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Along with the progressing transition to the mass breeding of poultry it is necessary to pay more attention to the control of ectoparasites, which might considerably decrease the total meat and egg production in case of their mass occurrence. For example, the losses caused by them in the U.S.S.R. are estimated to attain up to 90 million roubles in some years. The book summarizes the most important results and experiences obtained in this field. The first part deals with the main morphological and biological characteristics of the most important ectoparasites, namely *Dermanyssus gallinae*, *Argas persicus*, *Cimex lectularius* and Mallophaga, and methods of their collection. The following part contains characteristics of mostly applied insecticides and acaricides, the data on acute, residual and ovicide effects of individual preparations on the

mentioned four groups of ectoparasites, as well as the data on the toxicity of various preparations to both chicken and adult birds. Another chapter is devoted to the results of application of the preparations in the control of ectoparasites in various farms, economic evaluation of the sanitary measures and a survey of measures recommended for the prophylaxis and control of ectoparasites. Possibilities of the biological control are briefly discussed. The list of references includes the most important Soviet papers dealing with this subject.

The book is not very comprehensive, but it presents many important data which are well arranged and tabulated. It will be helpful to all those concerned with the animal production and control of parasitic arthropods.

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