POULTRY NOTES

Items That Will Interest Our Readers Turkey Raising In Kent

Growing the pullets is one of the most important links in the whole chain of poultry practices, for upon the efficiency of this operation, depends in large part, inherent strength, the vitality, and the productive ability of the birds during their first lay in the year. Keeping the pullets growing from brooder age to maturity, is a very vital operation. If they are allowed to become stunted, checked or retarded in growth, they never attain the maximum development they would otherwise; hence, they never attain the same profitableness. Poorly grown pullets never make the most profitable layers; they never make profitable market poultry, nor do they ever make the best exhibition birds. Here are some of the things to consider in growing the pullets right.

Experienced growers have found that it is never profitable to grow the pullets and cockerels together in the same flock. They both grow more efficiently if separated. The surplus cockerels should usually be sold off for broilers, at about ten to twelve weeks of age, and the cockerels which are to be held over for breeding purposes should be taken away from the pullets and put on a separte range by themselves. This gives the pullets an unobstructed opportunity to grow and develop.

One of the most serious setbacks in the normal growth and development of the pullets, is the absence of adequate roosting quarters. No young growing animal can develop properly if too many are confined in small, poorly ventilated coops. The ideal roosting shelter for the pullets, is one which is open on all four sides, with just a roof over them to protect them against storms. It is not always possible to have shelters of this kind, but it is possible to do two things namely, to open up the front of the colony house, wide open, and possibly get end ventilation, by opening the door or windows; and then in the second place, do not allow too many birds to roost in one house. Many pullets are probably damaged by crowding too many into a small, poorly and ill ventilated shelter.

Trough the growing summer period, it is natural that the pullets, should perch. They should be taught to perch at the end of the brooding period, by putting low perches in the colony house before the fires are let out, and then as soon as the brooder fires are let out, and the chicks are gotten accustomed to perching, the perches should be gradually raised, until they are from two to three feet from the floor, and additional perches provided, so they should have plenty of room. Pullets do not grow as well, or do as well, when compelled to set around on the floor, or huddle in the corners of the brooder house. Provide them adequate perching space and then get them used to perching, which is a very adequate essential to insure good growth of the pullets.

Under ordinary conditions, turkeys will find a living in the fields without much attention by the owner. They have a faculty of going about in meadows and pastures searching for insect food without in any way damaging the crops. Their constant search for insects makes them valuable to farmers, because their appetite for such pests leads them to destroy thousands of the farmer's worst enemies.

Because they can find a living for themselves, the owner should not consider that they need no other feed beyond what the fields afford them. Growing turkeys should not be allowed to go a single day without grain feed of some kind. They should be fed every evening a liberal feed of grain, of which corn should be the smaller part. The evening feed of grain keeps the young turkeys growing rapidly, instead of making slow progress during the hot weather. It also gets them in the habit of coming to the house every night and they sleep at home, instead of sleeping on the most convenient fence, as they often do when not fed daily during the summer.

When turkeys are brought up to be familiar with their owners, they grow much better because they are not worried at the sight of a human being and live quietly, growing more rapidly because of their lack of excitement.

If milk is available, it will pay to make cottage cheese for them every day in the year. The curd made by heating sour milk or buttermilk is very rich in those elements that go to make large frames and heavy flesh and there is hardly and other way by which so much value may be extracted from waste milk.

It goes without saying that turkeys will not flourish in confinement of any sort. No one should undertake to grow theem unless he has ample range for them because they must have entire liberty or they will not make progress.

Meadows, pastures and, after harvest, grain fields are ideal ranges for turkeys. They are busy foragers and the insects they find give them the meat feed that is necessary to their best development. If the owner will attend to giving them a moderate grain feed every day he will find that his care and the cost of the feed will be returned many fold when it comes time to put the birds on the market.

WORTON

Mrs. Harold Crew and little daughter, of North East are visiting at the home of her parents Mr. and Mrs. Carroll Loller.

Miss Elizabeth Ellis, of Frankford, Del., is spending some time with her cousin Miss Clara Matthews.

Miss Louise Harris spent the week-end with her mother Mrs. James Harris.

Mrs. Jake Crowding and son Charles, of Townsend spent several days this week with Mr. and Mrs. C. H. Crowding.

Mr. Barney Cooper visited at the home of his sister Mrs. James Matthews over the week-end.

Mrs. Alphonza Rasin, of Chestertown is spending some time with Mrs. E. J. Rouse.

Mr. and Mrs. George Coleman and children, of Rock Hall spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. P. B. Rasin and family.

Miss Lula VanDyke, of Kenneydville is spending the Week with her sister Mrs. George Williams.

Mr. and Mrs. Thurman Crew and children of Philadelphia spent Sunday with Mr. and Mrs. Lester Carter, Miss Sarah Carter accompained them home for the week.

Miss Bessie Usilton, of Betterton is visiting Mr. and Mrs. John Thomas this week.

Mr. Ralph Williams has purchased a new Chevolet Car.

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