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Brooder Problems and How to Feed Young to Secure Best Results

By Prof. Harry R. Lewis d of the Dept. of Poultry Hus-andry at the New Jersey State Ag-cultural College Experiment Sta-

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A new industry has sprung up in the poultry business, namely, the raising of day-old chicks. It grew out of the inexperience of amateurs in operating incubators. But the purchaser of day-old chicks is not entirely relieved of responsibility. He must be careful to buy good stock, and to do so should deal only with reputable concerns. Then there are brooder and feeding problems incidental to all artificial methods of chick raising.

These can be easily taken care of by observing certain fundamental principles. Some of these are laid down in the following article:

The commercial day-old chick business, that is the hatching and selling of chicks at one day of age, is comparatively a new and rapidly growing industry. The great growth has doubtless been largely due to the trouble which amateurs experience in the operation of incubators. Most beginners do not understand the construction or operation of incubators and many prefer to start with young chicks, thus eliminating any possibility of loss due to the faulty handling of same.

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The person contemplating the purchase of day-old chicks should look carefully into the reputation and reliability of the one from whom they purchase. Be sure that the voungsters are hatched from eggs laid by strong, vigorous, well mated breeding stock. This is the first essential to satisfactory rearing. Well bred and properly hatched chicks are full and fluffy, having bright eyes, prominent and full of luster, resembling very much a shoe button.

If possible, the chicks should be

### POULTRY news

# Injury due to careless handling can be held up to the transportation company. Placed in Brooder Upon receipt of the chicks they should be put in a previously prepared brooder. If large quantities of baby chicks are bought, the large product stoves placed in properly built houses, about ten by twelve feet on the floor, will give excellent results. Not over five hundred chicks should ever be put under one hover and generally three hundred will give even better results. Smaller lots of chicks can be handled in portable hovers placed in rooms where the temperature can be maintained under the hover at the proper degree. From fifty to one hundred chicks are generally placed under these small hovers. The temperature under the hover should be regulated to about 95 degrees before the chicks are placed in same. The floor should be covered with fine dry sand, and over this fine chaff, clover or alfalfa being preferred. Plenty of grit should be scattered about the floor and fresh water supplied. The chicks should be taken from the shipping boxes immediately upon arrival and carefully placed under this specially prepared hover or hovers as the case may be, distributing them and seeing that they learn where the heat is and that they learn where the heat is and that they learn where the heat is and that they do not crowd in the corners of the building. It is always well to write to the one from whom they were purchased notifying him of the arrival and their condition. There are two factors which entering them handling of broader about the proper and the proper approach and their condition.

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There are two factors which enter into the handling of brooder chicks and which make for success or failure. These are temperature and feed. It is essential that the chicks be kept warm, but not too hot. Failure to provide sufficient heat means crowding and its attendant death rate, due to suffocation and weakening of vitality. It is also generally responsible for much of the diarrhea which is very common in brooder chicks. Too high a temperature will mean "hot house chicks," which are very susceptible to colds and drafts and which will not grow well and make husky, sturdy cockerels and pullets. The best temperature is 95 degrees the first two days under the hover, ninety to ninety-five the next five days, with a gradual drop of five degrees each week until the hover is the same as the normal room temperature, which should be from 60 to 70 degrees. From this time on the youngsters should be accustomed to no heat and no hover protection, the hover being gradually raised until it can be entirely removed. This weaning, or hardening off, as it is termed, is very essential to future success on the range.

Feeding Chicks

The feeding of the day-old chick during the brooding period is a simple matter, if the first principles of nutrition are known. Early feeding in large quantities should be avoided. The youngsters need plenty of ash, wheat bran being very desirable, Frequent feeding during early stages is made necessary on account of the small size of the digestive organs and the rapid growth which the young chick makes. Wet feeds should be avoided. Clean feeding is of the utmost importance. The feeding of sour skim milk, if it can be secured fresh each day, is very desirable, as it provides much nutriment and acts as an internal disinfectant. The following feeding practice is recommended to sters are placed under the hoyer until they leave their artificial mother and can take care of themselves on t

systematic feeding and correct temperature.

The necessary heat during shipment is maintained by their own bodies; for that reason they are shipped in specially constructed boxes so made as to withstand rough usage, and especially to retain the heat and to provide sufficient ventilation. One hundred chicks are generally shipped in each package, the lot being divided into four groups of twenty-five each by pasteboard walls or partitions. This prevents crowding and injury due to smothering should the package be left on end. Baby chicks are always shipped by express, and must be conspicuously labeled. Should a shipment be received in bad order it should immediately be reported to the express company and the bill should be marked "in bad order" by the receiver. If this is done each time, any injury due to careless handling can be held up to the transportation company.

til they leave their artificial mother and can take care of themselves on the range.

The object is not to force for great and rapid growth, but to get the chicks through a delicate period of their development with a strong, vigorous growth and a sturdy skeleton which can later stand the strain of forced feeding for either meat or eggs.

The Feeding Practice

First day. No solid feed other than grit and plenty of clean, fresh water and sour skim milk, if available, the milk to be fed continuously.

Second day. Pin-head oats or oatmeal, three feedings, scattering very small amounts on brooder floor.

Next five days. Feed the following cracked grain ration five times daily, giving only what will be eaten up quickly:

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# fluffy, having bright eyes, prominent and full of luster, resembling very much a shoe button. If possible, the chicks should be purchased near at hand so that they will not be subjected to too long a journey-by express. It is possible to ship chicks, properly crated, long distances with success, but the shorter the haul the better. If they can be left in the mercantile appraisement for 1915 brooders, the pullets being put in the weer made yesterday 40 Appraiser brooders, the pullets being put in the weer made yesterday 40 Appraiser brooders, the pullets being put in the weer made yesterday 40 Appraiser brooders, the pullets being put in the weer made yesterday 40 Appraiser brooders, the pullets being put in the weer made yesterday 40 Appraiser brooders, the pullets being put in the weer made yesterday 40 Appraiser brooders, the pullets being put in the weer made yesterday 40 Appraiser, brooders, the pullets being put in the weer made yesterday 40 Appraiser brooders, the pullets being put in the weer made yesterday 40 Appraiser brooders, the pullets being put in the weer made yesterday 40 Appraiser brooders, the pullets being put in the weer made yesterday 40 Appraiser brooders, the pullets being put in the weer made yesterday 40 Appraiser brooders, the pullets being put in the weer made yesterday 40 Appraiser brooders, the pullets being put in the weer made yesterday 40 Appraiser brooders, the pullets being put in the weer made yesterday 40 Appraiser brooders, the pullets being put in the weer made yesterday 40 Appraiser brooders, the pullets being put in the weer made yesterday 40 Appraiser brooders, the pullets being put in the ver made yesterday 40 Appraiser brooders, the pullets being put in the County Treasurer's office. Some of these merchantile appraisement for 1915 brooders, the pullets being brooders, the pullets being brooders, the pullets being brooders, the pullets being appraisement for 1915 brooders, the pullets being the followholds and winter. The special points are, then, care to get good ch THE BEST CHICK FOOD You can raise every pos-sible baby chick and make them grow big, strong and healthy by feeding Pratts, **Baby Chick Food** Costs only one cent per chick for three weeks

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Where the cockerels are to be marketed at ten to twelve weeks as brollers, it will be well to separate the sexes at about eight weeks of age, feeding the cockerels a more forcing ration. This can be accomplished by giving them the same dry mash mixed crumbly with sour skim milk and by increasing the cornmeal and meat to double the amount recommended above. This special feeding should not be started until about two weeks before they are to be marketed. This is important in order to get them into the best condition at killing time. When the cockerels are separated at eight weeks they can be left in the brooders, the pullets being put in the colonyhouses on the range, where they will be reared during the summer with the idea of egg production in the Fall

### Best Month For Hen Hatching

May has been proven by long experience and tests to be the best month for hatching by hens.

Brooding hens are most in evidence in May, and the weather conditions are more conducive to good results. The late hatching is overcome by the rapid development of chicks hatched at this time.

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Problems of egg selection, the proper kind of nesting, the attention to the chicks' welfare, however, have to be watched.

Next week's article will deal with these subjects. Look for it next Saturday, appearing exclusively in the Telegraph.

FEW MERCANTILE APPEALS

Joseph A. Miller Has Little to Do at
Hearing Yesterday
Less than a dozen appeals from the
mercantile appraisement for 1915
weer made yesterday to Appraiser
Joseph Miller, who sat for the purpose
in the County Treasurer's office.

ROSE COMBED WHITE LEGHORNS

By Louis Paul Graham

The best-known fowl in America today is the White Leghorn. It is the egg machine of the poultry family, and as such is highly esteemed. Many individuals and flocks of this variety have established enviable records for egg production for from one to three years, and whenever any man starts a poultry farm on a commercial basis he invariably stocks up with White Leghorns, especially if near the New York market, where the product of the White Leghorn hen is in great demand at an advanced price.

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WOMAN'S BODY RECOVERED

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f Mrs. Alice Smith, of Providence, R.
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