

Winter is coming..please help

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I hope someone out there in cyberspace has an answer for my problem. I have a small flock of mixed breed hens who freerange, but they spend the nights locked in their house. Last fall, one hen began to loose her feathers. First the feathering became really sparse at the base of the feather shaft, then the whole feather fell out. Now, the poor thing is bald except for some feathers around her face and some on her lower abdomen. She spent the whole last winter like that. We kept thinking that she might freeze, but somehow she survived. Now, I have another hen who is experiencing the same thing. She is a pure bred Silver Wyandott. Other than this feathering thing, they seem really healthy and run with the rest of the flock. There seems to be nothing wrong with their appetite either.

We have checked them for mites and have found none. I might also mention that they are fed mixed scratch grains morning and evening and lay mash year round so I don't think that diet is at fault.

Does anyone have any suggestions? Please help if you can as winter is coming and it gets really cold here in Utah. Thank you so much.

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