

6342. Adulteration of eggs. U. S. * * * v. Wade H. Ford and Charles W. Hardin (Shelburn Poultry & Egg Co.). Plea of guilty as to Hardin. Fine, \$10 and costs. Indictment nolle prossed as to Ford. (F. & D. No. 8065. I. S. No. 1711-m.)

On December 15, 1917, the grand jurors of the United States, within and for the District of Indiana, acting upon a report by the Secretary of Agriculture, upon presentment by the United States attorney for said district, returned an indictment in the District Court of the United States for the district aforesaid against Wade H. Ford and Charles W. Hardin, doing business as the Shelburn Poultry & Egg Co., Shelburn, Ind., charging shipment by said defendants, in violation of the Food and Drugs Act, on or about August 12, 1916, from the State of Indiana into the State of Pennsylvania, of a quantity of eggs which were adulterated.

Examination of 4 cases by the Bureau of Chemistry of this department showed 34.86 per cent of inedible eggs.

Adulteration of the article was charged in the indictment for the reason that it consisted in part of a filthy, decomposed, and putrid animal substance.

On February 1, 1918, the defendant, Charles W. Hardin, entered a plea of guilty to the indictment, and the court imposed a fine of \$10 and costs. The indictment as to Wade H. Ford was nolle prossed.

C. F. MARVIN, *Acting Secretary of Agriculture.*