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Poultry on F. Lehmann's Farm

Ernst Mertink of Northrap came to the News office Monday driving a fine six cylinder car and wanted to know where the party lived who was mentioned in the News columns a few weeks ago as selling more than two hundred dozen eggs at one time. We tried to direct him, but he said that it would be better if we went along because his car would step off the distance in a short while. We drove out to F. Lehmann's in Beat Five and found the old gentleman and his wife busy as usual, even if it was raining. They had sent the eggs to town two days before and had on hand a case (30 dozen) ready for market. Mertink obtained about twelve dozen for setting purposes and then came the task of getting Mrs. Lehmann to give us some figures on her selling of eggs. She is very reserved about giving out information as to her poultry because she says that she is making no special effort in poultry and that "any body can do as well, if not better if they will only try." Mrs. Lehmann finally informed us that she has about 300 hens and that she sells 103 to 107 dozen eggs weekly and that her egg money for April amounted to \$60.48. She has sold eggs as follows:

January	\$50.27
February	69.85
March	59.52
April	60.48
Total - - -	\$240.12

During 1921, she sold \$600.00 worth of eggs. Mr. Lehmann says that he has found that maize is far better than corn as chicken feed. While Mertink was packing his eggs, Mrs. Lehmann sent for one of those large country hams and had it sliced and then nothing would do them but that we remain for dinner. Of course, when the editor spied the "ham that am real," it was not necessary that he be asked the second time to come and eat. Mrs. Lehmann says that the egg money pays the grocery and some other bills of the family during the year, and still she thinks that she is not doing much in poultry business!