

THE IRAQI FOWL

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The Iraqi fowl although inferior in some characters, yet, it is superior in some others such as fertility, embryonic mortality, age at sexual maturity and duration of the first ten eggs laid. It resembles to a great extent some of the standard breeds namely : Leghorn, New Hampshire, North Holland Blue, Barred Plymouth Rock and Light Sussex, or it may be a combination of these and the Gulf fowl mentioned by Al-Azzawi, 1960. However, this study showed that selection may improve its productive and reproductive characters.