

GEESE LAY NO GOLDEN EGGS BUT THEY DO LAY PROFITS

More Raising of These Fowl Suggest- Geese Fattened in Confinement. ed as a Source of Cheaper Meat-Ten is Fair Average for an Acre are fattened in large

is abundant is a suggested source of cheaper meat.

Geese are raised chiefly in the South and Middle West, Kentucky, Tennessee, Missouri, and Arkansas being the chief supply sources. During the decade ending in 1910, the total number of geese declined 22 per cent, largely because of the lack of cheap pastures and the limited demand for goose feathers and goose flesh. Thousands of acres of native grass throughout the South and some parts of the Middle West are qualified for geese raising operations should, if possible, add this branch of poultrying to their activities. This is the opinion of United States Department of Agriculture specialists.

The Toulouse, Embden, popular and African are the most American breeds of geese, the first two greatly leading the others. Occasionally the eggs are used for cooking, but generally geese are kept only for meat and feather production. Practically all the geese in this country are raised in small flocks on general farms, some men making a spec ialty of collecting large numbers of gease and fattening them for a few weeks before they are killed. As grass makes up the bulk of feed for geese, it is doubtful whether it pays to raise them unless good grass range is available during the summer. A pool of water for bathing and recreational purposes is also a desirable feature.

The market for geese is not so general as for chickens. The point should be considered in undertaking the raising of geese. The demand and the

price paid for geese are usually good in sections where goose afttening is conducted on a large scale.

Geese are Rugged and Mardy Geese are hardly birds and need shelter only in winter or stormy weath er. An open shed or an old barn usually is satisfactory for this purpose. From 4 to 25 geese may be kept on an Geese are hardly birds and need From 4 to 25 geese may be kept on an acre of land, although under most con ditions 10 is a fair average. Wherever possible the geese should have free range during the grass season. Southern plantation owners keep geese

to kill the weeds in the cotton fields. Geese are fed a ration to produce eggs during the latter part of the winter so that the goslings will be hatched by the time there is good grass pasture. The eggs may be hatched by either hens or geese. Some breeders prefer to raise all the goslings under hens, as grese sometimes become difficult to manage when al

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lowed to hatch and rear their young The period of incubation of goose eggs varies from 28 to 30 days.

Goslings do not need feed until they are 24 or 36 hours old, when they should be fed one of the mashes recommended for chickens or goslings or a mash or dough of two-thirds shorts (middlings) and one-third corn meal, which can be made of equal parts shorts and corn meal, with & per cent of beef scrap added after the goslings are six weeks old. Bread and milk make an excellent feed for young goslings. Fine grit or sharp sand should also be available in winter. If goslings are to be fattened the ration should be changed to one-third shorts and two-thirds corn meal by weight, with 5 per cent of beef scrap added, while a feed of corn should be given at night.

Most geese breeders do not confine their geese for fattening, but them freely a few weeks on a fatten ing ration before they are to be marketed. The geese may be con fined for two or three weeks and fattened, but some green feed or vegetabls should be added to the ration.

Adult geese may be ted for egg production on a mash of one pound of corn meal, one of barn, one of middlings or low-grade flour, and 10 per cent of beef scrap, which is fed in the morning; equal parts of corn and wheat, or corn alone, is fed at night Grit and oyster shell should be kept before geese when they are laying and may be provided all the time to advantage. A constant supply of drinking water should always be available under protection so that the geese can not get their feet into the water. Cut clover, hay, alfalfa, silage, cabbage, mangle-wurzel beets or any waste vegetables may be fed during the winter months.

Young geese when fully feathered numbers by -Advice on Their Management. buyers who make a specialty of this business. Six to eight geese are gen-If the goose of the fable was able erally confined for three weeks in a to lay a golden egg, there is no rea- pen and fed by hand five times daily son why her progeny of the present on a mixture of two parts of corn era can not repeat this miracle in a meal and one part of ground wheat more concrete form. Goose meat is and sifted ground oats mixed with nutritious and palatable and not enough low-grade our to make a greasy when properly cooked, and an stiff batter when water is added. This extension of goose raising in the re- mixture is put through a sauasge gions of cheap land where pasturage stuffer, cut into pieces two inches long

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Nearly all breeders of geese in the ive geese at some time prior to molting. Some pick every six weeks during the spring, summer and early fall, while others pick only once or twice a year. Feathers are ripe for picking when the quills appear dry and do not contain blood. The average yearly production of feathers of geese is about 1.1 pound. The demand for goose feathers and the practice of plucking geese appear to be decreasing, attention being concentrated on the production of young geese for SAYS SMALL PAPERS

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