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PHEASANT BROOD OBSERVATIONS

Ten broods have been reported to date by Grasmick, Burney, Bunney, Bowers, Owen, Schultz, Jensen and Cassell. Twelve other men have reported their first two broods.

Hatching Earlier

Compared to last year, the hatch is definitely earlier in 1952. The first broods reported in 29 scattered counties in 1952 were seen an average of eleven (11) days earlier than the first broods seen in the same 29 counties a year ago.

In these south central and southwestern counties-Gosper, Clay, Harlan, Franklin, Hitchcock, Frontier, Merrick, Kearney, Dundy, Phelps, Saline and Hall-the first reported brood was seen within a week of last year's date. In Perkins and Cedar counties the first broods were seen at least three weeks earlier this year than last.

Additional reports will change some of the above.

Bowers, Grasmick and Schultz saw their first broods near the same dates as last year but it took them only about ten days to get their first ten while a year ago these three averaged 19 days from 1st to 10th brood. And their 1952 broods averaged more per brood than last year.

The list below shows data from cards received by July 3rd.

Observer	Date When First Brood Was Seen	Date When Tenth Brood Was Seen	Ave. Number Yg. Per Brood
Owen	May 17	June 16	9.4
Greving	May 28		
Bunney	May 30	June 24	6.3
Cassell	May 31	July 1	7.6
Sampson	June 2		
Burney	June 9	June 21	5.8
McCole	June 9		
Green	June 11		
Grasmick	June 12	June 17	8.2
Von Dane	June 13		
Bosak	June 15	July 10	5.8
Bowers	June 15	June 28	7.7
Edmunds	June 18		
Miller	June 18		
Schultz	June 19	June 30	6.6
McCarroll	June 19	[illegible]	[illegible]
Mohler	June 20		
Dorwart	June 20	July 4	6.3
Jensen	June 21	June 30	8.2
Ulrich	June 27	July 13	7.1

The first 105 broods reported this year averaged 7.17 young per brood. Last year the first 62 broods (reported by July 11th) averaged 6.5.

Summary

It appears that 1952 hatching is earlier than last year, is reaching the peak faster, and the broods are slightly larger.

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