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## The Significance of Length of Biological Laying Year in Production Breeding

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High persistency has long been recognized as an important factor in breeding for egg production. In previous studies, however, persistency has been considered only within the limits of the 365-day pullet laying year. The studies here reported were undertaken to discover whether birds that continue to lay without interruption for 13, 14, or 15 months are superior for breeding purposes to birds laying for 9 to 12 months before molting.

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