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PREFACE

For the past twenty years there has been a general and more or less steady decrease in turkey production. And this in spite of the fact that no other branch of livestock returns as great a profit for the money invested and the equipment required. Recently, however, there has been a considerable awakening of interest in turkey raising and a growing demand for detailed information regarding this industry.

It has been the purpose of the authors to provide in this publication the latest and most thoroughly reliable information on the subject for the use both of the raiser of market turkeys and of the producer of breeding or exhibition stock. In presenting this information it has been the authors' aim to deal with the subject thoroughly and in great detail and at the same time to keep the work so concise, simple and clear that it is of the greatest practical value either to the beginner or to one more experienced in turkey raising.

Recognizing the high value of good illustrations in emphasizing the information given in the text, all phases of this book have been thoroughly illustrated. It is the confident belief of the authors that considered either from the standpoint of the completeness with which all phases of the subject are covered or of the excellence of the illustrations themselves, no equal set of photographs on the subjects treated has ever before been gathered together.

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For the period of the past ten years the authors have been privileged to work together in the closest relationship for the interests of the poultry industry of the United States. It is to them a matter of deep pride that during this time their first thought has always been to render a service to the poultrymen and women of their country. And it is with this same idea of service that they offer the present book to the poultry public.

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