

THE GREEN FIELDS OF VIRGINIA INVITE POULTRYMEN

Says Mrs. G. L. Morriss, Mohawk Farm, Buckingham, Va.

Some one has said that the South is the "Garden spot of the World." And why not? If so, Virginia is the kale bed and therefore the ideal for poultry ranges.

I have often wondered why northern and western poultrymen prefer, if they do prefer, to pay high prices for small lots, when they could own larger acreage for far less cost. Why do they build expensive poultry houses, to raise a few chickens and produce eggs, when here the winters are short and storm proof houses not needed?

Not only is the land cheaper but just as good; poultry does better near the woods, and here are acres of cut over lands, with ten to thirty acres cleared, which can be cultivated in corn, wheat and oats raised and alfalfa seeded, which is itself almost a balanced ration. At the same time they may have scratch lots for all kinds of poultry and the opportunity of making a home worth while.

We really have cold weather for only about three months and conditions do not forbid hatching with hens at any time thru those months. Last winter I hatched four hundred chix, with the help of an incubator but raised ninety per cent with hens and only kept them closely for two weeks.

I have on my farm eighteen acres of alfalfa surrounding the poultry houses, and after June the growing stock and hens have free range in the wheat fields affording sufficient grain to keep them laying all summer. I have raised 98 per cent of June hatched chix and won first on the best four from this lot at the winter show.

This is to give you northern and western poultrymen who labor under disadvantages, a tip as to how you may succeed with poultry here and at much less expense and labor.

We will welcome all who care to investigate and help populate a wonderful country, which needs your pep and capital to make it the true "Garden spot of the World."

WANT TO KNOW HOW

Since the announcement of the record of 47 tons of milk produced in a year by five cows on the farm of the Pennsylvania State College, dairymen in all parts of the country have sent inquiries to Prof. A. A. Borland, head of the college dairy department, in regard to the methods of feeding and caring for the cows. During the past week, a Wisconsin banker wrote to the college asking for chemical and bacteriological data in regard to the milk produced on the college farm. A prominent San Francisco dairy man, in asking for information as to how the cows were handled, said that he desired to improve the dairy work done on the Pacific Coast.—Penn State College.

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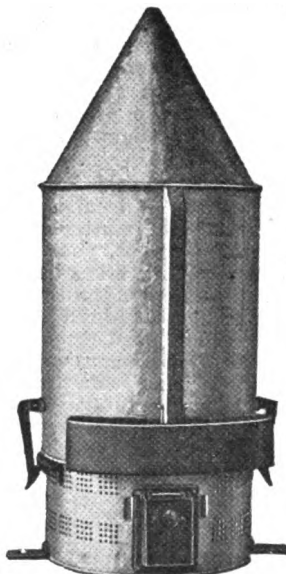
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