

DRY *VERSUS* WET MASH.

In connection with the egg-laying competition at Hawkesbury College, New South Wales, last year, a test was conducted to endeavour to prove the relative value of the wet and dry mash systems of feeding. The system adopted was that certain competitors entered two pens of equal-quality birds, one to be fed on wet and the other on dry mash. Below are given the summarized results. It should be pointed out that the men who favour dry-mash feeding in this country provide the meat separately, whereas at Hawkesbury meat scrap was mixed with the dry mash.

DRY AND WET MASH TEST.

Name of Competitor.	Breed of Hen.	Number of Eggs.			Value.			
		Dry.	Wet.	Difference in Favour of Wet.	Dry.	Wet.	Difference in Favour of	
							Wet.	Dry.
Hillcrest, P. F.	White Leghorns	1,131	1,262	131	s. d. 109/6	s. d. 131/2	s. d. 21/8	s. ..
Kenway, D. ..	Black Orpingtons	1,008	1,119	111	104/3	118/8	14/5	..
Kennel, C. C. ..	White Leghorns	990	1,128	138	96/8	116/2	19/6	..
Cox, Mrs. J. W.	Langshans ..	954	973	19	96/8	87/8	..	9/-
McKenna, J. J.	White Leghorns	920	1,171	251	93/7	110/6	16/11	..
Ellis, S. ..	White Leghorns	870	1,117	247	87/5	110/9	23/4	..
Brierley, F. J.	White Leghorns	856	1,268	412	84/7	128/9	44/2	..
Stuart, R. J. ..	White Leghorns	830	1,052	222	77/1	101/5	24/4	..
Waldron, E. ..	Black Orpingtons	734	950	216	70/5	86/5	16/0	..
Ramsay, L. L.	Black Orpingtons	511	774	263	50/3	68/2	17/11	..
		8,804	10,814	2,010	870/5	1,059/8	198/3	9/-

			Dry Mash.	Wet Mash.
Total eggs laid ..	..	..	8,804	10,814
Average per hen ..	..	..	146.7	180.2
Market value per hen	..	..	14s. 6d.	17s. 7½d.
Profit over feed per hen	..	..	7s. 0½d.	11s. 2d.

BRITISH PROGRESSION.

As a result of the awakening of the Home Government to the necessity of stimulating agriculture, a national poultry experimental station is to be established in England, a feature of which will be research-work. The British Board of Agriculture is evidently realizing, as Lord Blyth has well put it, that poultry-keeping is no longer a means of providing farmers' wives and daughters with pin-money; it is a serious business for men and women. A sum of £20,000 is talked of for foundation purposes, and an annual grant of £4,000 for maintenance.

THINGS TO REMEMBER.

Fowls, to be useful, must be well and regularly fed.

It is not the size or the weight of a bird that indicates its value when egg-production is the objective.