

### EGG PRODUCTION POSSIBILITIES

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Egg production at the present time and during the past two months has been rather low. This may be attributed to several factors, some of which cannot be controlled, but others can. These factors are as follows:

First.—Due to the mild fall the old hens laid later than usual before going into molt and they have been more slowly regrowing their feathers than in normal years. This factor, of course, could not be controlled.

Second.—The great majority of pullets raised all of this year were hatched too late to begin laying in the early fall. This factor can be controlled, and right now is the time to begin to figure on next year's egg production. If you expect to have winter eggs, your pullets must be hatched in February, March, or April, and must be properly developed on the right kind of feed.

Third.—There has not been as great per cent of pullets in the flocks as should be. This factor can also be controlled. The old hens must necessarily have a molt and a rest during the fall, and this is the time when eggs are highest in price. We should have early pullets to step into their places during their molt, and the number of pullets should be great enough so as to make your pullets in about 65% of the total flock. If you do this, the fall molt of the hens will not be noticeable and you will never be without eggs.

Fourth.—Insufficient housing has caused poor production in a number of instances. Houses without the racks stripped and entirely open have been used and when we have a cold night, the production is reduced. These houses should be improved and made tight except on the south side. And during the coldest days and nights a curtain of feed sacks should be put over the opening with a pole at the bottom so you can roll the curtain up on warm nights. This degree will help very materially in giving a better percent of production during the winter months.

### MRS. LUCY JANE AUTRY MARTIN DIES

We are called upon this week to record the home-going of another of the elderly class of Clarke county. We refer to Mrs. Lucy Jane Autry Martin, widow of John H. Martin who died in September, 1902. Mrs. Martin was born March 27th, 1841, and died Feb. 2nd, 1925. She lived quite early in life while living in Alabama. Later she and her husband moved to Mississippi and they remained until their deaths. She is survived by the following children: W. T. Martin, farmer, Quitman; A. E. Martin, merchant, Stennis, Miss.; I. S. Martin, teacher, Stennis, Miss.; Dr. G. M. Martin, physician, Stennis, Miss.; Mrs. J. A. Johnston, Mrs. J. A. Johnston, Flatwood, Ala. Besides these, she had one sister, fifty children and fifty-six grandchildren. Mrs. Martin was a true type of a womanhood, a faithful wife, mother, a true friend, and a devoted Christian, being a member of the Elm Baptist Church. For sometime she had been in declining health, but for her age her condition was not regarded as being bad. Since the death of her husband she has spent much of her time

visiting her children and grandchildren. A few weeks ago she went down to Piquette to visit in the home of her son, Dr. Gid. A hit past midnight of February the first she awoke the family, stating that she was suffering intensely. In less than an hour she expired.

The remains were brought back to the home of her son, W. Thomas, and held at Mt. Rose church Wednesday afternoon at 2 o'clock. Rev. R. S. Gavin, officiating.

A good woman has passed to her well-deserved reward. The sympathies of the entire section are extended to the stricken family.

### MOTORISTS OBJECT TO TRIPPS DUE TO BAD ROADS AND NATURALLY SEEK ROUTES THAT ASSURE TRAVEL

(From the Illinois Motorist)

As Autumn approaches, the motor tourist is forced to pay increased attention to bulletins showing the condition of the roads over which he plans to travel. He scans reports headed "Road Conditions" and finds that one road is to be avoided after a rain, another is impassable in bad weather and still another is rough and uncomfortable to use.

Little wonder that hotel owners along improved roads report a pronounced lengthening of the tourist season. Motorists object to trips due to bad roads and naturally seek routes that assure uninterrupted travel. September and October are ideal months to motor—where the roads are dependable.

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