

Re: blotchy shells

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You clearly do not live in a remote location ;) Geography causes issues that are not about care or "trouble".

Well I don't live in a city, but I am prepared to travel to remote locations in order to source good stock. It's cost me a whole days travelling and £80 worth of fuel in the past, just to collect a dozen eggs or a trio.

We have done it before too but it takes us days – plural. Rumbings has said s/he is in Scotland too which, in general, means the same thing, unless living very close to the border.

If I had eggs sent by post I'd be doing it with my eyes wide open and expectations would be low, but I don't consider it an option. I'd rather speak with a breeder face to face and view the stock.

I think both you and Rumbings are probably in the better educated arena of poultry buyers. Many folks don't know the questions, let alone what the answers they want. Many think that a 90% hatch rate should be expected at all times of the year, from all birds, by whatever route, because that is what a book says.

Many years ago, I would travel by train to pick up birds, it was quite acceptable and common place 40 years ago, but now you'd have people running and screaming bird flu if they saw you with a chicken in a

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basket ;-)

Heck -- the trains used to deliver the blooming things !!!

Up here Red Star would carry birds up from the pullet rearers by the basket load.

Even in our day we have had all sorts of animals delivered by rail.

If only we could even get day olds transported nationally, then we would get more of the bigger breeders back again, and get more utility lines working.

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regards

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