

Hatching your own chicks

Poultry egg hatching is a good business to farmers. However this business is very risky and therefore proper considerations must be put into practice in order to achieve success.

Additionally, fertilized eggs do not hatch and thus considerations must be put in place to ensure that all eggs to be hatched are fertile so as to avoid loss. Eggs from own flock ensures good flock genetics. Also eggs that are not suitable for hatching can be used as food at home.

Hatching considerations

Ensure acquiring eggs from reliable sources to avoid buying miss labelled eggs. After transporting eggs allow them to settle in a cool place before incubation so as to stabilize the temperature.

Always collect eggs in spring since its the best time for fertility, egg storage as well as the chick growth.

Additionally, place a rooster among female birds to obtain fertile eggs.

Furthermore, sort eggs that do not match the breeds characteristics and store good eggs for incubation to maintain good flock genetics.

Also keep eggs in a clean place and clean them without rubbing them since rubbing wears off the protective layer.

Ensure to place eggs in the tray with bigger end upwards to hinder the egg air pocket from bursting.

Lastly, for long storage tilt tray to one side each day so that the yolk does not stick to the shell walls and keep eggs in a cool dry place out of sun to avoid bacterial growth to

facilitate hatching

Egg hatching considerations

First, the egg shell should be clean without stains and also the egg size should not be too small or too big since small eggs give weak chick and big eggs give chicks that grow abnormally.

Also the egg shell should be crack free, not wrinkled and eggs should not either be too round, too long. Furthermore eggs to be hatched should not be thin to facilitate hatching.

Lastly, the age of the birds is also crucial since too young birds produce eggs that give out sickly chicks.