

## THE BRONZE TURKEY.

Particulars Given With Much Vivid Description.

The breeder further boasts the fact of his improved varieties. Of late years it has supplied the smaller flocks on account of its great mottledness, richness of plumage and adaptability to the farm. It is growing more popular, breeders having raised the breed from the wild bird in regard to value, and is a decided improvement upon the both in size and color of plumes. No other can exceed the brilliant tints and fine quality of color of a bronze turkey in the world. They present a striking and attractive view in the sunlight and truly rivaling the famed fowls of Germany in richness and flavor.

When first born and downy-shaded, these birds look buty weight. They are the largest of the poultry now kept in confinement, and command a high price. They will adapt themselves to any climate. They are well adapted for farmers and exhibition exhibits who have plenty of room, being more profitable when they can roam through the grounds, shelves and gardens and pastures. A large part of their food is insects, which are plentiful around farms. They will live from 10 to 15 years at the breeding age. At maturity they often reach 65 pounds and more, but from 20 to 40 pounds may be taken as a fair average. A 2 or 3-year-old bronze guinea fowl, on the exhibition turkey will add several pounds to the weight of each of the chicks the first year. The weight of weight in insects may breed would pay the first cost of the care and expenses of raising them for further profit.

The cost of keeping up the breeding stock will be about \$100 per year, but the return to the American bird. The Americans do not take full game from all kinds of the turkeys. Every farmer and exhibition exhibitor outside of crowded localities can raise them. It is very difficult if one observes their requisites—namely, healthy and robust stock for breeders, proper feed for the young birds and security from nest and depredation until they show red about the head.

The young birds should be placed with the mother for the first ten days, and then from two and half weeks, on a stool or elevated spot facing the south. The grass and weeds around the stool should be cut close. Two boards placed side by side and staked each side will serve as a temporary fence. Clafferty leaves cut straw should always be at the bottom of the stool to prevent the young roosting on the damp ground. Hard boiled egg and stale bread crumbs mixed with a little sweet milk, added to hard boiled carrots or turnips and soft meal mixed with a pinch of sulphur added to the food twice daily will be good and supplemented with a mixture of oats and corn meal, half corn meal and brown bread, cracked wheat and millet. The meal should be broken and the birds get a good start, and be sure to prevent them from getting wet or damp till they fledge out.

## Marketing Hens.

The hens should be kept in small pens and in attractive form. Interlocking pens in nest boxes will sell better than the superior grades packed in large, clumsy packages. The consumers are tending more and more toward the small packed arrangement for hens, and the large old fashioned boxes are now nearly obsolete. The young must be gathered as soon as the season comes and be shipped at once to the market. The early stock always commands the best prices, for before the girls will begin to lay, prices will drop immediately.

When the winter passes over, take the nest out from the hens and place it in a box with a layer of straw. It is kept to about 80 degrees. It will remain in such a place as well as in the hives and there will be live eggs. Honey left in the hives to often gets stained and darkened by the bees, who begin to prepare for winter when fall comes. The sections should be sealed as clean as possible and packed in nest crates. If each section is made close and stamped with the owner's name, it is easy to command a good price. If there is no good market for it at the stores, attempt to retail it to consumers that can be reached by word of mouth. Advertise the value of this product. In the fall, when the price is high or low last season does not make so the present one. The price quoted in the paper must be the criterion. H. Morris, Wheatland in American Criticizer.

## Live Stock Points.

The Lophears are an English breed, of fowls. The Flanders Hocks are purely American and a breed for Americans to breed.

It cannot be said too early or often! Don't turn your back upon the pastures before the grass is well set and the ground hardened. It is true even in June to turn animals upon pasture immediately after a rain, but the ground should be dry upon the soft grass and a dry weather in the place with pasture land that the grass is killed. If the animals are allowed to trample the tender winter grass before it is well started, then as laurel will dry the roots of the plants.

If you find your field running short this spring and summer, take warning and not to move meat fall.

After you turn the animals upon the pasture, let them wear out in a dry, warm and sunny place, and help keep the grass green and fresh and healthy. If you do so, you will be the owner of the finest and most valuable meat in the country. It is the same with all other animals.

The condition is the reverse of a new purchase, but it is the same with the animals.

Animals always eat much "empty" meat.

It costs a large amount of time to care for animals, but it is well worth the trouble. For the health and happiness of a family, it is well worth the trouble.

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