

SMALL AND BACKYARD POULTRY FLOCKS

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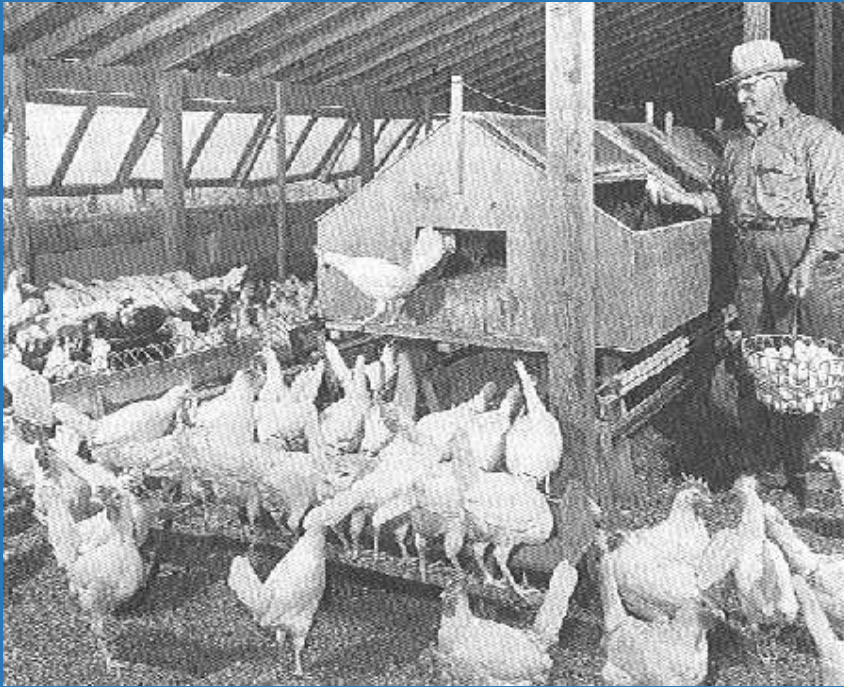
American poultry production started out as small home flocks



World War II increased demand for poultry meat and eggs



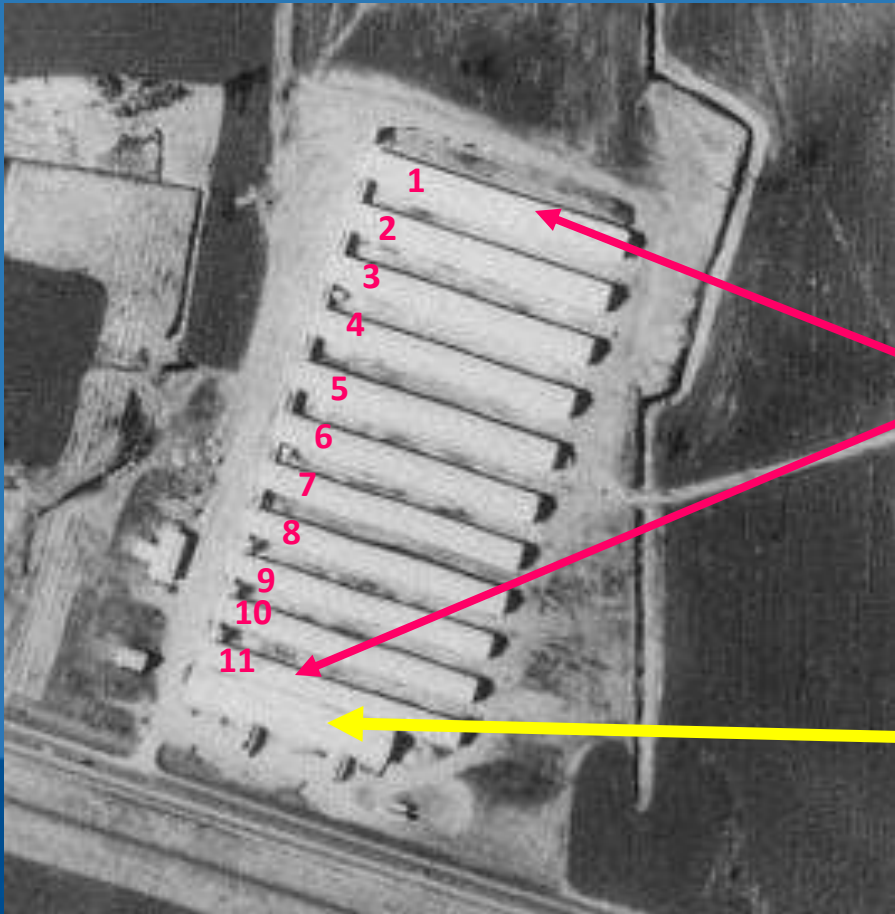
Poultry production became more mechanical



At the end of World War II mechanization continued to increase



COMMERCIAL EGG PRODUCTION



Laying houses

In-line processing facility

COMMERCIAL CHICKEN MEAT PRODUCTION





NATIONAL ANIMAL HEALTH MONITORING SYSTEM 2004 STUDY

- Chickens of table-egg breeds were found in 63.2% of the backyard flocks surveyed
 - On average backyard flocks had 35.1 birds, ranging from an average of 26.1 in the southeast region to 49.2 birds in the east region
 - Nearly 1 in 3 backyard flocks had fewer than 10 birds







- 1 hen produces 64 grams (as is basis) of manure each day
 - 23 kilograms per year (>50 lbs.)









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2007 Ag Census

- Laying hens: > 143,000 farms with flocks of < 20,000 hens
 - 125,195 farms had < 50
- Broilers: > 10,000 farms sold <16,000 broilers each year
 - Majority selling < 2,000 broilers each year
- Turkeys: > 5,500 farms selling < 2,000 turkeys each year











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