

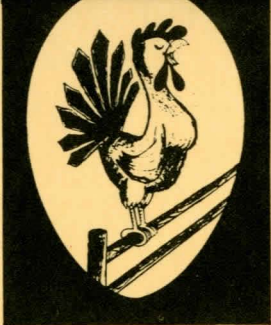
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EGG CARE

IS YOUR RESPONSIBILITY

Your hens have produced good eggs for you. Are you taking care of them? Check the following items each day - and TODAY.

Gather eggs frequently, 3 or 4 times EACH DAY.

Use plastic-coated or rubber-coated baskets that do not leave marks on the eggs.

Clean any dirty or soiled eggs as soon as possible. (When washing eggs, use water of 110 to 120 degrees F. with a good egg washing compound and leave the eggs in the washer not more than 3 minutes.)

Cool all eggs rapidly and immediately to 55 degrees F. or less, immediately after gathering. (Do not cool below 40 degrees F.) MECHANICAL REFRIGERATION NECESSARY.

Hold eggs at a constant temperature of not over 60 degrees F. and a relative humidity of not less than 70 per cent.

Remove cracks, odd shapes and unsaleable eggs. (Use these in your own home or dispose of them other than on your quality market.)

Case the clean eggs with small end down in clean, sound, pre-cooled cases. (Empty cases stored in your egg cooler will be both cool and humid.)

Deliver your eggs to your marketing agent or route truck at least every four days.

DON'TS

1. Don't guess about cooler temperatures, use a thermometer.
2. Don't consider any day a "holiday" from egg chores. (Your hens can't read.)
3. Don't allow heat and dryness to rob you of otherwise good egg quality.
4. Don't fill egg baskets more than 2/3 full. Overfilling baskets increases cracked eggs.
5. Don't throw this card away. Post it in a prominent place in your egg handling room and refer to it each day.

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