

Discover Hidden Treasure in Local Chicken

Local chickens can provide a cheap source of food and easy cash to the family.

Local chickens

- are readily available for most rural people.
- do well in most areas.
- do not cost much to keep.
- have tasty meat and eggs.

Local chickens do very well if they are:

- given extra feed.
- housed well.
- kept in a disease-free environment



FEEDING

Birds need enough feed to grow and lay eggs. Birds find their own feed if allowed to move freely. You should give extra feed in form of:

- kitchen leftovers including fruit and vegetable waste.
- cereal grains and by-products.
- green leaves.
- fish meal (Omena)
- tubers and roots.
- insects, termites and worms.
- brewers waste.

Provide adequate clean water. Feed the birds in a clean dry place.

HOUSING

Proper chicken housing should:

- keep the birds, especially young chickens, secure from wild animals, hawks and theft.
- be spacious, well lit and airy.
- have perches.
- be easy to clean and maintain.

CONTROL OF DISEASES

To stop birds from getting sick:

- clean the chicken house frequently to maintain hygiene.
- vaccinate chickens against Newcastle disease, fowl typhoid and fowl pox.
- deworm growers to control internal parasites.

- dust the birds to control external parasites.

BREEDING

To improve your birds:

- use good cocks and hens for breeding.
- change breeding cocks at least once every year to avoid inbreeding.
- keep 1 cock for every 20 hens.

BENEFITS

- They multiply faster
- Bird's body weight is increased
- Improved egg weight and taste
- More eggs for hatching, sale and consumption
- More income

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