

THINGS TO REMEMBER.

Some people advocate that poultry-keeping should be recommended only as a sole means of livelihood and not as a side-line. The knowledge is certainly now available of how to manage poultry profitably on a large scale, but to apply this knowledge it is essential that it be first tested in practice, and it is certainly not advisable to do this on a large scale. Gaining experience in a small way and extending the plant as the knowledge increases is the only safe course.

It may be taken as a good guide that the thinnest birds at this time of the year are the heaviest layers in the flock. This does away with the fallacy that the good laying-bird can be overfed.

The hatching - qualities of eggs are often affected in transit; therefore do not always blame the breeder. It is not fair to judge results between eggs that have travelled and those that have not.

Do not overforce the pullet by means of stimulating foods. Remember that too early maturity is undesirable, even with White Leghorns. They should not commence to lay until six months old.

As soon as the sex can be determined the cockerels should be separated from the pullets.

No profit can be made from a cockerel sold as a table bird that is neglected in any way or is kept on a lean diet.

Cockerels that are undergoing the fattening process should be confined in small runs.

Now is the time that vermin multiply in abundance. Cleanliness, repeated sprayings, and good dust-baths are necessary.

Shelter from wind and shade from sun are necessary for good health of the birds, whether old or young.

Crushed plump oats should form a large percentage of the growing pullets' grain ration.

THE APIARY.

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MANAGEMENT OF APIARY-SITE.

EVERYTHING should now be put in order for the honey-flow, and all facilities given to the bees to enable them to work to their utmost during the harvest. One of the most important things to be attended to is the ground surrounding the hives. Nothing looks more unsightly than overgrown entrances and hives surrounded with long grass and weeds, and for the sake of the