

Estimated Costs of Egg Production for 1985 - San Bernardino County

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There are many factors that can be used by management to increase profit or reduce loss by poultrymen in San Bernardino County. Not all poultrymen or poultry organizations have the same marketing requirements and therefore, they do not all react to a set of marketing conditions in the same way. Forced molting is one way of reducing production during a low price period with subsequent higher production later when prices have recovered. This practice is usually more attractive to a producer that gets no premium for eggs heavier than the large category and less attractive for those that do.

To standardize the cost estimates they are based on bought started pullets housed at 20 weeks of age, not molted, and sold at 70 weeks. This allows two weeks for cleaning and disinfecting the ranch. It also puts the information on a yearly basis. These production values are not unrealistic although there are some flocks that will not meet them and other flocks that will perform better. They are considered achievable goals.

Performance Goals 20-70 Weeks of Age

Average Hens (%)	96.0
Total Mortality (%)	8.0
Hen Day Production (%)	78.0
Eggs Per Hen Housed	262.1
Feed Per 100 Hens Per Day (lbs)	23.0
Feed Per Dozen Eggs (lbs)	3.53

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Feed Cost (\$7.00 per cwt.)	24.77
Pullet Cost (\$2.50 per pullet)	11.45
Egg Income (blend price)	48.00
Fowl Income	1.00
Labor	2.80
Miscellaneous	2.90
Building and Equipment Depreciation	2.50
Interest	2.10
Management	1.00

PROFIT

1.48

The data in this report is estimated based on goals that the majority of the poultrymen in San Bernardino County should achieve. It is also based on average estimated feed costs and egg income that are close to those experienced in 1985.

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