

# Starting a chicken farm

Poultry farming is a good farming business, that requires less capital to start and gives high returns in a shorter period of time.

However, after establishing a poultry farm it is highly recommended to adopt good bio security measures to prevent disease out break as well as birds from dying. Also good record keeping is advised to poultry farmers as it helps to inform farmers whether farm is operating either under losses or profits. There are several equipments and machinery needed for poultry farming and among these include feeders, drinkers, incubators and feed mill.

## Basic principles

Start by conducting a research on various key poultry farming aspects such as rearing systems, type of chicken and sources of feeds needed.

Thereafter formulate business plan to help in attaining business goals, vision in order to have a business guide.

Also obtain capital to help cover various expenses such as buying land, construction of sheds, buying equipments, buying feeds and paying workers.

Additionally acquire a sizeable piece of land in a non residential area, not water logged and then build shed.

Furthermore, gather equipments, machinery and register the poultry farming business at all levels.

Thereafter employ workers and train them, then order for chicks and start preparing for brooding.

Ensure to always disinfect shed, set out equipments, adopt appropriate practices and consult experts to avoid losing

birds since the brooding stage is the most critical stage.

In conclusion start marketing birds soon as the chicks arrive on farm in order to capture market at the right time.