

## POULTRY IN ARIZONA

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 A Brief Review of the Arizona State Fair Poultry Show, Future Prospects  
 For Poultry in Arizona

**T**HE 1927 Arizona State Fair Poultry Show was by far the best that has ever been held in Arizona. It was larger and the quality was better than any poultry show held in the state before. There were 1607 head of poultry, rabbits, and pigeons on display consisting of 168 different varieties of poultry and rabbits. This is by far the greatest number of varieties ever seen at one time by the visitors at the fair.

Judge W. M. Wise, who placed the awards on the regular classes, stated that he was surprised that there were so many varieties and exhibits. He also stated that the birds were capable of winning at some of the largest poultry exhibitions held in the United States. Judge E. I. Hammond, who placed the ribbons on the turkeys, ducks, pigeons, and rabbits, said that he was highly pleased with the show as a whole. These men are both familiar with the largest exhibitions of this kind throughout the entire West. Judge Wise was for ten years manager of poultry breeding at the Michigan Agricultural College in Michigan. Judge Hammond has acted as show secretary of the California State Fair, the Southern California Fair at Riverside, and the great Los Angeles show for a number of years as well as judging some of the more prominent shows on the Pacific Coast. The poultry building at the Arizona

State Fair is entirely inadequate to take care of the ever increasing number of birds shown at this fair. It is only a matter of time when additional building space and cooping facilities will have to be provided to house this great display. Otherwise it will be necessary to limit the number of exhibitors to just what the building will take care of. It is hoped that this will not be necessary, however, as one can readily understand the disappointment of the numerous breeders of high class poultry and rabbits, who after going to the trouble of making preparations for the show have their entries returned for lack of space to house them. We sincerely hope that this will not be necessary, but it looks as though it will happen, possibly in 1928, unless larger quarters are provided.

The poultry industry in Arizona has certainly shown wonderful improvement in the last ten years, both in quantity and quality. However, there are still plenty of opportunities for those wishing to go into this business. Many cars of eggs and poultry products are imported each year to take care of the Arizona demand. This really should not be so, as the climate is ideal for poultry raising in most parts of the state. The egg laying contest at Tucson demonstrates conclusively that hens will produce as well in Arizona as any place on

earth and much better than most other sections. The mild winters make early hatching preferable, and the early hatched chicks are the money-makers the following fall and winter. Then too the early hatched fryers bring much better prices than those hatched in April, May, and June.

My advice to all poultry breeders is to get the best stock obtainable, take good care of the stock, giving them proper feeds, plenty of pure, fresh water, and an abundance of greens. The birds should also be kept free from parasites and vermin. Show your birds for the sport and advertising value and you will make a success of the poultry business.

Wife (disguising her voice): "Guess who this is?"

Husband: "Is it—ah—Phyllis?"

Wife (furiously): "Phyllis!"

Husband (disguising his voice): "Guess who this is?"

He: "I'm going to kiss you every time a star falls."

She (ten minutes later): "You must be counting the lightning bugs."

Mint leaves added to a molded or frozen salad give an unusual flavor. Small leaves of mint are used as garnishes.

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