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How to get started on POULTRY and EGG farming:

These are very challenging like any other farming business, but very interesting.

The truth is you will need apx R8500 to get started on each. Yes, in 2021 prices for everything went up. Petrol was first, and the rest followed.

Broilers : there are 2 ways you can enter : 1. Grow chics from day 1 to 42 days or 2. Buy 42 days and become a reseller.

The risk for day option 1 are high with high profit margins and Option 2 has very low risk and low profits.

Option 1 : If you have an old room available(4×3)

You will need the following :
1. 10 x Water drinkers
2. 10 x Feeders
3. 5 x Ultraviolet lights
4. Normal cleaning equipment
5. Vaccination programme
6. 4 bags of saw dust

That comes up to roughly R2300

Then you buy 100 day olds for R850, in this case you buy 2 boxes for R1700.

Lastly you buy feed, for 200 chics you will require:
1. 2 bags (Starter)
2. 6 bags(grower)
3. 4 bags (finisher).

A bag in my area goes for about R360, prices differ per area. This will cost about R4300.

The risk we face with day olds is High Motality rate. We try keep to keep it below 20%, meaning you likely to sell about 180 chickens from 200 chics you bought. Say you sell for R80 to the locals, then you can make roughly R13000 from sales, giving you profits of about R4000...

Over 6 weeks

Option 2: You buy 6 weeks old chickens and resell.

The risk is very low, about 5% motality rate, meaning 10 from 200.

With R8500 you can buy 140 chickens for R60 each.

Then resell at R80 each, making about R11000 from sales. And profit of R2500 each time you sellout.

In this business you must cut any extra costs like petrol(buy and sell locally), airtime(Call when necessary), lunches(go eat at home) etc because those will eat your profits very bad.

Broilers need to be monitored regularly because most sicknesses can be avoided. The moment 1 chicken sneezes, it needs to be moved away from others immediately. It is better to treat 1 then 200.

Hope this helps someone to start with their poultry business, next thread is for eggs production

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