

Industrial Poultry Keeping

- This book is designed to aid the beginner as well as the established poultry market and may serve as a reference tool.
- It also covers poultry diseases production and its management.
- This book is essential reading for students, teachers, researchers as well as person engaged industrial poultry keeping.



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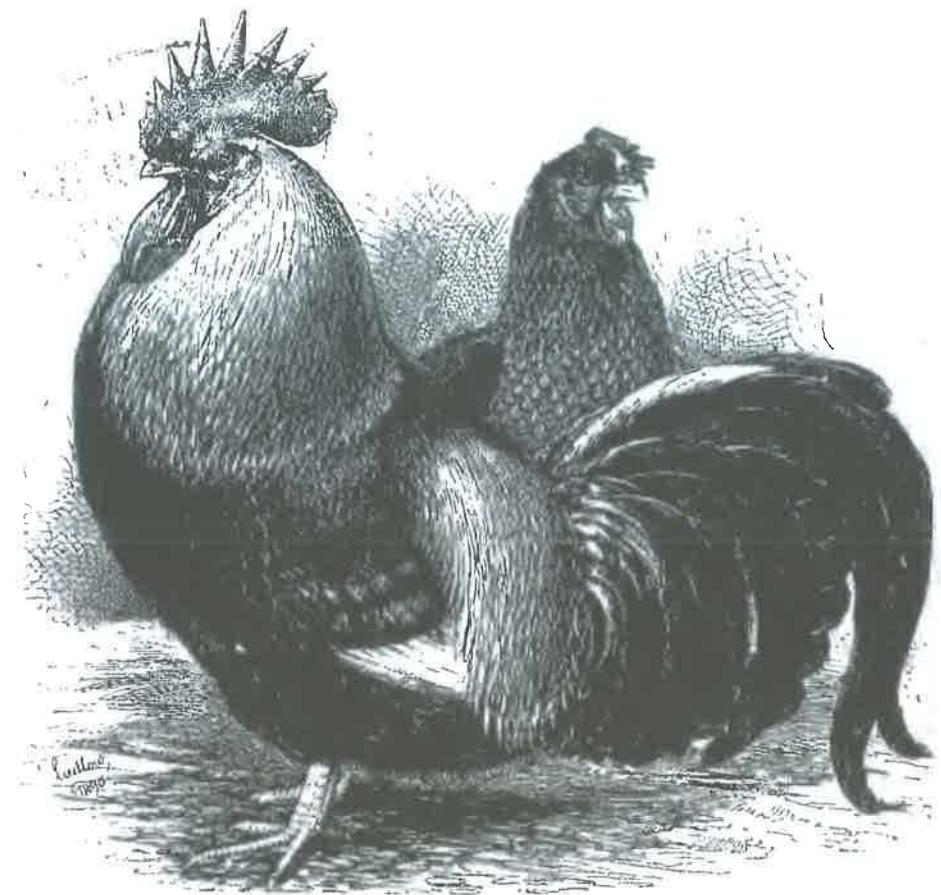
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DARK (OR COLOURED) DORKINGS.

farmers still repress the keeping of poultry by their workers. The reason adduced is that they fear, if permitted, food would be stolen to feed the poultry. Perhaps it might be so in a few instances, but that it would be at all general, or even sufficiently common to warrant repressive measures, I cannot for one moment believe. The experience of those districts where poultry-keeping is not so discouraged is sufficient evidence in favour of greater trust being shown. Suspicion breeds crime all the world over.

Since this work was first published, many changes and developments have taken place and solid progress been made. These changes and developments are, to some extent, indicated by the present edition, which has been carefully revised and some fresh matter introduced. Increased production necessitates new systems of marketing, and I have therefore added a chapter dealing with this important question, which must be met by methods similar to those adopted in our colonies and foreign countries.

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