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ALABAMA FARM FLOCK LAYING HOUSES

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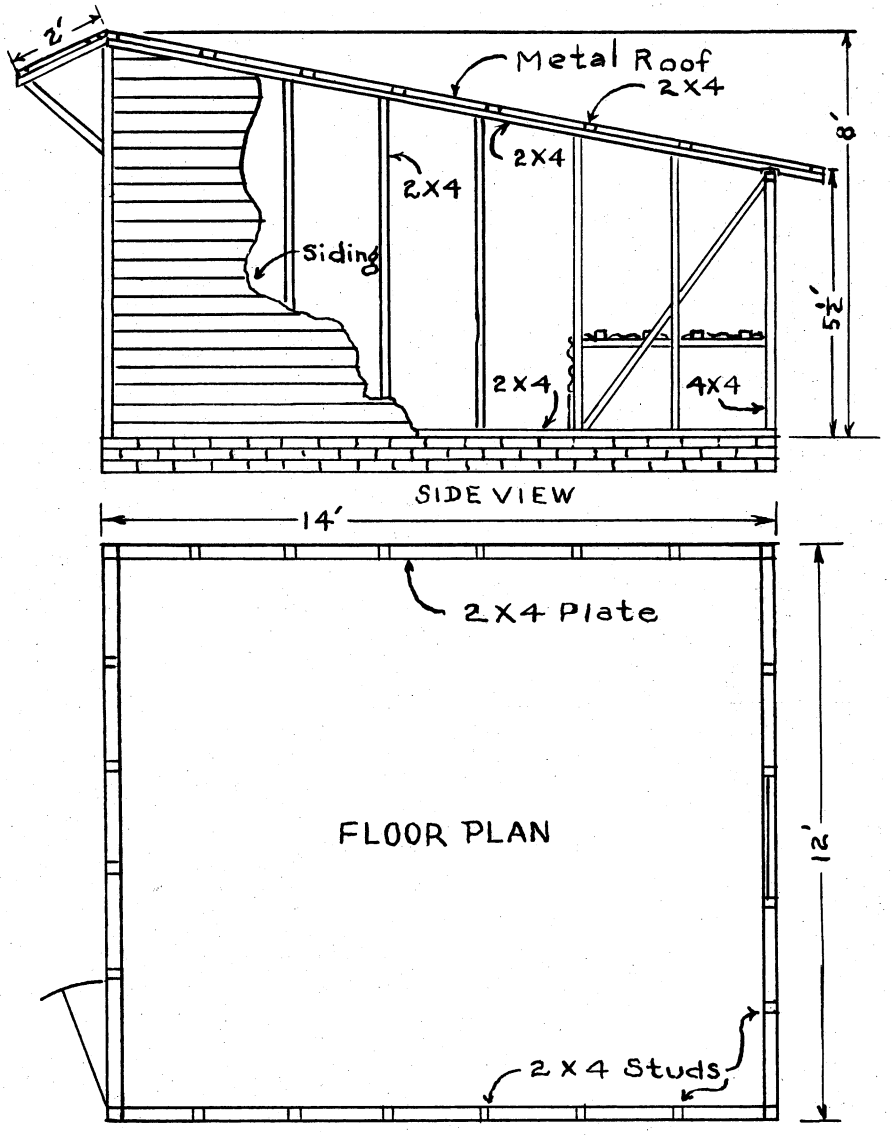
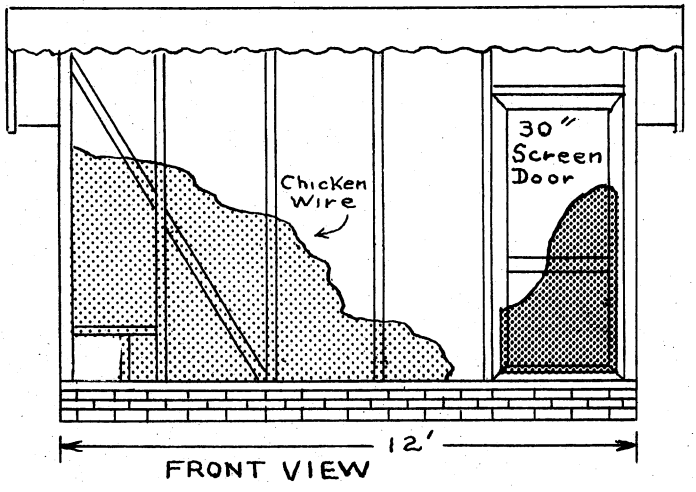
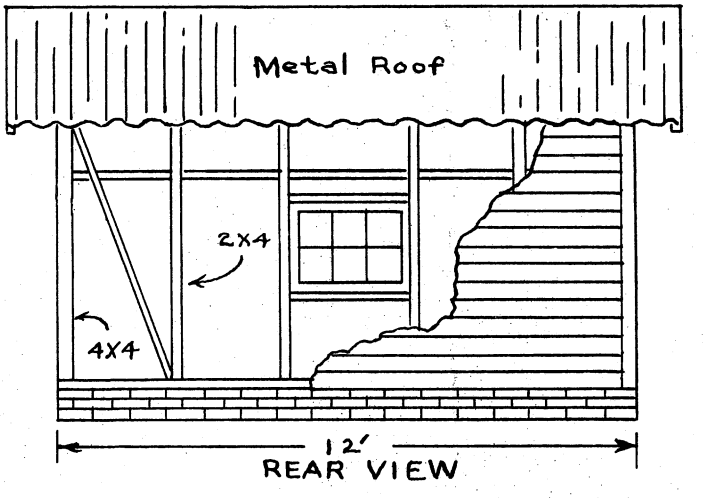
Shown here are simple plans for building two laying houses. Each accommodates 50 hens. These designs are the result of 10 years experimental work in Alabama, and reported in Alabama Agricultural Experiment Station Bulletin No. 261.

House No. 7 has a dirt floor, and tight north, east, and west walls. The entire south side is covered with chicken wire. There is one window and a summer ventilator on the north side of the house. A roosting pit, covered with 1½-inch wire or strips, and four roosting poles extend the entire width of the north side and just under the window. Eight to 10 nests (12 x 14 x 12 inches) are located on the side wall near the door for convenience. A 6-foot mash hopper and a 10-quart bucket for feed and water are on stands 12 to 18 inches above the floor to prevent contamination.

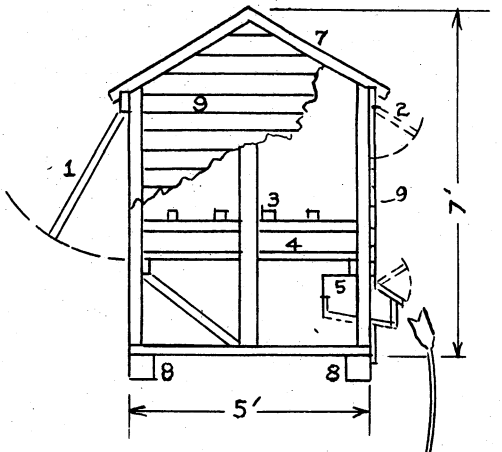
On the reverse side, are construction plans for House No. 9. This inexpensive, portable house is nothing more than an enclosure for the roosts, nests, and feed hoppers. It accommodates 50 hens. This house in the experiment returned a greater income over feed and annual house charges than any other type in the tests.

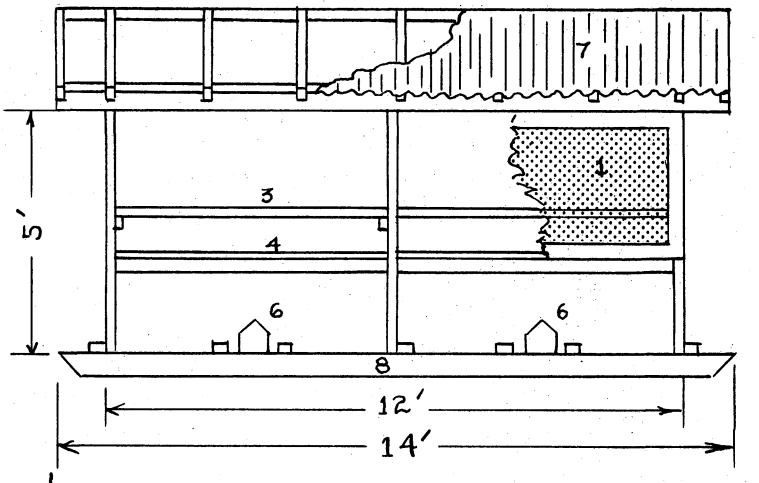




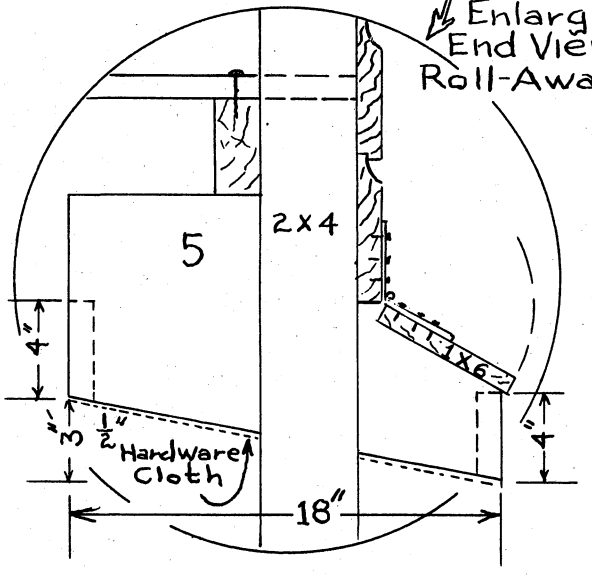


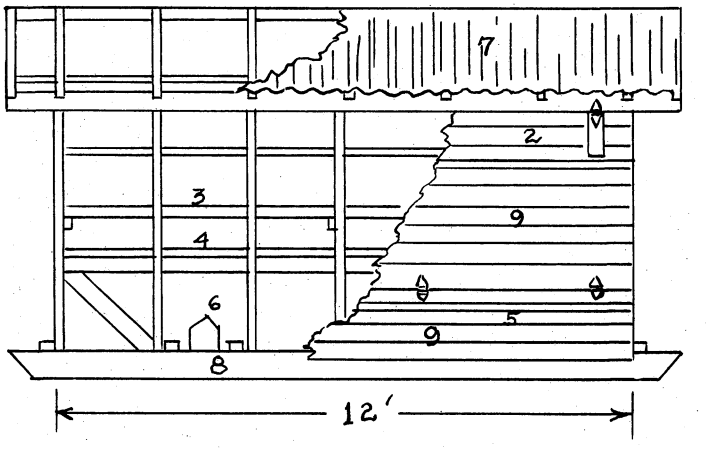
ALABAMA FARM FLOCK PORTABLE
LAYING HOUSE No. 9





Enlarged End View of Roll-Away Nest





1 - WIRE DOOR, TO BE CLOSED AT NIGHT
2 - REAR VENTILATOR, OPEN IN SUMMER
3 - ROOSTING POLES
4 - DROPPING BOARD
5 - ROLL-AWAY NEST
6 - MASH FEED HOPPERS
7 - GALVANIZED ROOF
8 - SKIDS OR RUNNERS
9 - DROP SIDING