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Farm Fresh Eggs

Helen Ryan puts a White Plymouth Rock hen on a nest. (Tippecanoe County, 1928)

An incubator used in hatching eggs (N.p., 1950)
A hen and chicks forage on the farm of Ed Taylor in Montmorenci. (Tippecanoe County, 1918)

Workers sort and pack baby chicks inside the Wolf Hatchery in Gibsonburg, Ohio. (Sandusky County, OH; 1933)

Baby chicks fill incubator trays at the LeRoy Jones Hatchery in West Lafayette. (Tippecanoe County, 1928)
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(Top left) Paul Carpenter hands boxes of baby chicks to Robert Carr, who stacks them into a Silver Lake Hatchery truck. (Kosciusko County, 1948)

(Top right) Loading a truck with baby chicks at Gray’s Hatcheries in Rossville (Clinton County, 1956)

(Bottom) Gray’s Hatcheries in Rossville used this airplane to deliver baby chicks to surrounding areas. (Clinton County, 1952)
Arba Brutus from Pine Village uses electric brooders to produce broilers for the early spring market. (Warren County, 1935)

Lafayette’s Harry Hinckley feeds skim milk to White Leghorn hens. (Tippecanoe County, 1939)

Frank Blacker of Romney pours fresh water into a fountain for his three-week-old White Plymouth Rock chicks. (Tippecanoe County, 1944)
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(Top left) A water barrel, feed hopper, and colony house at the Purdue University Poultry Farm (Tippecanoe County, 1913)

(Top right) This turkey brooder house equipped with wheels could be easily moved on the farm of F. L. Spencer in Idaville. (White County, 1934)

(Bottom) White Leghorns on range (Tippecanoe County, 1952)
(Top) C. Orr uses his Percheron team to move a brooder house to fresh ground in Forest. (Clinton County, 1931)

(Bottom) Using Purina Insect Oil to clean boots before entering a poultry laying house (Kosciusko County, 1946)
Mr. and Mrs. Kyle DeVault from Romney feed their flock of New Hampshire Red chickens and gather eggs inside their laying house. (Tippecanoe County, 1946)

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(Top left) A man cleans out one of the poultry houses on the Creighton Brothers Poultry Farm in Warsaw. The large doors at the end of each house allowed a person to drive a manure spreader inside and load it with chicken manure. (Kosciusko County, 1929)

(Bottom left) A laying house with nests on the C. I. Bashore farm in Silver Lake (Kosciusko County, 1939)

(Right) This photo, which Allen took for the Blatchford Calf Meal Company, featured three sacks of chicken feed. (N.p., 1928)
Selling poultry feed inside Gray’s Hatcheries in Delphi (Carroll County, 1934)

(Top right) Arden Rhodes from Plymouth transfers bags of poultry feed from a railcar at Mentone. (Kosciusko County, 1930)

(Bottom right) James Edwards from Albion unloads feed from a truck. (Noble County, 1930)
(Left) Poultry medicine and equipment on display at the Flora Electric Hatchery (Carroll County, 1934)

(Right) Loading a delivery truck in front of Geneva Hatcheries (Adams County, 1933)
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(Top left) Ralph Maggart (third from right), the Carroll County Extension agent, conducts a poultry culling demonstration while a child observes from the roof. (Carroll County, 1934)

(Top right) This group culls underperforming hens and performs blood tests on the flock of Harry Hagerty in Brookston. (White County, 1934)

(Bottom) Students from a vocational agriculture class cull and blood-test a flock owned by the Paul Riley Poultry Farm in West Lafayette. (Tippecanoe County, 1944)
A man puts Black Leaf 40, an insecticide, on chicken roosts on the Paul Riley Poultry Farm. (Tippecanoe County, 1935)

These eyeglasses for hens helped prevent pecking among White Leghorns on the Arbor Acres Farm in Thorntown. (Boone County, 1963)

Mrs. William Y. Hartsough of North Manchester gathers eggs in her apron. (Wabash County, 1934)
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Trap nesting on the farm of Paul Riley in West Lafayette (Tippecanoe County, 1934)

(Top right) Clyde Hicks Jr. from Warsaw picks up eggs as they roll down from special laying cages on the Creighton Brothers Poultry Farm in Warsaw. (Kosciusko County, 1957)

(Bottom right) Jerry Jones keeps detailed records on egg production while Edith Jones looks on. (N.p., 1956)
Mr. and Mrs. Kyle DeVault grade and pack eggs in the basement of their Romney home. (Tippecanoe County, 1947)

Near Denver, Mrs. Perry Spangler prepares to store eggs in a root cellar until they are shipped. (Miami County, 1934)

This man cools eggs to keep them fresh on the poultry farm of Lee Foster and Son in Attica. (Fountain County, 1949)
A rural mail carrier gathers eggs for shipment to market at a farm mailbox near Knox. (Starke County, 1934)
(Top left) A driver for Pickett and Sons, poultry and egg buyers from Sheridan, loads a case of eggs onto his truck. (Hamilton County, 1951)

(Bottom left) John Charles Burdell delivers eggs to a man at a dealer’s store in St. Jacob, Illinois. (Madison County, IL; 1946)

(Right) Paul Jones from Columbus displays his special cartons and carriers for marketing fresh eggs. (Bartholomew County, 1925)
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(Top right) Attica-area poultry farmer J. L. Foster prepares to use his Ford pickup truck to deliver eggs for shipment to New York markets. (Fountain County, 1924)

(Bottom right) Members of the Mentone Egg Producers cooperative used these buildings to prepare egg shipments and mix poultry feed. (Kosciusko County, 1934)
(Top) Farmers deliver eggs to a refrigerated railcar at Denver for cooperative shipping by the Miami County Egg Association. (Miami County, 1934)

(Bottom left) A worker candles eggs to check for fertilization at the marketing division of St. Louis Egg. (Missouri, 1946)

(Bottom right) Three women candle, cradle, and pack eggs at the Park Leghorn Farm in Warrensburg, Illinois. (Macon County, IL; 1959)
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A woman places a government seal on a case of eggs at the Schlosser Brothers packing plant at Frankfort. (Clinton County, 1934)

A truck driver prepares to deliver eggs produced in the Mentone area to the New York City market. (Kosciusko County, 1948)

An egg carton with a U.S. Grade A label (Tippecanoe County, 1949)
A man hauls poultry products to the Dearmin and Company processing plant in Odon. (Daviess County, 1929)

Loading a truck with coops of White Plymouth Rock chickens brought in from the range on the Paul Riley Poultry Farm in West Lafayette (Tippecanoe County, 1945)