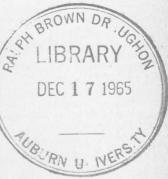


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# Homemaker Response to POULTRY PROMOTION



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Cover – Photo of in-store poultry display and overhead poster used in study of homemaker responses.

#### SUMMARY AND CONCLUSIONS

Homemakers' behavioral characteristics were studied in relation to marketing practices to determine what factors brought about decisions to buy specific foods. Poultry was the commodity under study in this project conducted in Birmingham, Alabama.

Important or significant differences resulted from the in-store promotion. During the test period more poultry was sold in stores that had the mass display with animated appeals than in the control stores (without displays).

Stores in the lower income area of Birmingham showed a significant increase in sales. Little difference was found in the stores located in the middle and higher income areas.

Colored posters with animated appeals were used to get the attention of the homemaker. A significantly higher number of homemakers recalled seeing this type of promotional display.

Homemakers having a high school education or more, a per capita income of \$2,500 and above, and in the age bracket of 35 to 60 years, more often observed the in-store promotion display. In general, the intermediate homemaker age group was more readily influenced by available information than were the very young homemakers and those over 60.

Recipe books proved useful and popular. A significant number of homemakers in the higher education and income levels tried the recipes for poultry. Further use of poultry can be made by offering homemakers new and different recipes.

The homemakers' decision to buy poultry in a cut-up form, or in pieces or parts, was increased by store display, in-store reminder, and appearance of the meat.

More than one-third of the homemakers ranked low in marketing knowledge — 37 per cent medium, and only 28 per cent high. This indicates a need for informing homemakers about better marketing or buying practices.

While nutritional knowledge of homemakers is notably better than their marketing knowledge according to the scoring system used in this study, there is need for more information in many areas of nutrition, particularly as it relates to meat. Both marketing and nutritional knowledge were significantly related to education, which indicates the importance of education in promotion. There is need for more consumer information, however, at all levels.

There is lack of knowledge concerning nutrients and the overall contribution poultry makes to the diet. To further inform the consumer would be of great value to the poultry industry as well as to the consumer.

Homemakers are seriously lacking in information about meat inspection and grades. This points up the need for further consumer education.

This study revealed that homemakers do observe easy-to-read educational information, such as posters with animated appeal.

The opinion many homemakers have of poultry needs to be changed. Poultry, although a highly popular food for many years in the South, should be promoted as an excellent meat selection among all income groups.

Frozen poultry, while accepted by many homemakers, needs further research directed at improvement of flavor and color.

Further information on food value, meal planning, food preparation, and food selection was requested by homemakers. This can be given the homemaker in promotion programs.

The greatest influence on consumer buying are food advertisements in newspapers.

Data from this study indicate that poultry producers and distributors can increase sales through an educational program on nutritive and economic values, and versatility of poultry on menus for all occasions. The food value of poultry as compared with other competitive meats needs to be emphasized. New forms of poultry on the market, such as ready-to-cook, small packages for the family of two, and food value information in addition to economy would be to the advantage of the poultry industry.

# Homemaker Response to POULTRY PROMOTION\*

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A GRICULTURAL producers and food marketing groups have become increasingly interested in whether demand for a food product can be increased through advertising and promotion, and whether demand for a product differs according to its place in the American diet. The study herein reported is concerned with an analysis of the effectiveness of in-store point of sale promotion

for poultry.

Clearly defined research analyses that indicate the effectiveness of food promotion programs are relatively few in number and have been made with only a few commodities. For this reason drawing conclusions and guide lines for general use in promotion is difficult because of insufficient information. The research reported here represents a single phase of a regional research program designed to learn more about the effectiveness of promotion as related to various classes of food products. Emphasis in this research is primarily on the promotion potential of a food already well accepted by the public, but which could be produced and used to an even greater extent. It is known that more poultry is consumed if the price is reduced. It is equally well known that food markets cannot always lower the price. Therefore, an attempt is made in this study to test the effectiveness of other advertising media and to learn more about what catches the homemaker's attention and thereby provides a basis for recommending a particular type of promotion for a given product.

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## PROMOTION TEST OBJECTIVES

The two specific objectives of this study were: (1) to determine the nature and characteristics of consumer responses to the selected food product (poultry) resulting from an exclusive meat promotional program through use of in-store display; and (2) to determine whether sales of poultry increased by mass display using two animated appeals directed to (a) stretching the food dollar, and (b) nutritional knowledge of the product.

#### RESEARCH PROCEDURE

Birmingham, Alabama, a city with a population of 521,330 in 1960, was selected for the research study. Sixteen of the Winn-Dixie food stores were used in the study. Stores were paired for the pre- and post-study on the basis of low, medium, and high family incomes of consumers in the trading area as determined by the store management. Each group contained two low income, four medium, and two high income consumer level stores.

To obtain the initial samples, enumerators interviewed every third person who entered each store in a 60-day period until 400 names were listed. Every third name was taken from the master list for the three-part sample, one to be used for the pre-study, one for the post-study, and the third to be used for a reserve.

Interview schedules were obtained from 463 homemakers in the pre-study and 470 in the post-study by enumerator visits. The two groups were combined for basic information, and studied separately as it concerned effectiveness of the in-store promotion. Only homemakers in the post-study were subjected to the instore (controlled) promotion.

Commodity sales in pounds and dollars were obtained from the 16 stores in a period of 2 weeks prior, 2 weeks during, and 2 weeks following the study.

Within the store during the promotion periods which extended 3 days (Thursday, Friday, and Saturday) for each of the 2 weeks, a young lady was stationed at the display to distribute leaflets that repeated the promotion theme and contained a number of good poultry recipes (Appendix C). Post-schedules were collected within 2 weeks after the last in-store promotion. Data were collected during July and August 1963.

#### EFFECTIVENESS OF IN-STORE PROMOTION

The controlled in-store promotion, designed to measure effectiveness in consumer buying, consisted of a 12-foot mass display of poultry over which hung a three-panel poster. This was suspended from the ceiling displaying a color picture of fried chicken and the two appeals, stretching the food dollar and nutritional information. The poster was surrounded by colorful balloons that moved by air currents. To the back of the mass display, three large colorful poultry pictures were used.

# Homemakers' Response to In-store Promotion

Chi square analysis showed there were some significant differences in sales resulting from the in-store promotion. Effective-

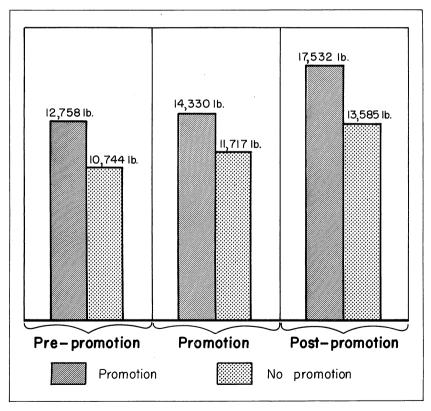


FIG. 1. Total pounds of poultry sold in test and control stores during the three periods under study, Birmingham, Alabama, 1963.

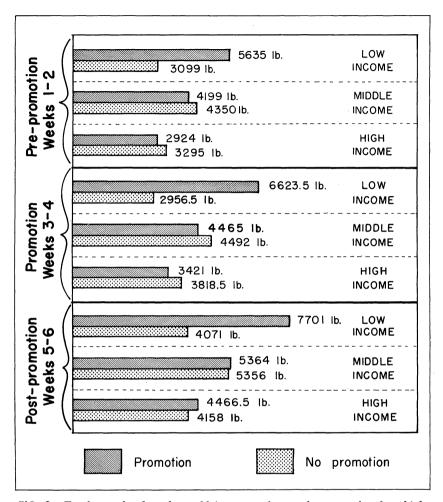


FIG. 2. Total pounds of poultry sold in test and control stores related to high-, middle-, and low-income families, Birmingham, Alabama, 1963.

ness of the promotion program differed from higher to lower income. There was significant difference in promotion compared with the controlled stores at a high level. Interaction of income and promotion was also significant at a high level, the lower income group being affected more by the promotional program than were the middle and high groups. There was no difference between the latter two income groups, Figures 1 and 2.

#### Effectiveness of Posters

The effect of poster information on homemakers was studied to determine the value of this media for reaching the consumer. Forty-one per cent of the homemakers in the post-study who had been subjected to the in-store promotion recalled seeing the poultry display with the posters and the two animated appeals. The larger picture of chicken in color was remembered by 33 per cent of the homemakers, Appendix Table 1. Of those who saw the display, approximately 70 per cent remembered both the economy and high protein value statements, and about half recalled the low calorie statement.

The part of this display that actually appealed most to homemakers was with reference to the high protein value of poultry, as indicated in table.

Display	Homemakers
	Pct.
Poultry-high protein	36
Low calories	25
Stretching food dollar	18
General attractiveness	17
Did not recall	<b>4</b>

Homemakers indicated a strong reaction for food value in contrast to economy when asked which display appeal was more important in providing for the family.

Animated Appeals	Homemakers
	Pct.
Nutritional value of food	76
Stretching food dollar	24

More observant of the in-store promotion display were home-makers with a high school education and above, a per capita income of \$2,500 or more, and in the age bracket of 35 to 60, Appendix Table 2.

# Reasons for Buying Poultry

While family preference for poultry and economy were reportedly two main reasons why homemakers purchased poultry, significant differences were found between the pre- and post-studies. During the in-store promotion period, food value information was given on an animated poster in each test store. Nine per cent more homemakers in the post-study reported food value as an important consideration in buying poultry than was true of those in the pre-study. Seven per cent more selected

		Before promotion		omotion
Reason for broiler use	First mention	Second mention		Second mention
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Preferred by family members	36	37	25	27
Price, economy	33	20	28	33
Food value	. 11	13	20	13
Can be cooked many ways	11	13	18	19
Easy preparation	6	11	6	18
Other, don't know	. 3	6	3	0

Table 1. Homemakers' Reasons for Buying Broilers, 933 Homemakers, Birmingham, Alabama, 1963

poultry because of variety in preparation. Food value and versatility were more often mentioned by homemakers following the promotion period and family preference less frequently, Table 1.

# Effectiveness of Recipes in Promotion

Recipe books for poultry were given to the homemakers at the mass display. These proved useful and popular. Fifty-four per cent of the homemakers reported receiving a copy and about 37 per cent had tried 1 to 2 recipes within the month following the promotional program. One half considered the recipe book excellent; 42 per cent thought it good. Homemakers using the recipes were mainly those having a high school education or above. Per capita income was importantly related to homemakers who tried the more complicated recipes. As income increased from the \$1,200 level, so did use of recipes and interest in collecting them.

# Frequency in Use of New Foods

It was assumed that information concerning the frequency homemakers made use of new foods would to some extent determine effectiveness of new recipes or different food combinations. Data revealed that frequency in use of new foods was related significantly to the per capita income of \$1,200 to \$2,499 in both the pre- and post-studies, diminishing to each extreme of under \$600 and \$3,200 or above. A higher percentage of homemakers having a high school education tried new foods. Homemakers having families of three to four members were more adventurous than those with larger or smaller families.

# When Decision to Buy Poultry Is Made

The decision to buy whole broilers was most often made before going to the store, whereas pieces or parts such as legs, thighs, or breasts were most often an impulse purchase. The locale of the decision for purchase of major broiler forms is shown below:

Pusilon forms	Purchase decision made		
Broiler form	$At\ home$	In store	
	Pct.	Pct.	
Whole	53	28	
Cut-up	27	31	
Parts	18	40	
Miscellaneous	2	1	

## Factors affecting buying

Factors most effective in influencing the homemakers' decision to buy poultry before entering the store included food advertisements in newspapers and habit. The decision to buy poultry after entering the store was significantly influenced by store displays, in-store reminders, and even more greatly, the general appearance of poultry and competing meats. Attractive displays were important in making sales, particularly for those who buy poultry parts.

Influences on broiler	Promotion	
purchases away from store	Be fore	After
	Pct.	Pct.
Usually buy poultry	56	48
Food ads in newspapers	26	38
Food articles in newspaper	6	7
Programs or ads on radio or television	7	4
Miscellaneous influences	5	3
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Influences on broiler	Promotion	period
Influences on broiler purchases within store		period After
purchases within store	Be fore	After
Appearance of other meats	$Be fore \ Pct.$	After Pct.
Appearance of other meats  Attractive store display  Tie-in sale or price	$egin{array}{c} \textit{Before} \\ \textit{Pct}. \\ 51 \\ 19 \\ 5 \end{array}$	After Pct. 43
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## FOOD KNOWLEDGE OF HOMEMAKERS

Assumption was made that the homemakers' previous marketing knowledge and nutritional knowledge would influence her food buying practices. For the purpose of classifying the homemaker in these two areas, questions were prepared to identify the extent of the homemaker's knowledge. A scoring procedure was designed by which homemakers could attain a score between 0 and 9, then ranked low, medium, and high for marketing knowledge. For nutritional knowledge, the homemaker could score

from 0 to 36. These scores were ranked to provide a range from 1 to 5. Seventy-three per cent of the homemakers ranked medium to low in marketing knowledge.

Rank	Homemakers		
Kank	Pre-study	Post- $study$	
	Pct.	Pct.	
Low	36	33	
Medium	34	40	
High	30	27	
Total	100	100	

Homemakers were better informed on nutrition than on buying, 62 per cent attaining a rank of 4 or over.

Rank	Homemakers		
Rank	Pre-study	Post-study	
	Pct.	Pct.	
Rank 2	18	13	
Rank 3	22	25	
Rank 4	42	37	
Rank 5	18	25	
Total	100	100	

# Marketing Knowledge

All homemakers were asked about their knowledge of federal food inspection labels, meat and milk grades, sizes and grades of eggs, and comparison of package size and price. On the basis of a scoring system, homemakers were placed in low, medium, and high knowledge groups. About a third of the homemakers were in each of the three groups. Three-fourths of those with grade school education had little knowledge of the marketing practices studied, whereas three-fifths of those who were college graduates scored high in recognition. The relationship of marketing knowledge and years of education of the respondents is given in Table 2.

Per capita income of the homemaker was also related to mar-

Table 2. Relationship of Education of the Homemaker to Marketing Knowledge Scores, 910 Homemakers, Birmingham, Alabama, 1963

	Marketing knowledge score		
Education of homemaker, years —	Low	Medium	High
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Under 9 years	73	24	3
9-11 years	55	36	9
12 years	33	43	24
13-15 years	22	37	41
16 years or more	11	31	58
Áverage	34	37	29

keting knowledge. Fifty-seven per cent of the homemakers with a low score had a per capita income below \$1,200 per year. Forty-three per cent who ranked high in marketing knowledge had a per capita income of \$2,500 to \$3,199, Appendix Table 3.

# Homemakers' knowledge of meat inspection symbol and grade

When shown an outline drawing of the shield placed on federally inspected foods, 77 per cent of the homemakers in the prestudy and 86 per cent of those in the post-study remembered seeing such a symbol. A few homemakers thought it indicated other inspections or meat grades, but the remainder had no knowledge as to the purpose of the symbol.

Grades of meat are not well understood by homemakers. Less than a fourth knew two grades. More than half knew none.

Meat Grades	Grades recognized by homemakers
	Pct.
1 grade	. 10
2 grades	. 22
3 grades	. 11
4 grades Did not know any	. 3
Did not know any	. 54

Homemakers between the ages of 35 and 44 with a per capita income of \$1,200 to \$2,499, were the best informed about the meat symbol and grades.

Level of homemakers' education did reveal a significant difference in knowledge of the U.S. meat symbol. As education level increased, so did recognition of the meat inspection symbol and an understanding of its meaning, Appendix Table 4. Homemakers with the higher educational levels also knew more meat grades, Appendix Table 5. No significant trend was established with other variables.

# Factors governing homemakers' food selection

Family preference was more often mentioned first as a factor in food selection. Price or economy was also frequently mentioned first. Nutrition or diet needs were seldom a factor in food selection among the homemakers under study, Table 3.

In all factors governing homemakers' purchases, per capita income affected food buying mostly at the level of \$1,200 to \$2,499. Homemakers in the lower educational levels were apparently

Factors influencing food selection	Total	mentions	First mention	Second mention	Third mention
	No.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Quality or quantity	693	27	24	32	$^{18}_{16}$
PriceFamily preference	$\begin{array}{c} 574 \\ 428 \end{array}$	$\frac{22}{17}$	$\frac{26}{33}$	19 9	4
Regular needs	109	<b>4</b>	3	6	3
Nutrition or diet	84	3	5	3	ļ
Variety Miscellaneous <sup>1</sup>	37 661	26	7	28	3 <b>6</b>
Number		20	931	920	735

Table 3. Factors That Influence Food Selection, 933 Homemakers Birmingham, Alabama, 1963

more concerned about economy and price, whereas those with higher education were more anxious to buy according to family preferences.

Homemakers from families in which only the head of the house worked were more than twice as anxious to buy food according to family preference as were those from homes where both worked. All other major factors governing shopping were also of greater importance to the homemaker where only the head was employed, Appendix Table 6.

Marketing knowledge was found not to be related to family preference.

# Poultry characteristics preferred

One-half of the homemakers preferred broad breast broilers. Color, size, or weight affected the decision to buy poultry.

Preferred characteristics	Homemakers
·	Pct.
Broad, full breast	49
Firm breast bone	14
Heavy layer of fat	. 3
Yellow skin	9
Particular size or weight	7
Other	11

Forty-seven per cent preferred to buy whole poultry, 28 per cent cut-up, and 25 per cent pieces or parts. Small families more often purchased poultry in pieces or parts.

# Frequency of serving poultry and method of preparation

More than one-half of the homemakers studied served poultry once a week, and more than one-fourth served poultry two to

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Examples: Food specials, trade stamps on foods, seasonal foods, time element for shopping.

three times a week. There was a 5 per cent increase in poultry served two to three times a week in the post-study, as compared with the pre-study data.

Frequency of serving poultry	Homemakers		
Frequency of seroing pounty	Pre-study	Post- $study$	
	Pct.	Pct.	
Once a week	55	51	
2 to 3 times per week	25	30	
Once each 2 weeks	15	15	
Less frequently	5	<b>4</b>	

# Preferred method of preparation

Fried chicken was the preferred method of preparation by about 68 per cent of the homemakers; broiling ranked second and baking third. The homemaker with a high school education or above is more versatile in her preparation of poultry in contrast to those of a lower education level. This was also evident among homemakers who had a per capita income of \$1,200 or more. Per capita income of more than \$2,500 did not greatly affect quantity of poultry purchased at one time. More than 60 per cent of all homemakers bought between 2 and 4 pounds of poultry each time they stopped.

# Marketing price comparisons

More than two-thirds of the homemakers reported making food price comparisons often to determine best buys. About 25 per cent made comparisons only occasionally. These data indicate a strong interest in stretching the food dollar.

F	Homemakers		
Frequency	Pre-study	Post-study	
	Pct.	Pct.	
Often	74	65	
Occasionally	21	29	
Seldom	<b>4</b>	6	
Never	1	0	

To determine what meats homemakers considered high priced and did not buy often for that reason, a list of commonly used meats was given them to be circled. Beef steak was more often considered high priced and circled first, chicken breasts second, and pork chops third. Whole fryers were never considered a high priced meat, and poultry parts other than chicken breasts were seldom thought of as high priced, Table 4.

Meats homemakers consider		mentions	First m	ention	Second	mention	Third n	nention
expensive <sup>1</sup>	1 Otai	mentions	Before	After	Before	After	Before	After
	No.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Round steak	544	33	70	53	0	0	0	0
Chicken breast	532	33	18	4	78	69	13	34
Pork chops	196	12	1	1	11	15	56	56
Hens	65	4	0	0	5	2	31	10
Chicken legs,								
thighs	55	3 .	1	1	6	14	0	0
None	117	7	5	20	0	0	0	0
Don't know	123	8	5	21	0	0	0	0
Number	1,632		428	467	290	236	110	101

Table 4. Meats Considered Expensive by 895 Homemakers in the Preand Post-Study, Birmingham, Alabama, 1963

## Consumer reaction to frozen broilers

The majority of homemakers were of the opinion that there was little or no difference in food value between fresh and frozen poultry. Slightly more than one-fifth thought fresh broilers had a higher food value. Fifteen per cent indicated they did not know. Many homemakers commented on the better flavor and color of fresh poultry.

Food value	Homemakers		
rooa vaiue	Pre-study	Post- $study$	
	Pct.	Pct.	
Little difference	60	67	
Fresh broilers have more	22	21	
Frozen broilers have more	0	0	
Don't know	18	12	

# Nutritional Knowledge

Since it was thought that the nutritional knowledge of homemakers would influence their food buying practices, further study was made to gain insight with reference to extent.

Per capita income was significantly related to the homemaker's nutritional knowledge to a high level. This was also true of homemaker's education through the high school level and through age 60.

The nutritional knowledge of homemakers when related to nutritional rank or score revealed a significant upward trend in the post-study. As nutritional rank improved, so did knowledge of nutrients in poultry. Data from the pre-study were erratic, indicating less knowledge particularly as it applied to vitamin and

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> No homemakers considered fryers an expensive meat.

mineral content of poultry. Protein content was better understood by both groups studied. There was also a close correlation between education at the higher level and per capita income at the \$1,200 to \$2,500 level to homemakers' nutritional knowledge of poultry, Appendix Tables 7 and 8.

The homemakers between the age of 35 and 59 had a much greater knowledge of nutrition than did those under 35 and over

60 years of age, Appendix Table 9.

# Protein in poultry versus other meats

Homemakers' ranking of the protein value in poultry to three comparable foods indicated a lack of nutritional knowledge. Most homemakers apparently plan meals on other than a nutrition basis since many had no idea about the comparative protein values of a serving of meat, dried beans, milk, and poultry either before or after the store promotion program. More homemakers in the pre-study group believed that poultry was less nutritious than other protein sources. About half of each group did not have an opinion as to relative protein values. Percentages were uniformly higher among the post-study homemakers. In the promotion program, only the nutrition information that broilers were high in protein and low in calories had been stressed, Table 5.

As the level of education increased, homemakers were found to have a better knowledge of the protein content of meats and how different types compared. The protein content of poultry

TABLE 5. HOMEMAKERS' RANK OF POULTRY AND OTHER PROTEIN SOURCES IN
Meal Planning Before and After Promotion, 933 Homemakers,
Birmingham, Alabama, 1963

Comparable protein foods before	Protein value of a serving of poultry			
and after promotion	Don't know	Same	Less	
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	
Beef				
Pre-study	44	38	18	
Post-study	48	52	0	
Dried Beans				
Pre-study	46	24	30	
Post-study	62	8	30	
Pork				
Pre-study	49	14	37	
Post-study	57	36	7	
Milk				
Pre-study	55	35	10	
Post-study	68	27	Š	

versus milk was better understood than poultry versus dried beans.

# Homemaker's opinion of poultry

Data also pointed up a lack of knowledge among homemakers with reference to nutrients, other values, and general opinion of poultry. Less than half of the homemakers knew chicken to be a good source of the B vitamins. The majority thought poultry to be a good meat for weight control. Practically all homemakers were of the opinion that broilers offered a wide variety of preparation. Only a third considered poultry as a typical meat for a family of high income. A significant improvement was observed in the post-study, which indicated a change could be made.

The educational level of homemakers was significantly related to nutritional knowledge and their general opinion of poultry at a high level. In the pre-study homemakers' knowledge of the B vitamins increased from 22 per cent to 51 per cent according to levels of education. Post-study data showed an increase of 16 per cent to 58 per cent. Poultry as a weight control meat was also better understood by homemakers in the higher educational levels, ranging from 61 per cent to 98 per cent in the pre-study and 44 to 95 per cent in the post-study. Information had been given homemakers during the in-store promotion program about poultry having high nutrition value and low calories. A highly significant difference was observed in homemakers' opinion of broilers as a good meat choice between the pre- and post-study of high income families. In the pre-study disagreement increased with education from 52 per cent to 73 per cent. Data from the post-study ranged from 28 per cent disagreement in the lower educational level to 52 per cent in the second level and down again to 29 per cent among homemakers of high education who considered poultry a good meat choice for high income families. Data indicate that some of the homemakers remembered information given at the point of sale, and, furthermore, that viewpoints could be changed, Appendix Table 10.

Higher nutrition knowledge was also found among homemakers with a greater per capita income, Appendix Table 11.

Opinions of poultry	Homemakers		
Opinions of pountry	Pre-study	Post- $study$	
	Pct.	Pct.	
Broilers offer wide variety in preparation	99	100	
Poultry good in weight control	81	81	
Chicken good source of B-vitamins	39	42	
Typical meat for family of high income	21	43	

#### Preferred meats on the menu

Poultry is selected more often for a week day family meal than any other meat because of family preference and economy. Chicken ranked importantly as a meat selected for a church friend. Reasons given included popularity of meat and advanced preparation to which chicken lends itself. For special family meals, particularly the husbands' birthday and important business friends, beef is more often selected according to this study. Reasons given by the homemakers included widespread preference for beef among all people and ease in preparation, specifically as it applied to steak and ground beef. Furthermore, in their opinion, beef, particularly steak, was more of a prestige food, Appendix 12. An increase of 4 per cent in use of chicken for a week day meal was reported in the post-study as shown below.

Meats selected week day meal	Homemakers		
Meats selected week day meat	Pre-study	Post-study	
	Pct.	Pct.	
Chicken	32	36	
Ground beef	17	29	
Steak	15	11	
Special meal			
Steak	40	35	
Roast	17	17	
Chicken	16	17	

The nutritional knowledge of homemakers is related to marketing knowledge and, therefore to food purchasing practices. Those having higher scores in nutrition also had higher scores in marketing. These data indicate that nutrition education does have an effect on marketing practices.

#### EFFECTIVENESS OF FOOD ADVERTISEMENTS

Sources of greater influence on consumer food buying are food store advertisements in newspapers, and articles about foods in the food section of the newspaper.

A. J	Homemakers		
Advertising media	Pre-study	Post-study	
	Pct.	Pct.	
Food store ads in newspaper	53	42	
Articles about foods in newspaper	13	18	
In-store posters (colored)	13	28	

Homemakers considered radio and newsletters to be most important in giving them information about the purchase of food-specials or consumer news. Television and in-store information were also considered useful in food purchases, and to a lesser extent in food preparations and meal planning. Friends were the major source of information about food preparation through exchange of recipes. Meetings, pamphlets, magazines, and color illustrations were considered the best sources for learning meal planning. Magazines were also a source of information about meal planning and food preparation. Newspapers were considered an excellent source of all food information, Appendix Table 13.

Food source information of greatest influence in food buying and order of importance to homemakers are given in Appendix 14.

To determine what type of display posters are eye-catching to the homemakers, descriptions were requested. Those more often referred to included attractive appearance, ease of preparation, and appealing to appetite.

Two and markey	Homemakers		
Type of poster	Pre-study	Post- $study$	
	Pct.	Pct.	
Attractive appearance	20	7	
Ease of preparation	18	8	
Recipes for popular foods	12	7	
Appeal to appetite	11	18	
Bright colors	9	6	
Animated posters	8	28	
Variety	7	11	
Slogan with picture	6	7	
Nutritive value	6	4	
Low price	3	4	

Each homemaker was asked how she preferred to get information about food purchasing, preparation, and meal planning. Newspapers were the most frequently mentioned source of food information, followed by magazines, friends, and television, as shown at top of page 21.

Food information source desired	Percentage of total mentions
Newspapers	22
Magazines	17
Friends	16
Television	14
Other means	8
Radio	7
Meetings	6
Pamphlets	6
Newsletters	2
In-store promotion	2

Of the 933 homemakers interviewed, 92 per cent mentioned newspapers as their most favored food information source. Percentages of mention of other information sources are:

Food information source desired	Percentage of respondents who mentioned source
Newspapers	92
Magazines	67
Friends	66
Television	57
Other means	31
Radio	28
Meetings	26
Pamphlets	25
Newsletters	9
In-store	8

# Request for more food information

About one-half the homemakers had no particular desire for more food information. More homemakers in the post promotions study were interested in learning about aspects of food use, but the average homemaker was satisfied with her present habits in meal planning and food preparations, as indicated below:

Food information desired	Promotion Before	
No particular interest	48	55
Food value	22	16
Food selection	13	10
Meal planning, food preparation	12	8
All aspects of food	19	28

A significant increase of 9 per cent of the homemakers in the post- over the pre-study requested more information about food value, meal planning, food preparation and food selection. This request was more often made by the home-makers between the ages of 35 and 59, with a high school education and a per capita income of \$1,200 to \$2,500.

#### APPENDIX A

Appendix Table 1. Display Appeals Recalled by 192 Homemakers About In-Store Broiler Promotion Display, by Successive Mentions, Birmingham, Alabama, 1963

Display appeals recalled	Total 1	mentions	First mention	Second mention	Third mention
	No.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Large pictures of chicken	96	24	33	21	8
Stretching food dollar (economy)	48	12	10	13	18
Nutrition value (nutrition)	45	11	6	16	16
Variety of recipes	39	10	<b>4</b>	18	12
Low calories (nutrition)	33	8	2	13	15
Balloons hanging around	31	8	6	7	13
Large chicken display	23	6	8	3	5
Person giving out recipes	16	4	2	6	6
Miscellaneous	66	17	29	3	7
Number	397		192	120	85

Appendix Table 2. Observation of In-Store Display by 192 Homemakers as Related to Education, Per Capita Income, and Source of Family Income, Birmingham, Alabama, 1963

		Educati	on of hon	nemaker						
Recall display	Under 9 grades	9-11	HS grad.	Some college	BS or more					
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.					
YesVaguely*	21 47 32	34 36 30	46 36 18	45 42 13	45 41 15					
	Per capita income, dollars									
	Under 600	600- 1199	1200- 2499	2500- 3199	3200 or more					
Yes No. Vaguely*	. 55	35 42 23	31 47 22	49 33 18	47 39 14					
•	Age of homemaker									
	Under 25	25-34	35-44	45-59	60 or more					
Yes No Vaguely*	- 57	33 56 11	48 38 14	45 32 23	30 43 27					
		Source	of family	income						
	Home- maker only	Head only	Both	Other						
Yes No Vaguely*	_ 50	43 40 17	45 36 19	27 44 29						

<sup>\*</sup> Vaguely = remembered display but not the message.

Appendix Table 3. Relationship of Per Capita Income to Marketing Knowledge Score, 923 Homemakers, Birmingham, Alabama, 1963

Per capita income, dollars —	Marketing knowledge score						
Ter capita income, dollars	Low	Medium	High				
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.				
Under 1,200 1,200-2,499 2,500-3,199 3,200 and over	57 33 24 24	30 41 33 39	13 26 43 37				

Appendix Table 4. Relationship of Education of the Homemaker to Knowledge of Inspection Symbol, 933 Homemakers, Birmingham, Alabama, 1963

		N	leaning of sym	bol
Education of homemaker¹	Recognized symbol	Inspection label	Meat grades other than inspection	Don't know, no information
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Under 9 grades	48	16	0	84
9-11 grades	66	25	5	$7\overline{0}$
High school graduate	85	40	2	58
Some college	86	50	3	47
College graduate	96	78	3	19
Number	759	412	23	323

<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>1</sup> Does not include 28 homemakers who gave no information on education.

Appendix Table 5. Relationship of Education of the Homemaker to Knowledge of Meats Grades, 910 Homemakers, Birmingham Alabama, 1963

	Education of homemakers									
Knowledge of meat grades	Under 9 grades	9-11 grades	High school graduate	Some college	College grad. or more					
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.					
One correct Two correct Three correct Four correct Don't know	-	$   \begin{array}{c}     8 \\     15 \\     2 \\     0 \\     75   \end{array} $	9 22 8 1 60	15 28 17 3 37	11 33 25 10 21					

Appendix Table 6. Relationship of Income Source to Major Factors Governing Food Buying\*, 931 Homemakers, Birmingham, Alabama, 1963

Factors governing		Income	source	
food buying	Homemaker	Male head	Both	Other
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Family preference	38	33	35	31
Economy or price	38	22	34	29
Quantity or quality	12	27	18	20
Miscellaneous reasons	0	7	7	6
Nutrition or diet	6	6	2	5
Regular needs	3	3	3	6
Variety	3	2	1	3
Number	32	540	232	127

<sup>\*</sup> First mention only.

Appendix Table 7. Nutritional Knowledge of Homemaker Related to Education, 910 Homemakers, Birmingham, Alabama, 1963

NT Little	Education of homemakers										
Nutrition score	Under 9		9-11		High school graduate		Some college		BS or more		
	$Pre\ Pct.$	$Post \\ Pct.$	$Pre\ Pct.$	$Post \\ Pct.$	$Pre\ Pct.$		$Pre\ Pct.$	$Post \\ Pct.$	$Pre \\ Pct.$	Post Pct.	
2345	48 17 28 7	40 33 23 4	35 25 25 15	17 51 17 15	17 23 42 18	11 28 37 24	7 28 46 19	4 16 45 35	1 16 57 26	7 7 48 38	

#### Appendix Table 8. Nutritional Knowledge of Homemaker Related to Per Capita Income, 924 Homemakers, Birmingham, Alabama, 1963

NT. 1. 212	Per capita income of homemakers										
Nutrition -	Under		600-		1,200-		2,500-		3,200		
score	600		1,199		2,499		3,199		or more		
	$rac{Pre}{Pct.}$	Post Pct.	$Pre \\ Pct.$	$Post \\ Pct.$	$rac{Pre}{Pct.}$	Post Pct.	Pre Pct.	Post Pct.	$Pre \\ Pct.$	Post Pct.	
2	69	27	30	33	18	10	6	11	10	5	
	19	46	23	33	20	25	20	23	27	19	
	6	18	32	27	39	39	55	37	48	42	
	6	9	15	7	23	26	19	29	15	34	

Appendix Table 9. Nutritional Knowledge of Homemaker Related to Age, 921 Homemakers, Birmingham, Alabama, 1963

Nutrition				Ag	e of h	omema	ker			
score	Und	er 25	25-34		35-44		45-59		60 or more	
	$Pre\ Pct.$	Post Pct.	$rac{Pre}{Pct.}$	Post Pct.	$rac{Pre}{Pct.}$	$Post \\ Pct.$		$Post \\ Pct.$	$egin{array}{l} Pre \ Pct. \end{array}$	$Post \\ Pct.$
2 34 5	33 29 24 14	0 7 57 36	19 17 39 25	14 21 35 30	18 22 40 20	8 27 41 24	13 24 49 14	16 24 33 27	27 19 36 18	13 29 37 21

Appendix Table 10. Relationship of Homemaker's Education to Nutrition and Purchasing Knowledge About Poultry, 933 Homemakers, Birmingham, Alabama, 1963

NT 1 1 1 1 1 1 1				Ed	ucation of	f homemal	kers			,
Nutritional and purchasing knowledge about poultry	Under	Under 9 grades		9-11 grades		High school graduates		Some college		ge grad. more
	$Pre\ Pct.$	$Post \\ Pct.$	$egin{array}{l} Pre \ Pct. \end{array}$	$Post \\ Pct.$	$egin{array}{l} Pre \ Pct. \end{array}$	$Post \\ Pct.$	$egin{array}{l} Pre \ Pct. \end{array}$	$Post \\ Pct.$	$Pre \\ Pct.$	Post Pct.
Poultry has B vitamins										
Don't know Agree Disagree	22	$^{84}_{16}_{0}$	$\begin{array}{c} 72 \\ 26 \\ 2 \end{array}$	$76 \\ 24 \\ 0$	58 39 3	61 38 1	$\begin{array}{c} 44 \\ 50 \\ 6 \end{array}$	$\frac{37}{62}$	48 51 1	$\frac{42}{58}$
Poultry weight control meat										
Agree Don't know Disagree	39	44 56 0	65 33 2	57 43 0	84 15 1	85 15 0	${82 \atop 16} \atop 2$	93 7 0	98 2 0	95 5 0
Broilers good meal choice high income families										
Disagree Agree Don't know	52 26 22	28 39 33	53 16 31	52 26 22	52 19 29	47 39 14	62 29 9	$^{41}_{54}$	73 19 8	29 55 16
Cut-up broilers economical										
Disagree Don't know Agree	50	39 56 5	30 65 5	43 48 9	45 47 8	56 38 6	63 30 7	59 30 11	59 35 6	50 42 8

Appendix Table 11. Relationship of Homemaker's Per Capita Income to Nutritional and Purchasing Knowledge About Poultry, 923 Homemakers, Birmingham, Alabama, 1963

Nutritional and purchasing			Per capit	a income of	homemaker	s, dollars		
knowledge about poultry	Under	1,200	1,200	-2,499	2,500-	-3,199	3,200 d	or more
,	$egin{array}{l} Pre \ Pct. \end{array}$	$Post \\ Pct.$	$rac{Pre}{Pct.}$	$Post \\ Pct.$	$rac{Pre}{Pct.}$	Post Pct.	Pre Pct.	Post Pct.
Poultry has B vitamins								
Don't know Agree Disagree	29	72 27 1	59 38 3	$\begin{array}{c} 58 \\ 42 \\ 0 \end{array}$	61 36 3	$   \begin{array}{c}     48 \\     52 \\     0   \end{array} $	45 52 3	56 43 1
Poultry weight control meat								
Agree Don't know Disagree	31	$   \begin{array}{c}     51 \\     49 \\     0   \end{array} $	81 19 0	81 19 0	91 7 2	94 6 0	89 11 0	93 7 0
Poultry offers variety								
Agree Don't know Disagree	0	99 1 0	98 2 0	100 0 0	100 0 0	99 1 0	100 0 0	100 0 0
Broilers good meal choice for high income families								
Disagree Don't know Agree	31	42 27 31	52 28 20	44 12 44	58 14 28	46 17 37	69 8 23	30 13 57
Cut-up broilers economical								
Disagree Don't know Agree	66	41 54 5	42 49 9	52 39 9	59 30 11	$\begin{array}{c} 56 \\ 41 \\ 3 \end{array}$	63 30 7	58 34 8

Appendix Table 12. Meat Choices for Specific Occasion Meals by 933 Homemakers, Birmingham, Alabama, 1963

) r 1			Meat	choice					
Meal occasion —	Chi	cken	Beef	roast	Steak				
	$rac{Pre}{Pct.}$	$Post \\ Pct.$	$Pre\ Pct.$	$Post \\ Pct.$	$egin{array}{l} Pre \ Pct. \end{array}$	$Post \\ Pct.$			
Week-day family meal Husband's birthday New couple at church	32 19 44	36 13 47	14 18 19	3 17 13	15 40 4	11 35 3			
Business friend	16 Pork	chops	38 Haml	38 ourger	30 Cold	38 l cuts			
	$Pre\ Pct.$	$Post \\ Pct.$	$egin{array}{l} Pre \ Pct. \end{array}$	$Post \\ Pct.$	$egin{array}{l} Pre \ Pct. \end{array}$	$Post \\ Pct.$			
Week-day family meal Husband's birthday New couple at church	$9\\4\\4$	$\begin{array}{c} 4 \\ 6 \\ 2 \end{array}$	17 3 10	29 - 3 16	13 16 19	17 26 19			
Business friend	3	1	4	4	9	10			

Appendix Table 13. Homemakers' Preferred Source for Specific Food Information, 933 Homemakers, Birmingham, Alabama, 1963

			Specific	food info	rmation		
Food information source	Food purchase	Food prepara- tion	Meal planning	and prep-	Purchase and meal planning	Prepara- tion and meal planning	Purchase, prepara- tion and meal planning
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Radio	92	1	3	2	2	0	0
Newsletter	80	9	4	1	6	0	0
Television	50	3	5	15	15	2	10
In-store	45	26	23	$oldsymbol{4}$	1	1	0
Friends	5	50	10	10	2	15	8
Meetings	12	25	50	1	. 4	7	1
Pamphlets	11	15	59	1	3	11	0
Other ways	4	11	50	2	7	20	6
Magazines	1	27	9	2	1	54	6
Newspapers	15	1	0	4	11	1	63

Appendix Table 14. Food Source Information of Greatest Influence in Food Buying, 933 Homemakers, Birmingham, Alabama, 1963

		Foo	od source in o	der of importar	nce	
Food information source	Most important	Second most important	Third most important	Fourth most important	Fifth most important	Sixth most important
	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.	Pct.
Food store ads in newspaper	47 20 16 5 3 3 2 1	27 11 20 10 7 5 4 5 2	11 2 19 13 10 12 5 5 6 6	5 9 7 11 13 11 9 9 5	2 0 5 6 7 10 17 9 12	2 0 6 3 5 6 20 10 12 5
Food programs on radio Food ads on radio Recipes distributed at store	0	2	4	8 2	5 4	2
Tasting samples at storePamphlets	0 0	1 0	2 2	4 2	5 6	10 4 11

#### APPENDIX B

# **Family Information**

Family characteristics in the pre- and post-surveys were similar. Differences were studied by chi-square tests and found not to be of significance.

Approximately 82 per cent of the families in the study were white, and 18 per cent were Negro. Average annual income of families was \$7,000 and per capita income \$2,200. In almost 25 per cent of the families studied, both the homemaker and head of the household worked. The average household size was 3.4 members.

The homemakers, principally under study, were in the age brackets of: 20 per cent under 34, 28 per cent 35 to 44, 36 per cent 45 to 59, and 16 per cent 60 and over.

Forty-three per cent of the homemakers had a high school education, and one-third had some college work, a B.S. degree or more. Less than 10 per cent had below an eighth grade education.

APPENDIX B TABLE 1. FAMILIES IN PRE- AND POST-STUDIES CLASSIFIED BY RACE

Item	W	hite	Ne	egro	Total		
	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	
Pre-study Post-study	383 386	83 82	80 84	17 18	459 462	$\frac{100}{100}$	

#### APPENDIX B TABLE 2. FAMILIES IN PRE- AND POST-STUDIES CLASSIFIED BY AGE OF HOMEMAKER

Item	Under 25		25	-34	35	-44	45	-59	6	30	Total		
	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	
Pre-study Post-study	$\begin{array}{c} 21 \\ 14 \end{array}$	5 3	75 63	16 13	129 133	28 29	$\frac{167}{174}$	36 38	67 78	15 17	$\frac{459}{462}$	$\begin{array}{c} 100 \\ 100 \end{array}$	

#### APPENDIX B TABLE 3. FAMILIES IN PRE- AND POST-STUDIES CLASSIFIED BY EDUCATION OF HOMEMAKER

Item	Unc	ler 9	9-	·11	High	school	Some	college	B.S.	degree		e than degree	Total		
	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	
Pre-study Post-study	46 43	$\begin{array}{c} 10 \\ 10 \end{array}$	57 47	$\frac{12}{10}$	203 199	44 44	68 76	15 17	78 80	17 18	7 6	$\frac{2}{1}$	$\frac{459}{451}$	$\frac{100}{100}$	

APPENDIX B TABLE 4. FAMILIES IN PRE- AND POST-STUDIES CLASSIFIED BY INCOME SOURCES

Item	Home	1		household nly	Во	oth	All	other	Total		
	No.	Pct.	Νo.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	
Pre-study Post-study	18 14	4 3	274 269	59 57	120 110	26 24	51 77	11 16	463 470	100 100	

#### APPENDIX B TABLE 5. FAMILIES IN PRE- AND POST-STUDIES CLASSIFIED BY HOUSEHOLD SIZE

Item	2 Persons		ons 3 Persons		4 Persons		5 Per	csons	6 Pei	rsons	7 Per	sons	8 or 1		Total		
	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	
Pre-study Post-study	166 177	36 38	108 107	23 23	92 95	20 20	53 54	12 12	24 25	5 5	9 5	2	9 6	2 1	461 469	$\frac{100}{100}$	

## Appendix B Table 6. Families in Pre- and Post-Studies Classified by Per Capita Income

Item	Under \$600		00 600-899		900-1199		1200-1799		1800-2499		2500-3199		3200 a	nd over	Total		
	No.	Pct.	$\overline{No}$ .	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	
Pre-study	16	4	35	8	45	10	102	22	88	19	69	15	102	22	457	100	
Post-study	11	2	33	7	30	6	111	24	106	23	79	17	97	21	467	100	

#### APPENDIX B TABLE 7. FAMILIES IN PRE- AND POST-STUDIES CLASSIFIED BY FAMILY INCOME

Item	Under \$2000		2000- 2999		3000- 3999		4000- 4999		5000- 5999		6000- 7999		8000- 9999		10,000- 14,999		15,000 or more		No infor- mation		To	Total	
	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	No.	Pct.	
Pre-study Post-study	. 16 . 13	3 3	$\frac{30}{24}$	$\frac{6}{5}$	$\begin{array}{c} 46 \\ 41 \end{array}$	10 8	$\frac{51}{42}$	11 9			$\begin{array}{c} 79 \\ 114 \end{array}$			25 23			$^{12}_{\ 8}$		<b>6</b> 3	$\frac{1}{1}$		$\begin{array}{c} 100 \\ 100 \end{array}$	

#### APPENDIX C

Purpose of the recipe leaflet distributed to homemakers as they came to the poultry displays in the cooperating stores was to provide information and a variety of uses. Poultry was featured from the standpoint of popularity, nutrition, and economic value. Recipes selected included prize winners from a contest sponsored by the Alabama Poultry Industry Association. Given here are several of the recipes from the handout leaflet.

#### Barbecued Chicken

2 broiler-fryer chickens halved or quartered 5alt and pepper 2 T. lemon juice 1 can (8 oz.) tomato sauce and 1 can water 2 T. brown sugar

Sprinkle chicken with salt and pepper. Combine remaining ingredients in saucepan and heat.

OUTDOOR GRILL METHOD: Place chicken, skin side up, on grate set 8 to 12 inches from heat. Brush chicken with barbecue sauce. Cook slowly until tender, turning and basting occasionally. Allow 1 to 1¼ hours cooking time. Pieces should be fork tender.

OVEN BROILER METHOD: Place chicken skin side down on foil-lined broiler pan; brush with barbecue sauce. Broil ½ hour on each side in 350° F. oven, brushing occasionally with barbecue sauce. Serves 4 to 8.

#### **Brunswick Stew**

2 broiler-fryers, 2½ lb. each ½ lb. bacon, ham, or salt pork, 5 c. water coarsely cut 4 t. salt t. Tabasco 2½ c. kernel corn ¼ t. ground pepper ¼ t. ground thyme 2 c. chopped onion  $2\frac{1}{2}$  c. fresh or frozen okra ¼ c. butter or margarine 3 T. flour 3½ c. tomatoes 4 c. fresh or frozen lima beans 1 green pepper, chopped

Place chickens, breast down, in large kettle. Add water and salt. Bring to boil. Skim any froth from surface. Reduce heat and simmer 45 min. or until meat is ready to come off bones. Remove bones and skin. Add all ingredients except butter or margarine, flour, and green pepper. Simmer about 1 hour, stirring occasionally to prevent sticking. Blend butter or margarine and flour. Add to stew and stir constantly until liquid is uniformly thickened. Simmer 10 min. to cook flour. Add green pepper and season to taste. Serve very hot in bowls or soup plates. Yield: 4 quarts.

#### Chicken Curry

1. chutney

2. coconut

3. chopped almonds or peanuts

4. chopped green pepper

5. Hard cooked eggs (5), chopped separately

6. crumbled bacon

7. chives and green onion

8. sliced mushrooms, sauteed in oleo

One 5-lb. chicken — cook with celery and onion, cool in stock. Remove meat from bone. Chop 4 medium onions, brown in 5 T. oil, add 5 T. flour and cook until light brown. Add 1 qt. chick stock,  $\frac{1}{4}$  c. raisins, 1 c. crushed pineapple,  $\frac{1}{2}$  lemon and simmer 15 min. Add  $\frac{1}{2}$  c. light cream, 2 to 4 T. curry powder moistened to paste with cold water. Add chicken cut into bite-size pieces, salt. Simmer to cream consistency. Serve with rice and condiments as listed above.

#### Chicken Pie

3 cups boiled chicken cut in small

pieces
4 hard cooked eggs

1 can cream mushroom soup % can water ½ cut grated cheese

½ t. salt ¼ t. pepper

1 recipe biscuits

Roll biscuit dough one-half inch thick, cut biscuits 1 inch in diameter. Bake 7 min. at 425° F. Using  $9\times9\times2$  glass baking dish, place one-half chicken in bottom of dish. Top with sliced eggs, and place remaining chicken on the eggs. Mix other ingredients together, pour over meat and eggs. Cover with miniature biscuits. Bake in 325° oven until biscuits are golden brown. Pie can be stored in refrigerator and baked later. (Left-over turkey may be used in the place of chicken.)

#### Chicken Tetrazzini

3 c. diced chicken or turkey cooked

½ c. sliced canned mushrooms ½ c. thinly sliced onions

1/4 c. butter or margarine

½ c. flour

2 c. broth or bouillon 1 c. light cream 1 t. salt

1/4 t. pepper 1/2 t. poultry seasoning

8 oz. package spaghetti or noodles, cooked and drained

½ c. shredded aged cheese

Brown mushrooms and onions in butter lightly. Stir in flour, add broth and cream. Add salt, pepper, and poultry seasoning. Cook, stirring frequently until mixture boils. Place a layer of cooked spaghetti in a buttered 2-quart casserole. Cover with a layer of diced chicken or turkey and layer of sauce. Repeat. Finish with a layer of spaghetti. Sprinkle cheese on top. Bake in  $400^{\circ}$  oven for 20 min. or until bubbly. Yield: 6 servings.

## Country Captain

8 chicken breasts or 2 fryers

Sauce:

½ c. fat or salad oil 2 medium onions, diced 2 green peppers, minced 2 No. 2 cans tomatoes

½ c. water 1 T. Worcestershire sauce 1 T. brown sugar

¼ c. parsley, chopped 2 t. curry powder

1 t. dry mustard 1 clove garlic ½ c. currants

Flour and brown chicken. Place in casserole or baking pan. Make sauce by sauteing onions and green peppers in oil or fat. Add all other ingredients, salt to taste, and cook mixture until smooth. Pour over chicken and cook in 350° oven until tender (about 1 hr.). About 15 minutes before serving add currants. Serve chicken and sauce over rice. Serves 8.

## Fried Chicken Supreme

8 medium chicken breasts or 2 fryers, cut into serving pieces Flour

½ t. red pepper

Cooking oil to almost cover chickens ½ t. onion salt

½ t. salt

Season chicken with salt, red pepper, and onion salt. Flour well. Heat oil in electric fry pan to 400° F. Place pieces of chicken in oil and brown well on all sides. Drain on paper towels, pour off oil, reduce heat to 300° F. and replace chicken. Cover lid and bake 30 to 40 minutes. Serves 8.

#### Lemon Broiled Chicken

1 3-lb. broiler-fryer cut in serving pieces Salt, pepper, and paprika

Juice of 1/2 lemon 2 t. salad oil 1 t. tarragon

Sprinkle chicken with salt, pepper, and paprika. Line broiler pan with aluminum foil. Turn temperature control to moderate (350° F.) and broil 3 to 4 inches from heat, or set control for "broil" and place broiler pan 7 to 8 inches from heat. Place chicken, skin side down, on pan. Combine lemon juice, salad oil, and tarragon; brush ½ mixture over chicken. Broil 30 minutes, brushing occasionally with pan drippings. Turn chicken and brush with remaining lemon-herb mixture. Broil 15 to 30 minutes longer, brushing occasionally. To test for doneness, pieces should be fork-tender. Yield: 6 servings.