our coops.

Another turkey raiser told the writer to keep a lantern burning at night near the coop. This will frighten away all destroyers of young turkeys. The early morning is when the crows and hawks are the worst, but they will not come near the light. The coal oil burnt amounts to a trifle when compared to the value of a turkey.

Water Glass for Preserving Eggs

The Connecticut experiment station has issued a bulletin which gives very comprehensive directions for preserving eggs, and a number of excellent hints relative to the care of the egg-laying flock, which are as follows:

1. Keep the whole flock as near a perfect state of health as possible.

2. Give enough shell-forming food to the hens so that the shells will be strong and uniform in thickness.

3. Make proper nesting places and keep them clean, so that the eggs may not be infected while in the nests.

4. Gather the eggs each day.

5. Keep the gathered eggs in a dry, cool, open or cellar where the sun's rays do not fall directly upon them.

6. Use only the clean eggs and place them in the preservative within 24 hours after the time they are laid.

This bulletin says that while storing eggs at a temperature of about 54 degrees is the best way to keep eggs commercially, this plan is not practicable for the farmer. Immersing in waterglass (sodium silicate) is the best plan for farmers to use. Waterglass can be bought at the drug store for from \$1 to \$1.25 a gallon and one gallon of waterglass will make 10 gallons of preserving fluid.

Eggs in waterglass for as long as four years are still good; they have no unpleasant taste or smell, and the white coagulates in the usual manner in cooking. The white has changed to pinkish color, however, and is very liquid. The change takes place slowly, however, and at one year no change is easily noticeable.

For the preservation of eggs in waterglass a cellar or room should be used where the temperature is even, and does not go over 60 degrees. Any clean watertight receptacle will do, though stone jars are commonly used, or barrels when larger numbers of eggs are to be preserved. The receptacle should be scalded two or three times to make sure it is perfectly clean.

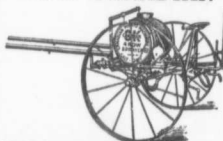
The preserving fluid should be made from water that has been boiled and allowed to cool, and to every nine parts of this water mix one part of waterglass, stirring thoroughly to insure a proper mixing of the two. If eggs are to be stored in several receptacles prepare the mixture for each receptacle separately and do not try to make enough in one receptacle to fill two smaller ones, for in pouring from one to another the correct proportions may not be secured.

See that no cracked eggs are placed in the waterglass. Keep the eggs where the sun's rays do not fall directly on them, and cover by laying boards loosely over them. From time to time water should be added where there is a loss by evaporation, keeping the eggs wholly submerged, but the preservative should not be stirred.

If the young turkey begins to droop, refuses to eat and acts depressed, at once examine the head for lice. If they are present remove them and rub the head with sweet oil, or fresh lard mixed with kerosene.—E. F. E. Colchester Co., N.S.

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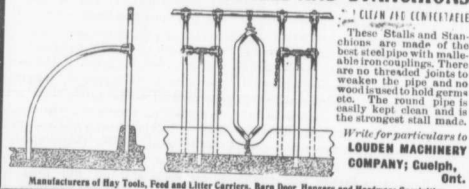
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