

Chicken farming guide for beginners

Poultry farming is profitable business since its products are highly demanded and give faster returns, however before investing in poultry first identify the poultry industry of your choice.

Usually layers start to give eggs from 18-19 weeks up to 72-78 weeks. There are three major sectors in poultry business and these are layers, broilers and free range chickens. Additionally, put in consideration the key qualities of a good poultry house such as big area, rain proof, security, smooth walls, ventilation, cemented floor and rat proof. It is advised to start with few number of birds and consult a veterinary doctor.

Management systems

Always supply free range chicken with concentrates and give nutritious feeds to broilers.

Also ensure proper planning to easily identify the basic needed requirements and capital before starting.

Additionally, ventilate the poultry house for free air circulation, place in beddings to provide warmth, comfort as well as to absorb moisture from droppings.

Furthermore grow supplementary feeds or buy feeds from reputable sellers these should be fermented for 3 days to lower feeding costs.

Ensure to clean equipments with safe water and learn about community governing laws to give guideline on where to locate the farm.

Periodically spray the poultry house, remove chicken droppings and clean poultry house.

Replace flock with young birds for continuous production and stock bird with good traits.

Lastly, avoid over crowding birds and fence bird houses for security purposes.

Chick management

Prepare brooder earlier, secure antibiotics and provide water to chicks as they arrive to control dehydration. Also provide a heat source in brooder and ensure that chicks exercise.

Additionally, give birds nutritious feeds in right quantities, give birds nutritious feeds in right quantities and control predators.