

Ring-Necked Pheasant In 4 Genetic Strains

While most people think of the ring-necked pheasant as one game bird, biologists recognize four genetic strains, according to John L. George, associate professor of wildlife management at The Pennsylvania State University.

The four strains are the wild pheasant, the game farm bird, the shooting preserve strain, and the meat bird. Dr. George stated recently at the annual convention and short course of the North American Game Breeders

and Shooting Preserve Association Inc., in Harrisburg.

He claimed the demand for various genetic strains of game birds will increase as lands for public hunting decrease and wildlife and recreational management become more intense.

Dr. George said the ring-necked pheasant brought to the U.S. in 1881, is the country's most successful game bird introduction. This bird has formed a "robust recreational economy" in the generally more northern states and southern Canadian provinces from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

The wild strain is the pheasant which can survive and reproduce

in suitable habitat. The best and probably only good source of wild birds is to live-trap and transfer them from nearby ranges to suitable pheasant habitat. This technique has been very successful with pheasants and wild turkeys, he affirmed.

The game farm bird, on the other hand, does best in public shooting areas where a "put and take" procedure is deemed desirable by management experts of state game commissions. Such areas will not sustain wild pheasants in shootable numbers. Shooting preserve pheasants, the third type, are best described as a quality strain for private sale. The meat bird, the fourth strain,

Fabrics for Upholstering

Upholstery fabrics are available in a variety of fibers and weaves. Mrs. Helen T. Puskar, extension home furnishings specialist of The Pennsylvania State University, says that a fabric with a balanced weave will wear longer than a brocade or highly textured fabric. Cotton, nylon, and linen fibers are durable, and fabrics made from them usually will give long wear.

is a specialty item for an affluent society wanting exotic foods.

Milk Dealers Profit After Taxes Are 1.25% Of Total Sales

The Milk Marketing Board today announced that the sales of fluid milk and milk products reported by Pennsylvania's Fluid Milk Dealers in 1968 were \$630.2 million, an increase of \$21 million over 1967. The cost of products sold by the fluid milk dealers was \$364 million, 57.78% of the total sales, while net profits after taxes amounted to \$78 million, 12.5% of total sales.

There were 304 Fluid Milk Dealers reporting in 1968, 48 fewer than in 1967. In addition to increased sales in 1968 the cost of products sold increased \$18 million and net profits increased by \$2 million.

Pennsylvania's Milk Marketing Law provides that the Board shall annually prepare a summary of the financial statements of all dealers in each milk marketing area. Such summaries shall be a composite form and shall not include the names of the dealers included. Such summaries shall be made available to stores, dealers, producers' organization and the general public.

J. Lin Huber, Chairman of the Milk Marketing Board, announced that the 1968 Summary of Financial Statements of Licenses were being printed and would be ready for distribution in the near future.

Fiber Content & Weave Important In Umbrella

If you're planning to buy an umbrella with some of your gift money, remember there is a difference in how waterproof the umbrella will be, says Mrs. Ruth Ann Wilson, extension clothing specialist of The Pennsylvania State University.

Only 100 per cent vinyl plastic is 100 per cent waterproof. But vinyl plastic is fragile and easily damaged by heat and sharp objects, so it may not be the best choice for you.

Probably the most popular and serviceable umbrellas are those made of nylon or acetate fibers. Silk, cotton, rayon, and plastic are also used. Read the label to be sure of the fiber content before you buy.

But more than fiber content is important, reminds Mrs. Wilson. The weave of the fiber is even more important if you intend to stay dry under your umbrella. Acetate and nylon must be tightly woven because the threads don't expand when wet. Cotton and silk will expand so the threads should be close enough together to hold the first drops out. Most fibers today are treated with a water repellent material.

Mrs. Wilson advises you to hold the umbrella up to the light and look through. Closely woven fabric is one of the best buying cues for an umbrella that will keep you dry.

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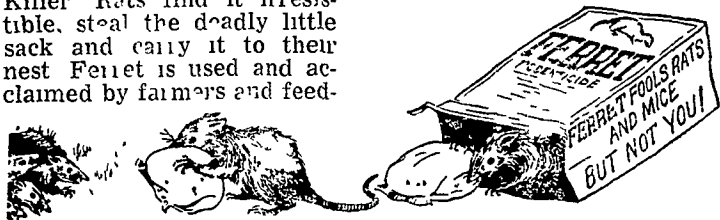
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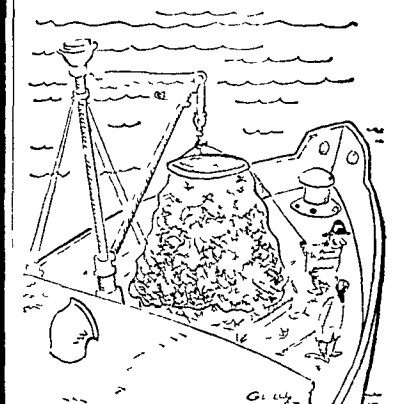
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