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FOREWORD.

THIS bulletin contains the findings of an officer of the Division of Agricultural Economics and Markets in connection with the all-important question of the marketing system of poultry and poultry-products in the Union. The question is all important not only because of the rapid strides shown by the poultry industry during the last ten or more years, but also because the hen has her place in the economy of every farm—however variant that place may be from farm to farm.

Economics, however, it should be remembered, is not an exact science and so allows much scope for difference of opinion. In a report such as this the writer is therefore bound to raise questions on which there may be a great diversity of opinion. Even within the Department differences may be expected in regard to some of the questions discussed and the report therefore does not necessarily interpret the views of the Department. At best it can but reproduce the impressions obtained by an honest investigator of existing conditions and tendencies.

This bulletin therefore is published not as the final word on the subject of which it treats, but in the hope that it may cast new light on some problems affecting the welfare of the poultry farmer and so stimulate thought in regard to those problems. If it should accomplish that, it will have earned sufficient reward.

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