

THE COST OF RAISING A 20 WEEK-OLD-PULLET - 1975
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During the past several years, we have seen the price of feed increase by as much as four dollars per one hundred pounds. Since each twenty week old pullet consumes approximately seventeen pounds of feed, price changes of this magnitude are responsible for major changes in the cost of raising replacement pullets. For each one dollar per one hundred pounds change in feed price, the cost of a twenty week old pullet would change by seventeen cents.

The last thorough study of the cost of raising replacement pullets in this area was made in 1972-73. Since then, most items of cost have increased. The following table represents our best estimate of the present costs of raising pullets using current prices.

CURRENT COSTS (BASED ON 97 SURVIVORS PER 104 STARTED)

| <u>ITEM</u> | | <u>COST PER PULLET</u> |
|-------------------------------------|---|------------------------|
| Chicks: 38¢ each @ 97% livability | = | 39.2¢ |
| Feed: 17 pounds @ 6.5¢ per pound | = | 110.5 |
| Fuel: | = | 3.6 |
| Electricity: | = | 1.8 |
| Medicine: | = | 2.5 |
| Vaccine: | = | 6.5 |
| Labor: \$2.50/hour | = | 14.5 |
| Depreciation: | = | 7.5 |
| Interest: 10% of average investment | = | 7.5 |
| Taxes: | = | 1.9 |
| Management: 1¢ per chick housed | = | 1.1 |
| Miscellaneous: | = | 1.5 |
| | | 198.1¢ OR |
| | | \$1.98 |

YOUR PULLET PRODUCTION COSTS

| <u>ITEM</u> | | <u>COST PER PULLET</u> |
|--|---|------------------------|
| Chicks: _____ ¢ each @ _____% livability | = | _____ ¢ |
| Feed: _____ pounds @ _____ ¢ per pound | = | _____ |
| Fuel: | = | _____ |
| Electricity: | = | _____ |
| Medicine: | = | _____ |
| Vaccine: | = | _____ |
| Labor: \$_____/hour | = | _____ |
| Depreciation: | = | _____ |
| Interest: _____% of average investment | = | _____ |
| Taxes: | = | _____ |
| Management: _____ ¢ per chick housed | = | _____ |
| Miscellaneous: | = | _____ |
| | | _____ ¢ OR |
| | | \$ _____ |

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