

Experiment Station Had Six Hens Each With 300-Egg Record Last Year

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During the 1944-45 laying year three White Leghorn and three Rhode Island Red hens laid 300 eggs or more in the 365 day period following the date the first egg was laid. Egg weight, as determined by weighing eggs laid on three successive days each month, was above 24 ounces per dozen (57 grams per egg) for three of the hens. Hen No. 4131 laid very small eggs.

In 1944 all chicks reared at the station were hatched very late in the season. Practically no chicks were hatched before late April. The three Leghorn hens listed were all hatched April 25 and the Reds were all hatched in May.

The records of these six hens are brought to attention, not so much because it is an unusual feat for hens to lay 300 eggs, but to show that it can be done under North Dakota conditions.

Three-hundred-egg hens in 1944-45 Experiment Station flock

Hen No.	Breed	No. eggs	Egg weight gms.	Date of first egg
4120	White Leghorn	306	55	Nov. 6
4122	White Leghorn	308	58	Oct. 20
4131	White Leghorn	306	47	Nov. 7
4028	R. I. Red	302	61	Nov. 18
4044	R. I. Red	300	54	Nov. 10
4458	R. I. Red	300	62	Nov. 20