

Re: Sick Black Rock

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Here it can cost up to £100 for a POL
and at least double what you are suggesting for an ordinary
bird.

Here people won't pay more for a hen than the value of the eggs she'll
lay. Go figure ;-).

Which area are you defining within "here" ?
I know of plenty who pay much more within the USA for breed lines they are
interested in -- for utility and otherwise.
I have had offer after offer from people prepared to pay hundreds of
dollars worth of blood testing to get eggs exported from here to there,
with the chances of getting a few stock birds.

I'm sure those people have enough birds to make it worth the while of the
vets in everyone's local area to know poultry really well ;-)

I'm talking about birds that are livestock, not pets. If your birds are
pets, it's a whole different story.

Who is "your" ?
I am talking, and was clear I was talking, about the growing domestic
market.

I was talking about in general.

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These are people who are having birds in their backgarden, smallholding, orchard, allotment etc for eggs, and increasingly meat, for their own consumption and some neighbourly sales.

People who have between 2 – 25 birds probably. Pure breeds, rehomed battery, and commercial birds included.

Sure, and if you have that many birds and you're calling the vet out enough to make it worth his while to know something about poultry, you're doing something VERY VERY wrong!

What is your category of "livestock" ?

I know quite a number of larger flock owners who would be keen to have more research being done into poultry diseases, husbandry and welfare in mixed outdoor situations.

And they just go around donating money to it...?

There is a lot to learn still, which would give us all help as more and more birds get raised and kept in more and more marginal conditions with the increasing demand for free range production.

There is plenty known about why its not a good idea but if farmers are going to be forced into it by consumers then we have a lot to learn so as not to end up with the same poor health status of flocks as beset our predecessors in the 1950's which led to the necessity for cage units.

So the economics for the veterinary world extends far beyond the domestic keeper.

OK, well tell that to the vets, because I'm sure they're quite willing to do anything that will positively impact their bottom lines.

Instead of poultry production being localised into relatively small parts of any country there will be pressure to try then elsewhere so more vets will have enforced contact.

And our commerical folks expect close collaboration with the veterinary profession for good preventative measures.

And they already HAVE that. But it's probably not the same guy the rest of us get when we call the vet.

But this is about the economics of why vets don't know much about poultry—and that is because it is not economically feasible for most people to call a vet for a chicken.

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They take chook to vet, like they do their cat, rabbit, pet hamster.
I am talking thousands of people. not a handful.

So I guess there IS no problem with vets not knowing much about poultry,
since there are people all over the place bringing their chickens in for
regular checkups LOL. What were we discussing again?

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