

Re: fewer eggs

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janerene wrote:

We are having an incredible amount of rain in our area—almost daily—and our hens are laying fewer eggs than previously. Does rain have that effect on chickens, or is that a coincidence? They appear to be molting—tail feathers and around some necks bare—and I've heard that can cut egg production. I just want the girls to get back to normal.... Jane

The change in the weather can cause eg production to change -- heat especially, with rain may well come other atmospheric.

The change in weather can also trigger a moult.

The moult might well be just because they have got to that stage in the year. Sometimes birds which started laying in early autumn and lay through the winter will have an early moult rather than wait until the next autumn. In which case its likely to be a few weeks before they have the resources to lay again.

If you can give us an idea of your location and the age and breeds of hens it might be possible to refine the ideas.

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regards
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