

Poultry Industry *Grows*

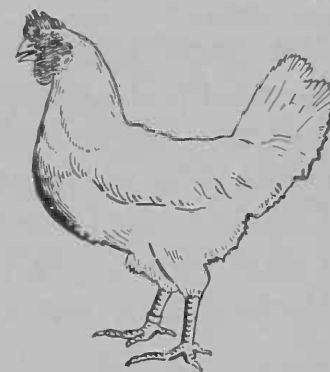
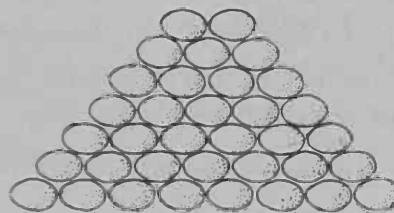
Poultry raising in Arizona is beginning to develop into a sound, important specialized industry. In 1952 it ranked eighth in cash income from Arizona farm and ranch production.

In 1935 the Bureau of Agricultural Economics reported an average egg production of 133 eggs per bird in Arizona. In 1952 the production had increased to 168 eggs per bird. This 35-egg increase per bird in 1952, at the average farm price of \$.58 per dozen, returned to Arizona poultrymen \$1.69 more per bird for a total of \$968,370 for hens on farms January 1, 1952, due to this increased production.

In 1935 a good poultryman could produce a 3-pound fryer on 12 pounds of feed in 12 weeks. In 1952 this same poultryman produced a 3-pound fryer on 9 pounds of feed in 9 weeks as a result of increased efficiency in nutrition and breeding.

The University of Arizona College of Agriculture provided the leadership in the development of the poultry improvement

26.3% MORE EGGS



Average egg production per bird increased 35 eggs or 26.3 percent from 1935 to 1952 in Arizona.

program, beginning by organizing the Arizona Accredited Hatchery Association in 1928, followed by the Arizona Poultry Improvement Association in 1935, as the Official State Agency to administer the National Poultry Plan. This association was reorganized into the Arizona Poultry Improvement Board in 1946, with three permanent members from the College of Agriculture.



A flock-selecting and Pullorum-testing crew at work.