

Re: Egg laying Trials

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sbfalo@xxxxxxxx wrote:

Hi, Ginny!

I don't know about anyone else's experience, but the birds I have now, Khaki Campbell ducks, lay every day except for four weeks out of the year. That's 336 eggs or so. And they are not purebred birds. I'm working on getting the stray Mallard out of the bloodline. Thought I was doing good last year when I hatched out only white eggs and kept those birds. Unfortunately, all of those birds are now laying blue/green eggs. But three are laying every day and one egg is just barely colored.

I feed them a balanced layer pellet with a bit of grower thrown in and let them roam as much as possible (which isn't much since they've taken a liking to my neighbor's garden!).

I guess the parent stock was pretty good at the hatchery.

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Hi Kathleen,

Yes the KC ducks were coming to the fore when the book was published I think. We had them when I was growing up and they were so much fun. I don't remember their shell colour being white, more a tinge of olive. I think it is acceptable in the breeds standard here but don't quote me on that as I haven't got it in front of me. You're lucky to have access to a local hatchery as there are no professional hatcheries in West Aust. I have been trying to source some Dorkings interstate and thought I would do the same for ducks if I went that way. Have tried air freighting fertile eggs but they don't pressurise freight compartments all the time and have had no success at all that way. Hopefully I will have better luck with young birds if I can get them in legally through quarantine.

Ginny

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