

R. # 7 Kalamazoo, Mich.
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Hello!

I haven't written for some time. I've been too busy to write. I've had two poor hatches. So have a lot of other folks, however. These were not fed cod liver oil. Fertility was low and I only got 27% and 34% on all eggs set. Some hatcheries ran as low as 10% on early hatches. Those feeding cod liver oil ran higher. Eckert got 67% on first hatch.

Our brooder house isn't finished yet. We have had chickens in the house for over 3 weeks now. I put in the concrete work. There have been 2 carpenters at work for 6 days. I thought surely they would be done by today, but I don't know when it will be — not today. We are anxious to get the chicks out of the house — 300 of them don't make things smell very good and it isn't good for them. Practically no loss from sickness, but lost several from crowding. I have some over 300 now.

How are things coming with you? I hope you got something out of your broilers. I got the \$50 all right. Thanks. I can get along all right without borrowing any more. I'm glad I've got you paid. Next month I hope to start paying Elmer.

I hope you can come over and build our laying house — 20' x 60' + feed room of good size. Let me know what you think about it.

I hope you can read this letter all right.
Byron is climbing around on me.

We are going to be late getting crops in. Won't
get our oats in till next week at best. Have
one horse laid up. I have some peas in
and some sweet corn. It's pretty cold right
now for sweet corn, but I hope it will warm
up again soon.

We might be over May 13—dedication
of Peoples Church + College celebration.
It is rather doubtful, however. What
will you be doing that day?

I will probably be at Dansville
the evening of June 10 to give the
Commencement address. May drive on
up to Bay City.

Hope you can build laying house
some time this summer.

Sincerely,

Arthur Delamarter.