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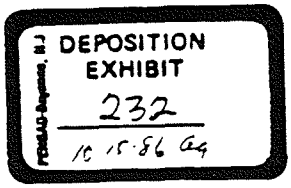
Arochlor(3) Chickens

Subject study is proceeding per protocol, every effort is being made toward a successful completion in spite of our continued loss of birds due to Marek's Disease. While our losses have slackened and will hopefully continue to decline, it is impossible to predict the final mortality and, consequently, the outcome of the study.

Following is a tabulation of remaining birds as of 7-19-69.

Group		Males	Females
Control		3	18
1242	TI	4	20
	TII	4	19
	TIII	4	16
1254	TI	3	19
	TII	4	19
	TIII	4	18
1260	TI	4	18
	TII	4	20
	TIII	4	20
%loss		5%	6%

The loss to date is well under normal expectancy even though it is alarming. The number of males lost is of no particular concern as long as there is a survivor in each group. We are in most serious trouble with 1242 TIII. We have lost 20% of the females but still can complete the study.



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