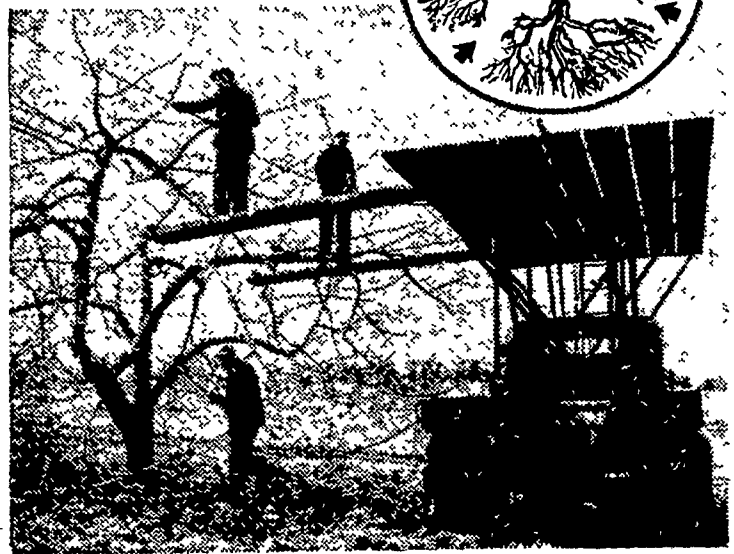



Less Work— More Apples From "4-Leaf Clover" Trees



The diagram above may not look like a "4-leaf clover" but that is what this design in pruning apple trees is called at The Pennsylvania State University Agricultural Experiment Station. Trees trained to this system can be pruned more rapidly than conventional trees, says L. D. Tukey and C. W. Hitz, research orchardists. The openings between the "leaves of the clover" also are a great convenience in spraying and harvesting. Trees trained to this system have a large surface exposed to the sunlight which makes for more fruit of higher color and quality. So far, no reduction in yield has been noted because of this type of pruning, and yields this past year from "4-leaf clover trees" were a little higher than from comparable trees conventionally trained.



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dominate the holiday supply.

On January 1 there were 14 per cent more heavy breeder hens than a year earlier in the important North Central States. Also, current prices for heavy toms are substantially higher than a year ago. Both factors indicate that the expansion in heavy breed production may be greater than indicated in producers' January intentions.

It appears that storage holdings at the beginning of the heavy marketing season will be no larger—and possibly somewhat smaller—than a year ago. February 1 storage stocks were 11 per cent less than the 1958 record for that date.

The holiday demand situation for turkeys is uncertain. There will be more people and increased purchasing power. However, prices will be lower than last year for competing red meats and poultry.

Also, it is not known whether the government will again purchase turkeys. Last year, the government purchased two per cent of the total production.

BROILERS

U. S. farm broiler prices for April through June will average between 16c and 17c. This is three cents to four cents below the same quarter of 1958. Market supplies for the quarter are expected to be nearly 15 per cent greater than a year ago.

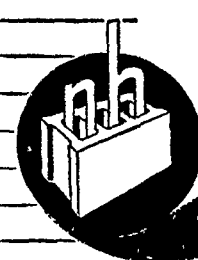
July through September prices are likely to be about the same as during

the same as during June quarter. The May-July placements average 38 million weekly in the 22 states. The rate was per cent greater than a year ago.

Demand for broilers usually increases seasonally reach a summer peak normally results in higher prices. Continued expansion in broiler production means that little or upswing can be

Breeder hens available indicate a continued abundant chick supply the second and third quarters. Chick prices lower than a year ago higher broiler feed are expected. Total production costs will be the same.

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Fowl Leukosis Complex In Broilers

Recently the incidence of this disease in our area has again been on the increase. It has been observed both on the farm and in processing plants.

1. With leukosis, the symptoms and some losses usually start about 2 to 3 weeks of age and losses are still climbing until the birds are sold. Paralytic birds may show up first. Later tumors (visceral lymphomatosis) are found in different parts of the body.

2. There are no specific treatment or preventive measures that we recommend at this time.

3. During the past winter many of you have found it necessary to reuse old litter. In many instances this never had a chance to dry. Since the virus of visceral lymphomatosis is passed in the droppings as well as in the saliva of the chicks, we have probably compounded the amount of infection in many of our broiler houses by not cleaning them after each batch.

4. Until we have some method of prevention or treatment about the disease, the recommendation that we can make is "practice more sanitation" especially during the first 4 weeks.

Whenever broiler growers "let down" on the practice of sanitation disease trouble is sure to start.

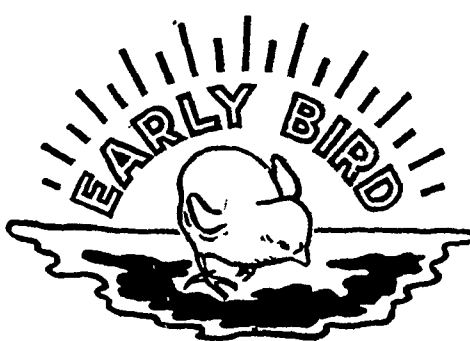
We believe the report of increased incidence of fowl leukosis complex in broiler flocks should convince every broiler grower of the soundness of completely cleaning out old litter, dusting the house, disinfecting, carefully washing all fountains and using new litter in each batch of broilers.

Prevention of leukosis by this procedure will be your **ONLY RECOMMENDATION** and we surely want to do everything possible to avoid this serious trouble.

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	5000	9.2	3.51 lb.	2.34
	4500	10.0	4.03 lb.	2.51
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