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BELGIAN HARES MAKE GOOD FOOD AT LITTLE COST

Expert Grower Gives Valuable Information to Those Who Contemplate Going Into the Business.

By L. H. PINNEO.

It is very important to any one starting in the Belgian hare business, that they be very careful in the selection of their breeding stock. If you are starting in the business to raise them for meat only, then the grade is not so important; all you want is an animal of good size and hardy stock. However, it costs no more to raise well-bred stock than it does the grade animal, the difference coming in the fact that you can always command a good price for your surplus stock for breeding purposes. Another point on breeding, the beginner wants to be sure that he does he buys are at least eight months to a year and a half old. In breeding it makes no difference how

many of your does are related, but never use a buck of the same stock.

Pleasure and Profit.

The raising of rabbits combines both pleasure and profit and as time rolls on the demand for them is bound to increase. At the present time the demand far exceeds the supply. There is no reason why the rabbit should not become just as popular as the chicken. Statistics show us that chickens are 30 per cent bone, while a rabbit is only 14 per cent. As I have stated before, they far out-class any other kind of meat in digestible nutriment. At present those who have any to sell for meat purposes are getting from 25 to 35 cents per pound, dressed.

Belgian Hares, New Zealand Reds and Flemish Giants are the strains mostly raised in this section of the country and they meet all the requirements of a table delicacy. Their equal in tenderness, juiciness and delicacy of flavor can not be found. The meat is all white like the breast of a chicken, but is not as dry.

Fast Increase.

As to what can be raised from a start of two does and one buck, the following might be of interest to any one contemplating starting in the rabbit game. Each doe will have from four to five litters a year and will raise an average of 25. This makes 50 from your two does. The first litter will have at least three does, which will be old enough to breed at eight months, and in turn, their young will be old enough to raise you a litter before the year is out, so that it is possible for you to raise over 100 rabbits the first year from a start of three. They will average according to strain from eight to 15 pounds; this makes a wonderful showing in meat production. No other meat animal comes anywhere near it. With the above facts staring us in the face is it any wonder that our government asks us to take up the raising of rabbits?

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