

# Preventing naturally

# coccidiosis

Diseases are a major challenge in poultry production and coccidiosis is one of them. We can prevent coccidiosis using organic or natural herbs.

To prevent coccidiosis naturally in your flock, give your birds coconut water on day one. On day 2, 3 and 4, give the birds a mixture of garlic and ginger; this helps the birds to grow well. At one week, the birds should on average weigh 4 times their weight when day old. During the brooding period, ensure that you dont starve the chicks. Provide them with food at all times and also maintain adequate brooding temperature.

## Bitter leaf juice

Bitter leaf does well in treating and preventing coccidiosis. The scent leaves also have anti bacterial and anti inflammatory properties. These added together can do well on coccidiosis.

To make bitter leaf juice, get a mixture of bitter leaves and scent leaves and rinse them gently. Put them in a blender and add just enough water to blend. Cover and blend.

After blending, sieve the juice. You can sieve once when using manual drinkers but incase you are using automatic drinkers, sieve the second time using a cloth to prevent clogging of automatic drinkers. Serve the concoction fresh or store it in a refrigerator. To serve the bitter leaf juice to the chicks, add about 20ml of the juice per 3 litres of water.