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Thank you so much for your kind reply in answer to my question about why my hens are losing their feathers. And, more thanks for the info on feeding them. I am a grandmother who has had birds off and on my whole life, but never paid much attention to how to feed them. I do so thank you for bringing this to my attention.

I have been researching ways to get rid of feather mites should it be determined that they are the cause of the problem (and most likely they are). I haven't been able to find, though, if they live off the host, such as on nest boxes, perches, etc.

In answer to the woman who has the attack rooster...fried chicken! We have had such roosters in the past and have tried various means to dealing with them including using a large club. While the club worked for a while, they got smart in a hurry and when they saw we had the stick, they left us alone. Then, when we forgot the stick, we were attacked again. We had the same problem with a male goose. He and his mate were given to some friends..but, in all honesty, the only cure for an aggressive rooster is, as others have said, soup!

Another question..do we treat only the infected hens or the whole flock? Since we live very near a bird refuge, we have an overabundance of wild birds/wild ducks/geese in our area. I am wondering if we should be concerned about avian flu this fall?

Thanks again to all who offer advice.

Kitty

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