

The First Year of the Chicken-of-Tomorrow Contest



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The first year of the three year Chicken-of-tomorrow Contest is now history and the contest is out of the Murphy's stage. The Indiana 1946 winner was an entry made by Lucian Jones of Jones Hatchery, Lafayette. The winning entry was "Barred-White Hybrid" produced by mating Barred Plymouth Rock males to White Plymouth Rock females. For the last several years Jones has been selling cockerels of this kind to broiler raisers. These cockerels were outstanding in the dressed bird exhibit, according to Mr. G. M. Coffey, Government poultry grader for the Wadley Company, Indianapolis, who was judge of the Indiana contest.

Second place was won by Frank Conway of Indianapolis. These birds were Buff Orpingtons. These birds won excellent results secured from many years of selective breeding for both good meat qualities and standard characteristics.

Third and fourth places were won by the Riley Poultry Farm, Lafayette, with their white and Barred Plymouth Rocks respectively. These varieties were good examples of what can be produced in most type chickens by following good breeding practices.

At the annual meeting of the State Poultry Association at Turkey Run, Certificates of Merit were presented to the above name prize winners and to the Corn Belt Hatchery, Oxford, on their entry of Barred Plymouth Rocks and to Leno Stonebraker, Corvuss, on a Barred-Rump Cross entry. These

certificates were presented by Hubert Creighton, Warsaw, who is a member of the Chicken-of-Tomorrow National Committee.

There were many hatcherymen and poultrykeepers who stood on the sidelines and watched the Chicken-of-Tomorrow Contest during this first year of its operation. These people apparently wanted to see how the contest would be accepted by the public. Also, they seemed to want to see what the competition would be like. A great increase in enrollment is expected for next year because of this natural caution.

Many people are asking about the rules which govern the contest, so a summary of the rules are given as follows. Anyone can enter the contest. It is not restricted to hatcherymen. If any poultryraiser thinks he has birds which are of the ideal type, and could place well in competition against other well finished chickens, they are urged to enter the contest. There is no entry fee, but each contestant must file a separate card for each entry with the Chicken-of-Tomorrow Committee, State Poultry Association, Lafayette, Indiana.

An entry consists of one hundred to three hundred straight run chicks—desired, as long as the breeder is able to reproduce the stock. These contest birds must be housed separately from other birds on the range and must be marked by some form of distinguishing mark. The 1946 growth period was sixteen weeks. Twenty live birds from each entry were shipped to the contest and fifteen of them were dressed. The other twelve were exhibited in a standard box pack as a dressed poultry case in the Horticulture Building while the best four of the five live birds were displayed in the Poultry Building during the Indiana State Fair. There was a great amount of interest in the combined live and dressed display of poultry.

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