

### Growth and Expansion of the National Poultry Improvement Plan in Indiana



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The National Poultry Improvement Plan has shown a steady growth in Indiana since its beginning. The hatchery egg capacity has come from about 4 million in the 1925-29 season to about 20 million for the 1945-49 season. Along with this growth there are many changes taking place. Last year our inspection service inspected 23% of the flocks under the Plan. This year, due to the relaxing of travel and man-

power conditions, 25% of the flocks are to be inspected.

The tolerance for the Pullorum-Typhoid classification this year in Indiana is "less than 4% reaction," which is an improvement over last year's tolerance. This season, registrations are more specific and specify that on farm flocks and specify that all birds on the farm besides the chickens must be tested. In other words, this includes ducks, guineas, turkeys, etc.

The Flock-Selecting and Pullorum-Testing Agents work closely with the official State agency. In order to maintain the close relationship with these agents, they attend a school each 2 years to renew their permit. This year two Purdue Poultry Short Courses and four one-day schools were held for that purpose. These schools are held to give the field agents the latest poultry information and to give them their examination to see if they are qualified to administer their part of the National Poultry Improvement Plan in the field.

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