

I. Phases of Poultry Husbandry being emphasized during 1926.

1. Standard Bred Poultry.

- (a) Standard Bred Breeding Stock.
- (b) Standard Bred Eggs and Chicks.

2. Early Hatching.

- (a) Artificial Incubation or Breeding on Farms.
- (b) Early Hatched Day Old Chicks.

3. Housing.

- (a) Remodeling Old Poultry Buildings.
- (b) Construction of New Poultry Buildings.
- (c) Construction of Portable Brooder House.
- (d) Construction of Large Brood Coops.

4. Feeding.

- (a) Developing Early Hatched Pullets.
- (b) Fattening Fowls on Farms.
- (c) Feeding for Winter Egg Production.
- (d) Feeding Turkey Poults.

5. Farm Flock Management Demonstrations.

6. Farm Flock Improvement Contest.

7. Organization of County Branch of State Poultry Federation.

8. Marketing.

- (a) Cooperative Shipping of Live Poultry in Carload Lots.
- (b) Preparation of Market Eggs.
- (c) Cooperative Killing, Packing and Shipping of Dressed Turkeys.
- (d) Community Custom Hatcheries.

HOW COUNTY AGENTS CAN GET ASSISTANCE WITH POULTRY PROJECTS.

Poultry work is one of the few lines of extension work that is undertaken by both farm and home demonstration agents on a large scale, so the work has to be planned very carefully in order for the specialist to render the maximum assistance where most needed. At the present time, the field specialists staff consists of one part-time worker and two full-time workers.

The projects outlined for 1926 are practically the same as those that have been carried on during the past several years. Better breeding is being encouraged through the Standard Bred Poultry, Early Hatching, Farm Flock Improvement, and County Poultry Association projects. Better feeding and management are being encouraged through the Early Hatching, Better Feeding, Flock Management, and Marketing projects. Any agent who does not fully understand the object and method of procedure in these projects can secure full information in regard to the same by writing to the Poultry Department at Blacksburg.

It is earnestly requested that each agent notify the Poultry Department at once of the kind of assistance which he will need during 1926 and the approximate date when such assistance will be needed.