

Backyard poultry farming: A source of sustainable income for rural household

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Backyard poultry farming is the main enterprise of rural areas of the country. Out of the total poultry population 30% are reared under backyard poultry system. It provides income and employment to large number of people in rural areas especially women folk. Thus in order to improve socio economic status of rural farm women of district Budgam there is need to popularize the backyard poultry farming in the region and replace these low producing breeds with high egg laying breeds like Vanraja, Kroiler etc.

Feeding management of backyard poultry farming:

The feed cost alone is 70% of total expenditure in poultry production. In backyard poultry farming the feed cost is considered to be very nominal.



Diseases management in backyard poultry farming:

These birds are disease resistant and disease management is not an issue in the traditional areas of the region. For better health care in backyard poultry farming the birds should be vaccinated against viral diseases in time. The

diseases that mostly affect the birds are Ranikhet disease, Fowl pox, Marek's Disease, Gumboro disease etc.



Housing management for backyard poultry farming:

No elaborate housing is required for backyard poultry farming. House should be constructed in such a way that it should protect the birds from sun, rain, cold and predators. If free range system is practiced the birds are let loose in day time for foraging and at night sheltered in shed.



Success story on backyard poultry farming KVK-

Budgam : Under Front Line Demonstration (FLD) activity of KVK, Budgam, 10 Kroiler birds were provided to a farmer namely Ali Mohd Malik from Chrari Sharif village of district Budgam @ 60 Rs per birds. He raised the birds by locally available feed ingredients like rice bran, maize grain, vegetables leaves, waste rice, and kitchen waste in a simply constructed shed. Regarding health and general management was advocated under supervision of Animal Scientist of KVK-Budgam.

Estimated performance of dual purpose breed (Kroiler) observed at his unit on following attributes:

The female start laying of eggs at 6 month, with

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