

# Layer chicken for egg production in Uganda

Poultry farming is a rich source of animal proteins and income generating activity since birds and their products are highly generated both at local and international markets.

Additionally bio security is key for successful poultry farming. For maximum output birds should be given feeds with ingredients. Always when establishing a poultry farm always consider water management factors like quality, height, pressure, mineral content and accessibility.

## Management practices

Ensure aligning feeds at height corresponding to birds, this helps to reduce feed wastage.

Secondly vaccinate birds against diseases and debeak to avoid poultry vices. Also after 3 months transfer birds to laying cages and provide feeds, water with timely collect eggs.

Always ensure farm bio security and avoid over crowding birds to control disease outbreak.

Ensure monitoring birds to easily identify production capacities, disease out break and provide birds with enough water since birds require more water than feeds.

Furthermore, train birds to drink with automatic drinkers and also raise cages for droppings to easily dry. Additionally, ensure proper aeration in poultry houses to reduce heat and stress.

Always, stock improved breeds to ensure resistance to diseases and increased output.

Lastly lower stocking density, routinely change cages and

always properly communicate with workers to achieve increased output.

## **Cage system advantages**

First, the system helps in proper hygiene management and clean egg production.

It is also facilitates easy flock management hence less labour required.

Furthermore it ensures easy oral vaccination since the vaccines are mixed in the tank at once.

Lastly the system facilitates easy monitoring of birds thus ensuring security and easy identification of disease outbreak.