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POULTRY RECORD BOOK

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THIS RECORD HAS BEEN PREPARED FOR THE USE OF CO-OPERATORS IN THE POULTRY RECORD FLOCK PROJECT. IT MAY BE USED BY ANY FARMER WISHING TO MAKE A STUDY OF HIS POULTRY

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INSTRUCTIONS TO CO-OPERATORS

FEED—

Charge home-grown feeds at the price that could be obtained for them at the farm.
List feed as scratch, mash, meat scrap, etc.
List pounds of grain instead of bushels.

POULTRY PRODUCTS—

List eggs disposed of as "Eggs Sold," and "Eggs Used," "Eggs Used for Hatching."
Credit eggs and poultry used at home at the price that could be obtained for them.
Record actual number of hens on hand at the end of the month. This should be them same as the number at the beginning of the next month.
Enter eggs used for hatching in both "Receipts" and "Miscellaneous Expense."

HOW TO USE RECORD BOOK—

1. All information called for is important.
2. Give date, amount, and total value for every transaction.
3. At the beginning of year make inventory on page 2. Copy on sheet provided and mail it to your county agent.
4. At the beginning of each month fill in at top of page: Month; Name; Address; Breed; number hens, males, chickens.
5. Enter expenses and receipts on monthly record sheet as transaction occurs.
6. At end of each month:
   a. Enter number hens, males, chickens sold or used; number hens, males, chickens died; number hens, males, chickens end of month; chickens hatched during month; eggs laid; and average time spent daily.
   b. Charge time spent during month at price common for labor by hour under miscellaneous expense.
   c. Charge farm feeds, including green feed and milk at price which could be obtained for them.
   d. Credit eggs and poultry used during month.
   e. Total receipts and expenses for the month.
   f. Copy record on sheet provided and mail it to your county agent.
7. At end of year:
   a. Make closing inventory and annual poultry statement.
   b. Copy closing inventory and annual poultry statement and send it to your county agent.
   c. When final report of all flocks is received make study of your flock on inside back cover.

SAMPLE OF MONTHLY RECORD SHEET

POULTRY RECORD FOR *March*, 19*31*
(Month)

Name *Mrs. John Smith* Address *South St. Paul* County *Dakota*

	No. beginning of month	No. bought or hatched	No. died	No. sold or used	No. at end of month
Hens	151	0	3	4	144
Males	13	0	0	1	14
Chicks under 6 months	0	322	7	100	215

Breed *R.C. R.I. Red* Eggs laid *2135* Average hours daily for labor *2*

RECEIPTS

RECEIVED for Eggs, Poultry, and Miscellaneous

Date	Quantity	Item	Amount received
Mar. 6	400	Hatching eggs used	$ 6.00
14	30	Hatching eggs sold	.45
14	15 dz.	Eggs sold	1.80
14	210	Hatching eggs sold	3.05
16	200	Hatching eggs sold	3.00
17	8#	1 male used	1.12
17	100	Hatching eggs sold	1.50
18	200	Hatching eggs sold	3.00
21	100	Hatching eggs sold	1.50
28	100	Baby chicks sold	10.00
29	506	Hatching eggs used	7.59
29	5 dz.	Eggs used	.60
30		Show premiums	2.50
		Total	$42.11

EXPENDITURES

PAID FOR FEED (Add freight and cost of grinding)

Date	Quantity (Lbs.)	Item	Amount paid
Mar. 1	100	Oyster shell	$ 1.15
13	100	Ground corn	1.00
13	100	Ground oats	.88
13	200	Bran (including $1.25 delivery)	3.05
13	200	Middlings (including $1.25 delivery)	3.05
13	280	Cracked corn	2.10
13	140	Oats	1.23
29	100	Meat scrap	3.00
29	100	Alfalfa	.75
		Total	16.21

MISCELLANEOUS EXPENSE

Date	Quantity	Item	Amount paid
Mar. 6	400	Hatching eggs used	6.00
6		Express on eggs	1.20
29	506	Hatching eggs used	7.59
31	62 hrs.	Labor	6.20
		Total	$20.99

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INVENTORY BEGINNING OF YEAR.....
(Fill in date)

STOCK ON HAND

Kind	Number	Price	Value	Remarks
Hens		$	$	
Pullets				
Roosters				
Eggs				
Turkeys				
Ducks				
Geese				
Total		$	$	

FEEDS ON HAND (Exclusively for Poultry)

Kind	Amount	Price	Value	Remarks
Scratch feed		$	$	
Ground feed				
Green feed				
Meat scrap				
Grit and shell				
Total		$	$	

EQUIPMENT

Kind	Number	First cost	Present value	Total value	Remarks
Houses		$	$	$	
Incubators					
Brooders					
Hoppers					
Water fountains					
Crates & Coops					
All else					
Total		$	$	$	

Total value of inventory $.....

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(Month)

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Males					
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Incubators								
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Hoppers								
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Crates or Coops								
All else								
Total		$		$		$		

Total value of inventory $.....

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ANNUAL POULTRY STATEMENT

Name _____ Address _____ Date _____

Month	Receipts		Expenses	
January	$		$	
February				
March				
April				
May				
June				
July				
August				
September				
October				
November				
December				
Total	$		$	

Total cash receipts ..... $_____

Closing inventory—Poultry ..... $_____

Feed ..... $_____

Equipment ..... $_____

Total income ..... $_____

Expenses as per above ..... $_____

Opening inventory—Poultry ..... $_____

Feed ..... $_____

Equipment ..... $_____

Interest on average inventory at _____% $_____

Total expense ..... $_____

Profit or loss—difference between income and expense ..... $_____

STUDY OF MY POULTRY FOR YEAR 19.....

	My farm	Average
EGG PRODUCTION:		
Average number hens kept		
Total eggs laid		
Eggs laid per hen		
FEEDING:		
Total pounds scratch feed used		
Pounds fed per hen		
Total pounds ground feed used		
Pounds ground feed per hen		
MORTALITY:		
Number mature birds died		
Per cent of adults beginning of year		
CHICK RAISING:		
Number eggs incubated		
Number strong chicks hatched and bought and not sold as baby chicks		
Number died		
Total receipts including $_____ increase in inventory		
Total expense except labor		
Total return from flock for labor and profit		
$		
Feed cost per hen		
Feed cost per dozen eggs		
Average price per dozen eggs		
Per cent chicks died		

SUGGESTED RATIONS

Standard Laying Ration

Scratch Feed	Mash
200 lbs. cracked corn	100 lbs. ground corn
100 lbs. wheat	100 lbs. ground oats
100 lbs. oats	100 lbs. bran
	100 lbs. middlings
	100 lbs. meat scraps
	3 lbs. salt

Add one pint of cod liver oil to each 100 pounds of mash as long as hens are confined to houses.

Feed scratch feed in deep scratch litter. Feed six to eight quarts daily to every 100 hens, giving about one third in the morning and two thirds in the afternoon.

Feed dry mash in hoppers that are open all the time.

Alfalfa hay fed in racks is a valuable winter feed.

Green feed, as sprouted oats, rutabagas, or cabbage, should be fed daily during the time that the hens are confined to houses; about eight pounds to every 100 hens.

Oyster shell, grit, and charcoal should always be available.

Have water before the hens all the time.

If milk is always before the hens, the meat scrap may be reduced one-half.

Provide 20 feet of feeder opening for each 100 hens.

Fattening Rations

For use in preparing chickens for home dressing

7 lbs. cornmeal	3 lbs. middlings	1 lb. bran

Add sour milk until it will pour.

Confine adult birds in coops. Feed above mixture lightly twice daily during first two days. Increase the amount to the fourteenth day, being careful not to feed more than the birds will clean up.

Young cockerels may be fattened in the same way but shold be confined in a semi-darkened room instead of in coops.

For Chickens to be Marketed Alive

Confine to a room or small yard and feed laying ration described above except use 50% corn in mash as well as scratch.