

# **Duck Layer Farming – Automated Duck Layer Cage System**

Duck farming is very popular and absolutely a lucrative business. There are numerous meat and egg productive duck breeds through out the world.

All the present domestic ducks around the globe comes from wild birds. Those wild birds wander around the world and some of them have been domesticated as a good source of food. Thousands of duck can be raised without water by keeping them inside house the way you raise chickens. Incase you raise ducks without water, your ducks will lay unfertilized eggs. You can't hatch the eggs for producing ducklings. Male ducks and water are essential for reproduction or mating purposes.

## **Management**

Ducks can be raised both in commercial and small scale for meat and egg production purpose. Ducks need less expensive, simple and non elaborate housing facilities thus lower cost of setting up commercial duck farming business. Ducks are very handy birds and they need less management.

Ducks can adapt themselves with almost all types of environmental conditions. They lay eggs either at night or in the morning. You need comparatively less space for raising ducks.

## **Advantages**

Ducks have comparatively shorter brooding period and their ducklings grow faster. They are highly resistant to the common avian diseases. You can feed your ducks with a wide variety of foods that includes; cassava, corn, rice, fruits and any other

low cost and easily available foods.

They also have a tendency of foraging aquatic weeds, algae, green legumes, earthworms and various insect which reduce feeding cost. Ducks have less mortality rate and lay eggs for a long time.

## **Other benefits**

Ducks products such as meat and eggs have great demand in the local and international market so it's a great source of income and a stable employment source.

Indian runner is a popular layer duck breed and very famous for their egg production capability. There are three types of indian runner duck breed available. White and greyish indian runners are good layers. Corky camp bell ducks are also popular breed for high egg production.