Breeding Management for Pigeon

Pigeon breeding management

Breeding systems

- Pigeons mate for life
- Socially monogamous, but extra-pair mating do occur, often initiated by males
- Due to their ability to produce crop milk, pigeons can breed at any time of year
- Mostly pure breed
- Traits of the breeds are mostly considered before crossing
- Inbred pigeons tend to have poor vitality and are more prone to sickness

Egg Production and Hatching

- Female start laying eggs when they reach 5 to 6 months. And lay 2 eggs per month
- For them to lay eggs, they should be kept in pairs, they lay on skip a day
- Pigeon eggs takes 18 days to hatch
- If more than 2 eggs are laid, one should be removed because the pair can tend no more than 2 squabs at a time properly.
- Female lays another set of eggs when squabs are 2-3 weeks old and leaves the feeding of the first pair to the male.
- This is the principal reason why double nest are provided for each pair of breeder

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