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13, 1926 Pullets that are forced for winter egg production will not produce as high a percentage

of vigorous chicks as old hens that are not forced, according to D. C. Henderson, of the poultry

division, College of Agriculture. Late molting hens, which are the best for breeding purposes,

should be allowed to rest during the winter, because this is the period when they are renewing

their feathers and rebuilding the fat and flesh which apparently are important in the production

of hatching eggs. Heavy grain feeding is one of the best means of increasing the body weight of

hens that are to be used as breeders. Mash should be kept before them at all times, even

though the liberal grain feeding will tend to cut down the amount of mash that will be eaten.

This will tend to keep the hens gaining in weight and put..



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