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CAPON AS A NOVEL PRODUCT IN NATIVE CHICKENS

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Since the appearance of poultry hybrids, the importance of our old traditional breeds is gradually decreasing. Nowadays, economic production has completely pushed our indigenous breeds of chickens into the background, since the products of these old breeds cannot be produced in large-scale farming technology. At the Pilot Farm of University of Szeged we have been keeping two indigenous breeds of chickens since 1977. The products of our Speckled Hungarian Chickens and Speckled Transylvanian Naked Neck Chickens are popular among the local population, but due to the fact that they can be sold on a wider scale, curious products are needed. In addition to the gene preservation program, one of our tasks is to produce suitable, saleable, marketable products that increase the economic importance of the varieties. Caponization is one such possibility, in making our indigenous chicken breeds better marketable. In our tests, we want to investigate at what age it is easiest to perform caponization in our native breeds.