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R RABBIT MEAT SALES AND FEED EFFICIENCY STUDY
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in cooperation with 5 commercial
rabbit producers in San Diego County

Production figures shown in Table 1 were compiled from reports for May, June, and July of 1963. These months are generally considered to be above average for rabbit production in San Diego County. The average conversion figure was 4.10 pounds of feed per pound of gain.

The results reported should not be considered as typical in this county's rabbit industry, as all five cooperators are considered to be above average in management practices followed.

TABLE 1. MEAT SALES AND FEED EFFICIENCY

(during May, June, and July, 1963,
for 5 San Diego County Rabbit Producers)

Serial Number	Ave. Number Does	Average Monthly (%)			Weight Per Fryer Sold (lbs.)	Pounds of Meat Sold Per Doe Per Month			Number of Fryers Sold Per Doe Per Month	Pounds of Feed Per Doe Per Month	Pounds of Feed Per Pound of Meat Produced
		Does Died	Does Sold	Does to be replaced		Fryer	Other	Total			
10A*	419	6.8	5.3	12.1	4.8	12.9	0.8	13.7	2.7	57	4.14
11A	167	6.8	13.8	20.6	4.7	12.9	1.2	14.1	2.7	61	4.28
12A	881	2.5	6.3	9.1	4.7	14.5	1.3	15.8	3.1	56	3.57
14A	511	2.9	6.9	9.8	4.6	11.6	1.0	12.6	2.5	50	3.98
15A	272	4.0	7.3	11.3	4.5	9.5	0.6	10.1	1.7	46	4.53
Average	450	4.6	7.9	12.6	4.7	12.3	1.0	13.3	2.5	54	4.10

*Producer reported excessive fryer mortality due to unknown causes during 1½ months of the reporting period.

TABLE II. MEAT SALES AND FEED EFFICIENCY (YEARLY AVERAGE)

YEAR	AVERAGE NUMBER DOES	% AVERAGE NUMBER DOES			WEIGHT PER FRYERS SOLD	POUNDS OF MEAT SOLD PER DOE			NUMBER OF FRYERS SOLD PER DOE	POUNDS OF FEED (PELLETS)	
		DOES DIED	DOES SOLD	DOES TO BE RE-PLACED		FRYERS	OTHER	TOTAL		PER DOE	PER POUND OF MEAT PRODUCED
*1963	450	55	95	151	4.7	148	12	160	30	648	4.10
**1958	259	37	66	103	4.9	135	9	144	28	620	4.16
***1962	143	62	67	129		104					5.1

*San Diego County study. Data taken from Table I and multiplied by 12 to get a yearly average. Many rabbit producers feel that May, June, and July are above-average months for production.

**San Diego County study involving 5 producers.

***San Bernardino County study involving 11 producers.