

EXTERNAL QUALITY OF EGGS MARKETED IN EASTERN UTTAR PRADESH

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ABSTRACT : The eggs from each shop of every 5 cities viz., Varanasi, Allahabad, Mirzapur, Jaunpur and Gazipur were randomly selected in two years twice in a month for three consecutive months. Simultaneously, 100 eggs in each of 3 groups viz., once, twice and thrice were randomly collected in a day from the fresh layers maintained separately in a village. The average weight of eggs marketed from the shops of Varanasi and Jaunpur cities (55.09 to 55.58 gm) were highest ($P < 0.05$) than the shops of other cities (49.51 to 50.73 gm.) Significantly higher ($P < 0.01$) oval shape (normal) eggs were sold at Varanasi city {80.55%} than Allahabad (66.66%) while it was at par with test samples (78.33%). White colour eggs were marketed maximum in all the cities than creamy light brown and brown colour. The maximum soiled eggs (28%) were found when eggs were collected only once then twice (17%) and thrice (12%) in a day.

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