

★ **Feed Market**

feed mixers and jobbers narrowed Bran closed about \$1 per ton higher on the average, moddlings and shorts, around \$1 25 higher

Gluten feed and meal averaged \$2.00 per ton higher, with good demand for tight supplies Distillers dried grains advanced \$2 50 and brewers dried grains ruled firm with fairly strong demand for light offerings Alfalfa meal also held firm as light offerings found good demand Hominy feed was in good demand and prices edged forward about 75 cents Rice bran and blackstrap molasses were firm.

★ **State Crop**

hatchery flocks by leading primary breeders of broiler replacement stock totaled 2, 141,000 chicks during November. This was 11 per cent more than in November of 1957.

Pullet chick placements by these breeders during the

first eleven months of 1958 totaled 30,812,000 — 30 per cent more than during the same period of 1957

Placement of broiler chicks in Penna at 911,000 decreased four per cent from the previous week but were 21 per cent above the corresponding week last year

Outshipments during the week were 280,000 Inshipments were 181,000 The indicated number of Penna broilers for market about 10 weeks from now is 861,000 compared to 699,000 at the same time last year Eggs set for broiler chick production totaled 1,426,000, two per cent below the previous week Hatchings for Dec 20 to Jan 10 will be about two per cent above last year

22 State Report

Trend continued upward for eighth consecutive week, totaling 30,121,000. Two per cent above the previous week and 17 per cent above the same week last year

Indicated number for market 10 weeks from now is 28 million, compared to 24 million last year.

The 22 state settings were two per cent below the previous week and 15 per cent above the corresponding week last year. Total U S hatchings for Dec 20 to Jan 10 will be about 17 percent greater than last year

Broiler - Feed Ratio

The Delmarva broiler-feed ratio climbed for the week to 3 2 or one point above Dec 2-9, and two points above one year ago

Broilers for the week Dec 9-16 averaged 15 08 and 0 9 per cent broiler mash was \$95 30 per ton, compared with \$97 44 the previous week when broiler prices were the same — and \$94 64 one year ago when broilers were \$14 43.

Hickory Nuts In State-wide Contest

Harrisburg—Some squirrels found competition rough for hickory nuts this fall.

Most of the choice ones were being gathered by Pennsylvania farmers to be entered in a "Best Hickory Nut" contest sponsored by Penn State and the Pennsylvania Nut Growers Association.

Three judges this month will select the best ten from the more than 350 entries of 30-nut samples submitted by Pennsylvanians Winning hickory nuts will be on display at the 1959 Pennsylvania Farm Show, January 12 through 16, at the State Farm Show Building here

George Weber, York, secretary-treasurer of the Nut Growers, said purpose of the contest is to locate seedling

hickory trees which bear superior nuts and to stimulate interest in the production of good hickory nuts He added that scions will be cut from the tree that produced the winning nuts for further pro-

pogation of the desirable characteristics

Judging will be the last three days of December

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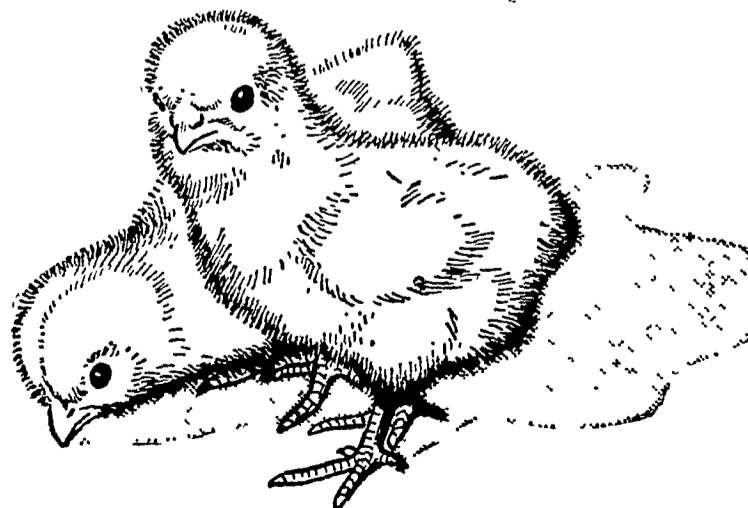
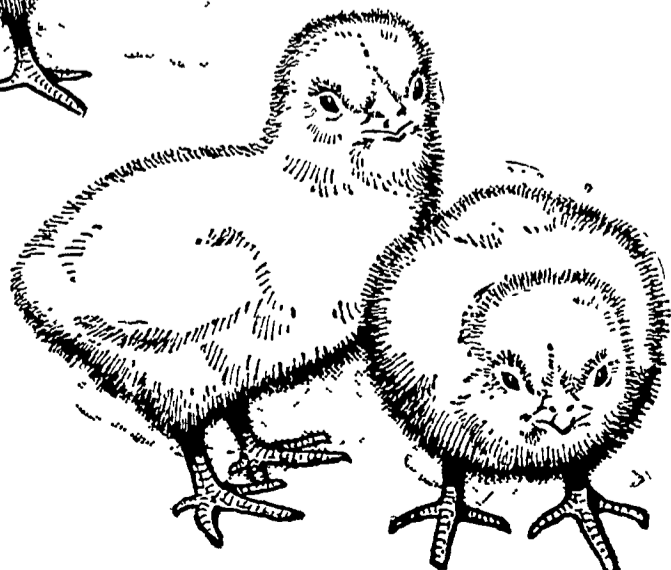
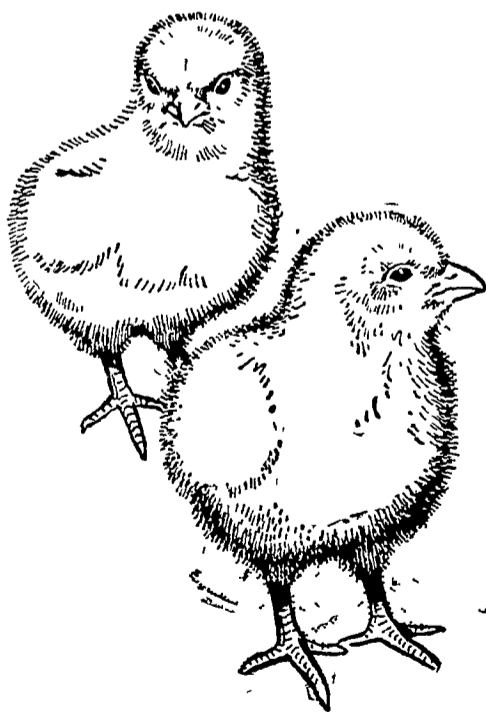
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