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There are practices that could keep sinking the farmer I.e keeping less productive animals, poor management practices that include, over stocking that leads to crowding that also encourages spread of diseases and cannibalism, employing more employees than needed. However, there are solutions that will see farmers maximise on profits despite the increasing prices of inputs; sell all productive animals, making your own feeds, natural remedy treatment improving management practices, bio security measures and value addition.

## **Challenges**

The prices of feeds and drugs have been going up over the past few months, and this has not reflected on the prices of the products that farmers produce.

For example in farming the prices of feeds have increased by about 25% and the same prices have not been reflected on the price of eggs. This is because if you increase the price of eggs consumers will not accept that easily and that usually leaves the farmer disadvantaged.

## **Increasing profits**

One can increase profits through; selling the less productive animals so that you only care for the highly productive ones.

Make your own feeds, buying feeds in bulk in order to enjoy discounts and free delivery, use natural remedies like aloe Vera, reduce your work force to save on money, improve management practices , observe biometric measures and also

maximising on value chain addition.

## **Feed making**

Making your own feeds as a farmer can save you a lot of costs. When making these feeds you will incur some costs that include getting a crusher that will be used to crush the grains, getting a mixture so that you can mix the ingredients and building a house where the machines will be stored.

The initial cost may be high but in the long run it is comfortable. It is advised to test the formulation formula of chicken feeds.