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Agency History
The California Poultry Improvement Commission was an independent State commission created by the Legislature in 1939 (Stats. 1939, ch. 950) to establish and maintain facilities and methods for testing poultry breeding stock in California. The Commission was terminated as of Oct. 3, 1969, by the Legislature (Stats. 1968, ch. 1247).
The Poultry Improvement Association was a voluntary organization which existed from 1936 to 1941. Its functions and records were taken over by the Commission.
"Correspondence" hereafter means letters received from various sources, and copies of letters sent by various Commission officials, unless otherwise specified. Correspondence is unarranged unless specified.
There is considerable mixing of correspondence between the various series, so cross-checks should be made to insure that all material relating to a particular person, time, or thing has been seen.
Series titles are self-explanatory except where followed by a descriptive paragraph.
1. MINUTES. Jan. 9, 1936 - May 12, 1941. F3714:1
   Physical Description: 1f.
   Scope and Content Note
   Includes Articles of Incorporation, Constitution and By-Laws.

2. CORRESPONDENCE AND REPORT RELATING TO EGG LAYING CONTESTS. 1935-1936. F3714:2
   Physical Description: 1f.

3. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO THE ESTABLISHMENT OF A NATIONWIDE CALIFORNIA EGG LAYING CONTEST. 1936-1937. F3714:3
   Physical Description: 1f.
   Scope and Content Note
   To and from Horace W. Dryden, Secretary-Treasurer of the Poultry Improvement Association.

   Physical Description: 1f.
   Scope and Content Note
   Includes an organizational chart.

5. CORRESPONDENCE AND CLIPPINGS RELATING TO CREATION OF THE COMMISSION. 1937-1939. F3714:5
   Physical Description: 1f.

   Physical Description: 2f and 2 vol.

7. AGENDA AND ANNOUNCEMENTS RELATING TO COMMISSION MEETINGS. 1949, 1954. F3714:10
   Physical Description: 1f.

   Physical Description: 61f.
   Scope and Content Note
   Arranged chronologically by year, thereunder by first letter of last name, thereunder by date during year. 1962-1963 and 1964-1965 are interfiled.

   Physical Description: 2f.

    Physical Description: 1f.
    Scope and Content Note
    Relating to speaking engagements.

    Physical Description: 1f.

12. CORRESPONDENCE WITH OTHER STATE AGENCIES AND CONSTITUTIONAL OFFICIALS. 1945-1964. F3714:76-78
    Physical Description: 3f.
   Physical Description: 1f.
   Scope and Content Note
   Includes an editorial defending the program.

14. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO TESTING AND INFORMATION ON FARM ADVISORS OR COUNTY AGENTS. 1961-1962. F3714:80
   Physical Description: 1f.

15. FORM LETTERS TO POULTRYMEN RELATING TO TESTING. 1940-1942. F3714:81
   Physical Description: 1f.

16. CORRESPONDENCE WITH POULTRY JOURNALS, RELATING TO TEST RESULTS. 1949-1952. F3714:82
   Physical Description: 1f.

17. DEDICATORY PROGRAM, CALIFORNIA OFFICIAL EGG LAYING TEST. Oct. 20, 1940. F3714:83
   Physical Description: 1f.

   Physical Description: 1f.

19. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO CALIFORNIA OFFICIAL EGG LAYING TESTS. 1940-1952. F3714:85-93
   Physical Description: 10f.
   Scope and Content Note
   Relating to First through Seventh, Eleventh, and Twelfth tests. One folder per test.

20. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO DEVISING A NEW TYPE OF POULTRY TEST. 1944, 1947. F3714:94
   Physical Description: 1f.

21. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO POLICIES FOR RULES AND PROCEDURES USED IN CALIFORNIA RANDOM SAMPLE TESTS. 1955-1956. F3714:95
   Physical Description: 1f.

22. CORRESPONDENCE WITH RANDOM SAMPLE EGG LAYING TEST SUPERVISORS. 1959. F3714:96
   Physical Description: 1f.

23. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO NATIONWIDE RANDOM SAMPLE TESTING. 1954-1960. F3714:97
   Physical Description: 1f.
   Scope and Content Note
   Primarily with Dr. Stephen C. King.
   Physical Description: 1 vol.
   Scope and Content Note
   Reports on First through Fourteenth tests.

25. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO CALIFORNIA OFFICIAL RANDOM SAMPLE EGG LAYING TESTS. 1949-1968. F3714:99-114
   Physical Description: 16f.
   Scope and Content Note
   On First through Fifth, Seventh through Twelfth, Fourteenth through Eighteenth tests. One folder per test.

   Physical Description: 1f.

   Physical Description: 1 vol.
   Scope and Content Note
   On First through Eighteenth tests, and First Ranch Test.

   Physical Description: 10f.
   Scope and Content Note
   On First through Fourth and Seventh through Twelfth tests. Called Poultry Meat Production Test until start of Turkey Meat Production tests in 1956. One folder per test.

   Physical Description: 1f.

30. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO PROPOSED TURKEY EGG LAYING TEST. 1941. F3714:128
   Physical Description: 1f.

31. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO DEVELOPMENT OF A RANDOM SAMPLE TURKEY TESTING PROJECT. 1952-1956. F3714:129
   Physical Description: 1f.

32. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO CALIFORNIA OFFICIAL RANDOM SAMPLE TURKEY MEAT PRODUCTION TESTS. 1956-1959. F3714:130-133
   Physical Description: 4f.
   Scope and Content Note
   On First, Second, Third, and Fifth tests. One folder per test.

33. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO FIRST CALIFORNIA RANDOM SAMPLE TURKEY FRYER TEST. 1958. F3714:134
   Physical Description: 1f.
   Physical Description: 1 vol.
   Scope and Content Note
   On First through Eighth Turkey Meat Production tests and First through Fourth Turkey Fryer tests.

   Physical Description: 1f.
   Scope and Content Note
   Primarily relating to testing. Abplanalp was in the Poultry Dept., Univ. of Calif. at Davis.

   Physical Description: 1f.
   Scope and Content Note
   Relating to testing. Marble was Secretary-Treasurer of the Council of American Official Poultry Tests.

37. CORRESPONDENCE RELATING TO MITE CONTROL. 1950. F3714:138
   Physical Description: 1f.

   Physical Description: 1f.

   Physical Description: 1f.
   Scope and Content Note
   Primarily relating to poultry diseases. Bankowski was in the College of Veterinary Science, Univ. of Calif., Davis.

40. PROPERTY DOCUMENTS AND CORRESPONDENCE. 1939-1968. F3714:141
   Physical Description: 1f.
   Scope and Content Note
   On purchase and development of property. Includes newspaper and journal clippings.

   Physical Description: 2f.
   Scope and Content Note
   Earliest extant and last complete fiscal year's budgets; sampled from 1964-1970 budgets.

42. NEWSPAPER AND JOURNAL CLIPPINGS. 1937-1965. F3714:144-146
   Physical Description: 2 vol. and 1f.
   Scope and Content Note
   Folder labeled "Publicity." Relating to various Commission activities.
43. PHOTOGRAPHS OF COMMISSION ACTIVITIES AND FACILITIES. ca. 1940-1965.
F3714:147-156

Physical Description: 10f.
Scope and Content Note
Includes photographs of Commissioners, Governor Culbert L. Olson, State Senator Hugh P. Donnelly, Director of Agriculture W.C. Jacobsen, and testing activities and facilities at Modesto and Keyes, Calif.