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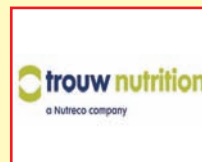
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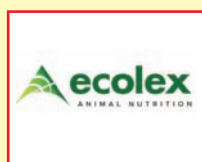
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	cFCR	1.168
	Livability%	92.4
	Daily Gain	81.7
EPEF	521.0	



Eastern Region

COMPANY: IB Group FARMER NAME: Mr. Ramanand Hait	FEBRUARY-2026	Top #1
	Farm Type	Open House
	State	BIHAR
	Chicks Placed	2232
	Mean Age	41.0
	Avg Body Wt	3118
	FCR	1.416
	cFCR	1.168
	Livability%	94.4
	Daily Gain	76.0
EPEF	506.7	



Central Region

COMPANY: IB Group FARMER NAME: Mr. Arun Chandrakar	FEBRUARY-2026	Top #1
	Farm Type	Open House
	State	CHHATTISGARH
	Chicks Placed	3108
	Mean Age	35.0
	Avg Body Wt	2504
	FCR	1.286
	cFCR	1.174
	Livability%	94.7
	Daily Gain	71.5
EPEF	526.9	



South Region

COMPANY: IB Group FARMER NAME: Mr. Yerragonda Parsharam Reddy	FEBRUARY-2026	Top #1
	Farm Type	Open House
	State	TELANGANA
	Chicks Placed	6150
	Mean Age	35.0
	Avg Body Wt	2449.0
	FCR	1.329
	cFCR	1.229
	Livability%	89.6
	Daily Gain	70.0
EPEF	472.0	



FEBRUARY-Top PERFORMANCE BY AREA

Area	Chicks Placed	Mean Age	BW	FCR	cFCR(2Kg)	Livability%	Daygain	EPEF
North EC House	14940	36.0	2720	1.436	1.276	95.5	75.6	502.5
North Open House	6150	35.0	2449	1.329	1.229	89.6	70.0	472.0
East EC House	19768	42.0	2870	1.440	1.247	90.6	68.3	430.0
East Open House	2232	41.0	3118	1.416	1.168	94.4	76.0	506.7
Central EC House	7963	45.0	3786	1.576	1.179	88.6	84.1	473.1
Central Open House	3108	35.0	2504	1.286	1.174	94.7	71.5	526.9
South EC House	14940	36.0	2720	1.436	1.276	95.5	75.6	502.5
South Open House	6150	35.0	2449	1.329	1.229	89.6	70.0	472.0

FEBRUARY-Top 10 FIELD PERFORMANCE

Flock	Farm Type	State	Chicks Placed	Mean Age	BW	FCR	cFCR	Livability%	Day Gain	EPEF
Flock 1	OPEN HOUSE	BIHAR	2232	41.0	3118	1.416	1.168	94.4	76.0	506.7
Flock 2	OPEN HOUSE	UTTAR PRADESH	3183	40.0	3269	1.450	1.168	92.4	81.7	521.0
Flock 3	OPEN HOUSE	PUNJAB	5993	42.0	3415	1.488	1.174	93.6	81.3	511.4
Flock 4	OPEN HOUSE	CHHATTISGARH	3108	35.0	2504	1.286	1.174	94.7	71.5	526.9
Flock 5	EC HOUSE	MAHARASHTRA	7963	45.0	3786	1.576	1.179	88.6	84.1	473.1
Flock 6	OPEN HOUSE	UTTARAKHAND	4280	44.0	3390	1.496	1.187	95.9	77.0	493.9
Flock 7	EC HOUSE	HARYANA	8784	45.0	3513	1.528	1.192	96.7	78.1	494.0
Flock 8	OPEN HOUSE	UTTAR PRADESH	4391	41.0	3301	1.483	1.194	92.7	80.5	503.3
Flock 9	OPEN HOUSE	RAJASTHAN	6788	45.0	3658	1.564	1.196	95.3	81.3	495.4
Flock 10	OPENHOUSE	UTTAR PRADESH	2478	41.0	3291	1.486	1.199	92.1	80.3	497.4

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IPEMA–Poultry India Celebrates World Protein Day 2026, Promotes Protein Awareness

The Indian Poultry Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA) – Poultry India, supported by the National Egg Coordination Committee (NECC), celebrated World Protein Day 2026 at SkyKings Football Academy, Secunderabad, emphasising the importance of protein in building strength, supporting growth, and maintaining overall health. The initiative aimed to raise awareness about the significance of protein-rich nutrition among young athletes and the broader community, highlighting the role of eggs and poultry products as affordable and high-quality sources of protein. Speaking on the occasion, Dr. Kiraannmayye Addu, Chief Clinical Nutritionist and Lifestyle Consultant at BirthRight by Rainbow Hospitals, and Mr. Mohammad Zakeer, Ex U-17, National Football Coach, emphasised the importance of balanced nutrition and quality protein in supporting physical development, stamina, and overall well-being, particularly among growing children and sportspersons. They highlighted that adequate

protein intake plays a crucial role in building a healthier and stronger nation. Mr. Uday Singh Bayas, President of IPEMA–Poultry India, reiterated the association’s commitment to promoting nutritional awareness through the poultry sector. “India today produces over 130 billion eggs and around 5 million metric tonnes of broiler meat annually, making poultry one of the most affordable and high-quality sources of protein available to the population. Through such initiatives, IPEMA–Poultry India continues to promote the importance of protein-rich diets and contribute towards strengthening the country’s nutritional security,” he said. To mark the occasion, eggs were distributed to aspiring trainee footballers at the academy to encourage healthy dietary habits among young athletes. In addition, footballs were presented to the young participants as a gesture of encouragement and support for sports and fitness, while simultaneously spreading awareness about the role of protein and poultry


nutrition in maintaining a balanced diet. World Protein Day, observed annually on February 27, serves as a reminder of the importance of incorporating adequate protein in daily diets to support overall health, strength, and immunity. Through this celebration, IPEMA–Poultry India reinforced the message that choosing the right nutrition today helps build a stronger and healthier tomorrow.

About IPEMA – Poultry India:

The Indian Poultry Equipment Manufacturers Association (IPEMA) organises the Poultry India Expo, one of the world’s premier poultry exhibitions held annually in Hyderabad. The event brings together global industry leaders, innovators, researchers, and stakeholders from across the poultry value chain, fostering knowledge exchange, technological advancement, and industry growth. The 18th edition of the Poultry India Expo 2026 will be held at HITEX Exhibition Centre, Hyderabad, with Poultry Knowledge Day on November 24, 2026, followed by the Expo from November 25–27, 2026. 

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Nuance Biotechnology successfully completed an intensive and highly productive business visit to Nepal, reinforcing its commitment to supporting the country's rapidly growing livestock and poultry sectors with advanced nutritional solutions.

Message from J. S. Uppal

"Nepal represents a strategically important market for Nuance Biotechnology. We are highly encouraged by the strong interest, openness to innovation, and professionalism demonstrated by our partners and customers. Our objective is not just to supply products, but to deliver measurable value through technical expertise, field support, and long-term collaboration. We look forward to working closely with the industry to enhance productivity, sustainability, and profitability across Nepal's livestock sector."

During the visit, the delegation led by Mr JS Uppal, Business Director South Asia and Mr Kampoj Badal



Nuance Biotechnology Strengthens Market Presence and Expands Operations in Nepal

MD Big B Vet Trading and team conducted a series of high-level meetings with feed mill owners, integrators, poultry producers, distributors, and technical experts across multiple locations. The interactions focused on understanding market needs, addressing field challenges, and identifying opportunities for sustainable performance improvement.

Strategic Engagement & Relationship Building

The visit significantly strengthened relationships with key industry stakeholders and partners. Face-to-face discussions enabled deeper trust, clearer alignment on business objectives, and exploration of long-term collaboration opportunities.

Key discussion areas included:

- Market trends and production challenges in Nepal



- Distributor support and channel development
- Product positioning for maximum field impact
- Technical consultation on feed efficiency and gut health
- Opportunities for expansion into new regions

Technical Focus & Product Interest

Nuance Biotechnology presented its science-driven portfolio of feed additives designed to enhance animal health, productivity, and profitability.

Particular interest was observed in:

- Gut health and performance solutions
- Mycotoxin management technologies
- Butyrate-based nutritional approaches
- Programs aimed at improving feed conversion and growth

Several organizations expressed strong interest in conducting trials and initiating long-term adoption programs.

Key Outcomes

- Strengthened confidence of existing partners
- Successful introduction and positioning of core solutions
- Identification of high-potential clients and projects
- Expansion of the sales pipeline with trial commitments
- Valuable market insights for future strategy

Moving Forward

The Nepal visit marks an important milestone in Nuance Biotechnology's regional growth journey. With strong local partnerships and increasing demand for advanced nutritional technologies, the company is well positioned to contribute meaningfully to the productivity and sustainability of Nepal's animal production industry.

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Poultry Federation of India Promotes VIV Select India 2026 Exhibition in Lucknow at the SaifeVetmed Pvt Ltd Conference

Poultry Federation of India promotes VIV Select India 2026 Exhibition in Lucknow at the Conference organised by SaifeVetmed Pvt Ltd in association with Uttar Pradesh Broiler Integration Association (UPBIA). The conference was attended by 70 delegates, including key stakeholders of Integration Companies of UP, Poultry Consultants and valued customers. Their presence reflected a strong commitment toward the growth and advancement of the poultry industry, with a shared focus on building a sustainable and profitable future.

Ms. Shuchi Arora, Head Sales Operations, SaifeVetmed, welcomed all delegates and appreciated the efforts of UPBIA in promotion of broiler farming in UP. Dr. Sarad Kumar Singh, President and Mr. Pankaj Pandey, coordinator, Uttar Pradesh Broiler Integration Association (UPBIA) welcomed the special invites and they were presented bouquets and Shawl by UPBIA members. The discussions by UPBIA members were highly engaging and thought-provoking, fostering meaningful discussions on opportunities in poultry integration, the future of the sector, and key growth drivers shaping the industry.


The keynote speaker, Dr. Mohammad Asheer, Area Manager-NBD Technical, SaifeVetmed delivered an insightful presentation.

Uday Singh Bayas, President, IPEMA (Indian Poultry Equipment Manufacturers Association) updated the gathering that Uttar Pradesh is set to host its first ever Poultry Conclave—a clear step toward industry growth



& farmer empowerment. This Poultry Conclave is being organised in Lucknow on April 15-16, 2026 by the Department of Animal Husbandry, UP and is Supported by IPEMA - Poultry India. Mr. Uday Singh invited the delegates to this Poultry Conclave to Connect with policymakers, industry leaders, and key stakeholders and suggested to Explore real opportunities, innovations, and partnerships shaping the future of poultry in the state. Later Ricky Thaper and Jagdish kadyan updated the vision and mission of Poultry Federation of India in detail, along with a comprehensive overview of VIV Select India 2026 Exhibition to be organised from April 22-24, 2026, at the Yashobhoomi Convention and Expo Center, Dwarka, New Delhi.


Thanks to SaifeVetmed Pvt Ltd for giving nice platform to Poultry Federation of India to promote VIV Select India 2026 which aims to bridge global industry standards with India's rapidly expanding poultry market and serve as a premier platform for industry collaboration and innovation.

Dr..Manoj Shukla, Poultry Consultant from Raipur and Dr.Vishalsinghrawat also shared their views among the delegates. Mr. B. Shivshankar, publisher of Poultry Line magazine and organiser of Bharat Poultry Expo from April 04-06, 2026 in Lucknow also extended invitation to all delegates to attend Bharat Poultry Expo. The Uttar Pradesh Broiler Integration Association assured all support to VIV Select India 2026 and confirmed that maximum number of farmers from UP will come to Delhi to visit VIV Select India 2026 Exhibition. 

PFI seeks Government Support in Subsidy for Bio-Gas Plants and Solar Energy Units



Poultry Federation of India seeks Government Support in Subsidy for Installation of Bio-Gas Plants and Solar Energy Units at Poultry Farms - India's poultry and livestock sector provides essential inputs for sustainable farming practices, ensuring the country's food security. India's poultry industry currently valued at US\$30 billion, engaging over 6 million people, both directly as well indirectly has grown rapidly over the past decades. This large-scale poultry meat and egg production system also generates substantial quantities of litter and organic waste. In the absence of efficient and scientific waste management systems, this might cause environmental concerns, including fly issues and greenhouse gas emissions. The installation of biogas plants offers a sustainable and scientific solution for effective poultry waste management. These Bio-Gas plants convert poultry litter into clean renewable energy and nutrient-rich organic manure, significantly reducing environmental pollution while improving farm hygiene and surrounding living conditions. Additionally, integrating solar energy systems in poultry farms can substantially reduce electricity costs, ensure reliable power supply and promote the use of clean energy. As per Industry analysis, a biogas plant for a poultry farm with around 50,000 birds capacity, 750 KWh/day will cost 1.45 Crore with subsidy from MNRE, Government of India 26 Lacs. According to Poultry Federation of India President, Mr. Ranpal Dhanda, this Subsidy of less than 20% is not so encouraging and suggested for 60% Subsidy so that Poultry Federation of India can encourage more poultry farmers to install Bio-Gas plants.

In a representation to Shri SP Singh Baghel Ji, Union Minister of State, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairying, Government of India and to Shri Naresh Pal Gangwar (IAS), Secretary and Ms. Varsha, Additional Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairying, GOI, Poultry Federation of India Core Team suggested that to make this technology economically viable and to encourage large-scale adoption among poultry farmers, kindly make provision of a subsidy of up to 60% for biogas plant installations. Mr. Ranpal Dhanda has also requested to provide a financial subsidy of 50% for the installation of solar energy systems in poultry farms. "This will not only reduce the operational burden on farmers but also support clean energy adoption," said Poultry Federation Team during their meeting with Shri SP Singh Baghel Ji, Union Minister of State, Animal Husbandry, Fisheries and Dairying, Government of India. 



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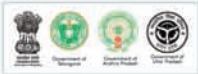
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Roundtable Dialogue on Poultry for Protein Security for a Viksit Bharat by The Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture

The Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA), convened Roundtable Dialogue on "Poultry for Protein Security", A Backbone of Nutrition Security for a Viksit Bharat", bringing together Policymakers, Poultry Integrators, Breeders, Feed Millers, Poultry Consultants, Senior Officials, MD's and Directors of Pharmaceutical Companies, Experts, Poultry Associations and Development Organizations from Poultry and Food Ecosystem. The dialogue focused on strengthening the role of poultry in advancing nutrition and protein security and was Chaired by Dr. PK Shukla and Dr. Tarun Shridhar (IAS, Ex Secretary, Department of Animal Husbandry)



Director General, ICFA. The discussions highlighted poultry as one of the most affordable, accessible and high-quality sources of protein, with the potential to significantly improve nutrition. Access to safe, affordable, high quality protein is not just a food systems issue. It is central to building a healthier, more productive, and truly Viksit Bharat.

Key areas deliberated included:

- Poultry and Protein Security in India's Nutrition Strategy

- Food Safety, Hygiene and Consumer Trust in Poultry Value Chains
- Cold Chain, Processing Infrastructure and Market Efficiency
- Animal Health, Biosecurity and Disease Risk Management

The poultry industry was represented by Dr. Shirish Nigam, Mr. OP Singh, Dr. Elango Palaniyandi, Mr. Ricky Thaper, Dr. Anup Kalra, Dr. Gajanan Padmawar, Dr. Chittranjan Behl, Mr. Saurabh Gupta, Mr. Mohanji Saxena, Dr. Ashwani Kumar Rajput, Dr. T Kotaiah, Col. Vinay Kumar, Mr. AK Sehajpal and other dignitaries. The discussion focused on strengthening the full value chain






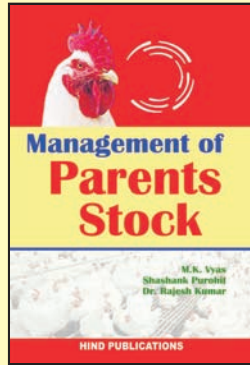
so that safe and affordable protein can reach people at scale.

Mr. Ricky Thaper, Joint Secretary, Poultry Federation of India invited the delegates to visit VIV Select India being organised by @VIV Worldwide in partnership with Poultry Federation of India from April 22-24, 2026 at Yashobhoomi Convention and Expo Center, Dwarka, New Delhi.

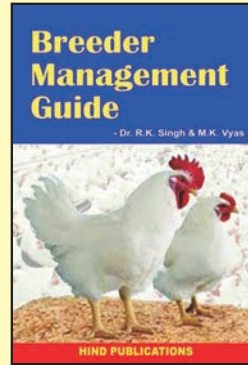
In closing remarks, Dr. PK Shukla highlighted that India's challenge is not poultry production but consumption. Awareness is low, demand needs to be built, and affordability and trust still limit uptake. Improving access is key to turning supply into real nutrition outcomes.

Dr. Tarun Shridhar while concluding the session said, ICFA remains committed to taking forward the insights from this dialogue into actionable policy recommendations for a healthier and nutritionally secure India. Such knowledge-driven platforms are essential for driving sustainable growth across the poultry industry. Heartfelt appreciation to Dr. Tarun Shridhar, Dr. PK Shukla, eminent poultry leaders, association members and entire Indian Chamber of Food and Agriculture (ICFA) Team for delivering outstanding program. 

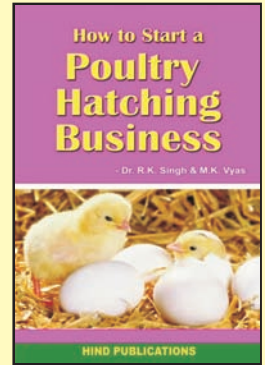
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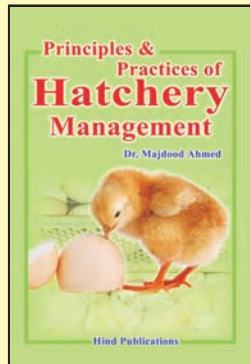
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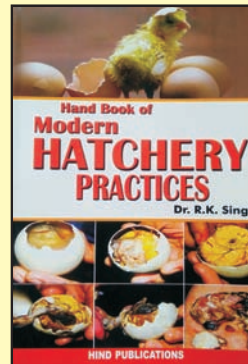
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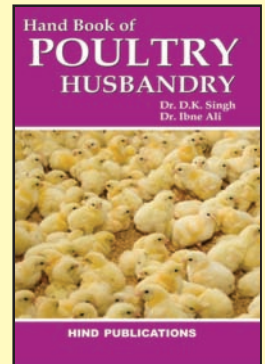
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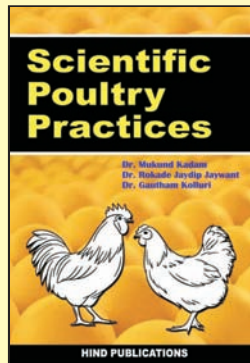
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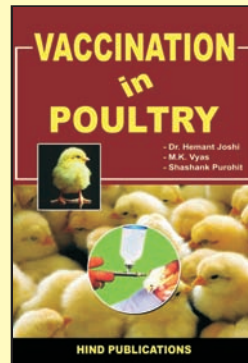
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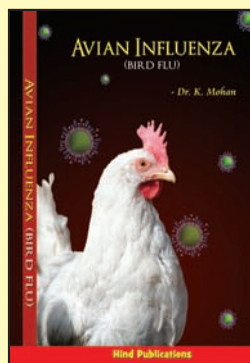
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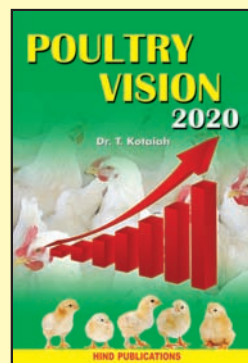
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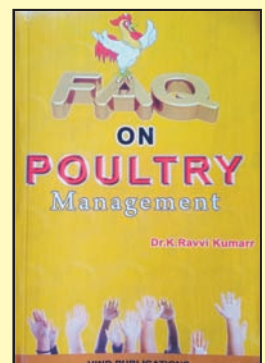
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IPEMA & Poultry India Receives Excellent Response at AGRI SHOW Hyderabad 2026


The IPEMA - Poultry India stall received an exceptional response at AGRI SHOW Hyderabad 2026, held from 20-22 February at NTR Gardens / NTR Stadium, Hyderabad. The exhibition witnessed impressive footfall at the IPEMA stall in Hall C, Stall No. C150, with farmers, agri-entrepreneurs, and industry stakeholders actively engaging with the team and exploring opportunities within the poultry sector.

The participation provided an excellent platform for IPEMA - Poultry India to highlight the growth potential of the poultry industry and strengthen linkages between agriculture and poultry stakeholders. Visitors to the stall interacted with the IPEMA team to learn about industry developments, technological advancements, and the role of poultry in enhancing farmer livelihoods.

During the event, Uday Singh Bayas, President, IPEMA - Poultry India, interacted with Gutha Sukender Reddy, Hon'ble MLC, Bharat Rashtra Samithi, Telangana, who visited the exhibition as a distinguished guest. The interaction focused on strengthening the agri-poultry ecosystem, supporting farmer welfare initiatives, and exploring avenues for collaborative growth within the agriculture sector.

The strong response at AGRI SHOW Hyderabad further reinforces IPEMA's commitment to promoting the poultry industry and building a robust agri-farmer ecosystem through innovation, collaboration, and knowledge sharing.

IPEMA - Poultry India is also gearing up for the 18th edition of the Poultry India Expo 2026, scheduled to be held on 25, 26, and 27 November 2026 at HITEX, Hyderabad, which will bring together industry leaders, innovators, and stakeholders from across the poultry value chain.

Through such engagements and industry platforms, IPEMA continues to drive awareness, partnerships, and sustainable growth for the poultry sector in India. 



Lohmann Layers India Pvt. Ltd. Established to Strengthen Lohmann Presence

International Layer Distribution GmbH (ILD), part of the EW Group, Germany, a global leader in animal genetics, today announced the incorporation of Lohmann Layers India Private Limited (LLI), reaffirming its long-term commitment to the rapidly expanding Indian poultry and layer industry. EW Group is a global, family-owned agribusiness headquartered in Germany, operating across the poultry and animal nutrition value chain. With activities spanning genetics, breeding, nutrition, and food, the Group focuses on sustainable, science-driven solutions and long-term partnerships to support efficient and responsible animal production worldwide. Lohmann Layers India Pvt. Ltd. has been established as an Indian subsidiary of International Layer Distribution (ILD) to strengthen Lohmann's presence in India through direct engagement with the layer industry and farmers. The company will focus on delivering world-class layer genetics aligned with Indian farming conditions, while ensuring reliable, efficient, and pan-India distribution of Lohmann Layer genetics.




India's poultry sector is witnessing strong structural growth, driven by population expansion, increasing urbanization, and growing awareness of protein-rich diets. Per capita egg consumption continues to rise, with eggs emerging as one of the most affordable, reliable, and hygienic sources of high-quality protein. With these strong fundamentals, the Indian layer poultry sector is expected to grow significantly in the coming years, representing only the early phase of India's poultry growth journey. As egg quality and farm profitability become increasingly critical for layer farmers, Lohmann's genetics—recognized globally for superior egg quality, long laying cycles, and excellent feed-to-egg conversion—offer a strong foundation for sustainable and profitable egg production in India. As part of this strategic development, Lohmann Layers India Pvt. Ltd. has taken over JK Breeders Pvt. Ltd. (JKB) and will now manage the commercial distribution of Lohmann Layer Day Old Chicks (DOC) across India. This transition ensures continuity of supply, improved customer

engagement, and enhanced operational efficiency for poultry farmers and enterprises nationwide.

With Lohmann Layers India Pvt. Ltd. directly managing commercial DOC distribution, the

company aims to work more closely with Indian layer farmers, ensuring consistent access to genetically improved, high-quality chicks supported by Lohmann's global breeding expertise and technical excellence. Commenting on the development, Mr. Antonio Paraguassu, Managing Director - ILD Asia, Australia, & Director - Lohmann Layers, said: "India is one of the world's most important and fastest-growing poultry markets. The establishment of Lohmann Layers India Pvt. Ltd. reinforces our long-term commitment to Indian farmers. By combining proven genetics, consistent supply, and technical excellence, we aim to support sustainable and profitable egg production across the country." Adding to this, Dr. Surendra K. Jangir, Managing Director - India, Lohmann Layers, said: "The formation of Lohmann Layers India Pvt. Ltd. reflects Lohmann Layers' broader vision to deepen market engagement in India, invest in breed development suited to Indian production systems, and build strong, long-term partnerships across the poultry value chain." He further added: "Aligning with the vision of the Hon'ble Prime Minister of India, Shri Narendra Modi, to double farmers' income, Lohmann Layers India Pvt. Ltd. is committed to improving the profitability of Indian layer farmers by providing world-class genetics, reliable supply, and strong technical support, enabling better productivity and long-term economic sustainability."

About Lohmann Lohmann is one of the world's leading layer genetics companies under the EW Group, Germany, specializing in the development, breeding, and global supply of high-performance layer strains. With decades of scientific expertise and innovation, Lohmann focuses on genetic progress, animal welfare, sustainability, and profitability for egg producers worldwide. Lohmann supplies layer genetics (GP/PS) to customers in more than 100 countries. 

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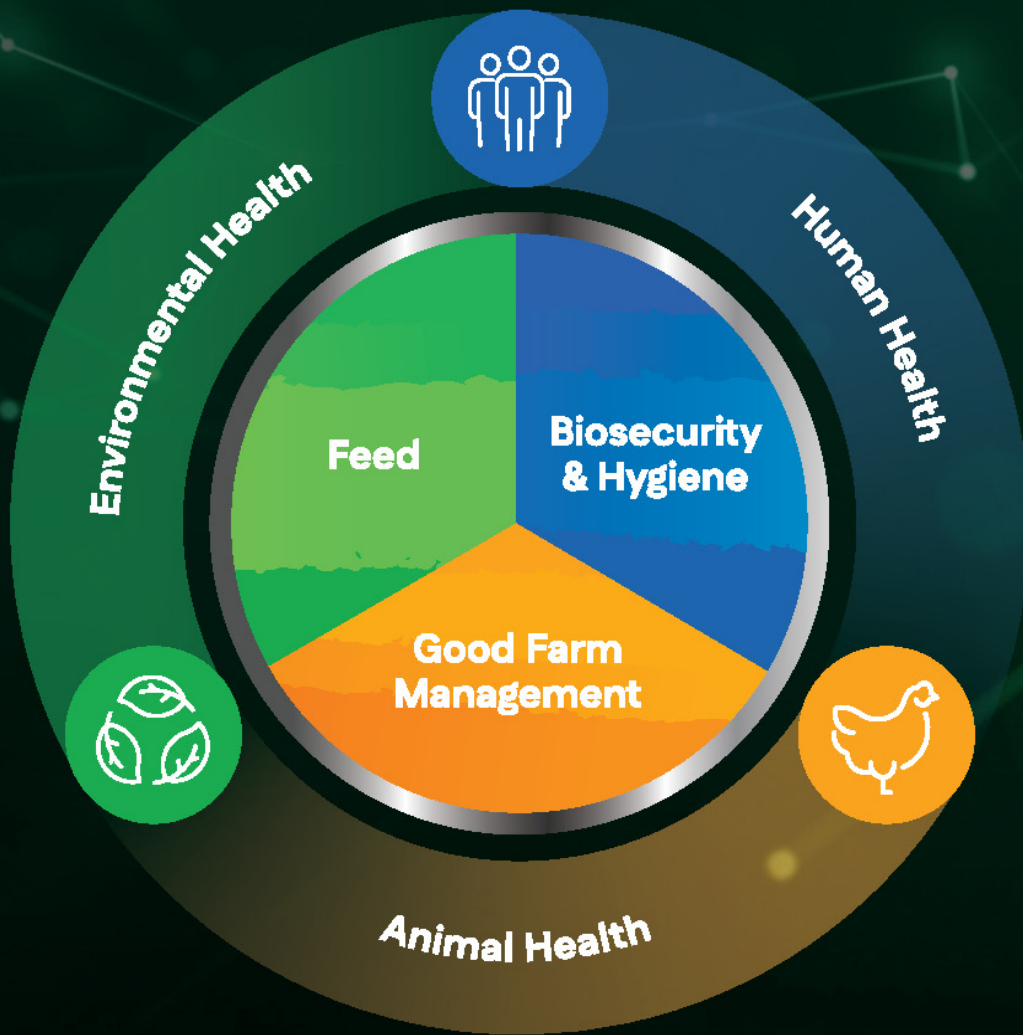
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Huveshield™ NDK: Field Validation of Protective Immune Response Against Newcastle Disease Virus in Poultry

KEY TAKEAWAYS

- Huveshield™ NDK vaccination induced protective HI antibody titres in breeder, layer, and broiler flocks under commercial field conditions.
- Robust humoral immune responses were observed after more than three weeks post-vaccination.
- The vaccine demonstrated consistent immunogenicity across multiple geographic regions of India.
- Observed regional variations in antibody titres highlight the importance of optimal vaccine handling, administration practices, and flock management.
- The results support Huveshield™ NDK as an effective component of Newcastle Disease prevention programs in commercial poultry production.

INTRODUCTION

Huveshield™ NDK is an inactivated Newcastle Disease vaccine formulated with the lentogenic **LaSota strain** of Newcastle Disease Virus (NDV) in an oil and water emulsion. Huveshield™ NDK is designed to provide sustained antigen release, promoting prolonged immune stimulation and durable protective immunity against the target pathogen. Monitoring vaccine induced immunity under field conditions is essential for evaluating vaccine performance. Serological assessment of NDV specific antibodies remains a widely accepted approach for measuring immune response following vaccination.

TECHNICAL NOTE

The Hemagglutination Inhibition (HI) assay is widely recognized as the gold standard serological method for evaluating antibody mediated immunity against Newcastle Disease Virus in poultry. HI titres are commonly used to assess vaccination success and monitor immune status in commercial flocks.

Protective antibody levels detected in vaccinated birds indicate successful immunogenic stimulation following vaccination and provide an important indicator of population level protection against Newcastle Disease.

OBJECTIVE

To evaluate the immunogenicity and field effectiveness of the **Huveshield™ NDK** vaccine by analysing the serological immune response in vaccinated poultry through determination of antibody titres against Newcastle Disease Virus (NDV).

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STUDY PERIOD

October 2025 – February 2026

STUDY SET-UP

Poultry farms located across different regions of India were included in the field evaluation. Breeder, layer, and broiler flocks were vaccinated with the **Huveshield™ NDK vaccine** according to the recommended vaccination schedule and dose.

Blood samples were collected from vaccinated birds after more than **three weeks post-vaccination** to assess the development of humoral immune response. Serum samples obtained from these blood samples were subjected to serological analysis.

STUDY DESIGN

This study represents a **retrospective serological evaluation of Newcastle Disease vaccination response** in poultry populations. The analysis was performed using **310 serum samples** collected during routine monitoring of **20 vaccinated flocks** between **October 2025 and February 2026**.

MEASUREMENT PARAMETERS

The immune response to vaccination was assessed using the following parameters:

- Hemagglutination (HA) test for determination of NDV antigen titre before HI test.
- Hemagglutination Inhibition (HI) test for quantification of NDV specific antibodies in serum samples.
- Mean HI antibody titres across different poultry farms.
- Uniformity of immune response within flocks.

RESULTS

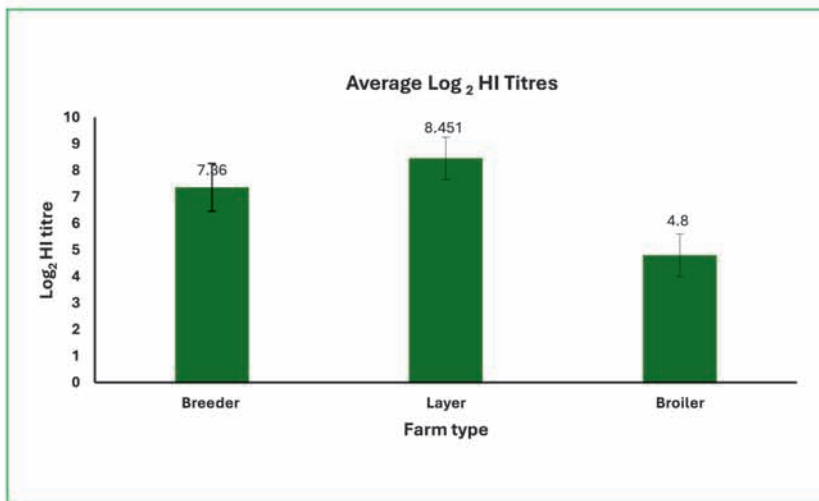


Figure: Mean Log₂ Hemagglutination Inhibition (HI) antibody titres against Newcastle Disease Virus (NDV) in serum samples collected after more than three weeks post vaccination with Huveshield™ NDK across different poultry farms. **Note:** HI titres were determined using 4 Hemagglutinating Units (4 HAU) of NDV antigen. Values represent average antibody titres measured from field samples collected across multiple poultry farms in India during the study period (October 2025 – February 2026).

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Serological analysis revealed that **all vaccinated poultry flocks developed protective levels of antibodies against Newcastle Disease Virus**, as determined by the Hemagglutination Inhibition (HI) test.

The mean HI titres observed in different poultry farms indicated a **robust humoral immune response following vaccination with Huveshield™ NDK**. However, analysis of the data across different geographic regions showed **zone-wise variation in antibody titres**, suggesting differences in immune response intensity between locations. Such variability may arise from factors including flock management practices, vaccination handling, environmental conditions, and bird health status.

INTERPRETATION

The data demonstrate that vaccination with **Huveshield™ NDK** induced measurable antibody responses in breeder, layer, and broiler flocks. Higher HI titres indicate stronger humoral immunity and better protection against Newcastle Disease.

Serological response measured by HI titres post ND vaccination are commonly used as an indicator of protective immunity and may reflect cross reactive immunity against heterologous field genotype such as VII & XIII.

FIELD STUDY DISCLAIMER

The data presented in this bulletin are derived from field monitoring of commercial poultry flocks vaccinated with Huveshield™ NDK between October 2025 and February 2026. Immune responses observed under field conditions may vary depending on factors including flock management practices, vaccination schedule and technique, environmental conditions, and overall bird health status.

CONCLUSION

Field serological monitoring demonstrated that Huveshield™ NDK vaccination consistently induced protective levels of NDV specific antibodies in breeder, layer, and broiler flocks under commercial poultry production conditions.

The strong humoral immune responses observed across multiple geographic regions reinforce the reliability, immunogenicity, and field performance of Huveshield™ NDK as an effective vaccine for Newcastle Disease control in poultry.

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Indonesia Government moves to Cool Chicken and Egg prices before Ramadan


Indonesia's National Food Agency (Bapanas) has launched a nationwide program to control rising prices of chicken meat and eggs ahead



of Ramadan 2026. In several provinces, consumers had complained that broiler and egg prices were moving above the government reference levels, putting pressure on household budgets just weeks before the fasting month. The agency responded by coordinating supplies from integrators and farmer groups and by arranging market operations to increase availability in traditional markets.

Under this program, Bapanas is working with producers, state owned logistics firms and regional governments to move more live birds and eggs into cities where prices climbed fastest. The aim is to "flood" selected markets with enough product so that traders are forced to reduce retail prices. Authorities are also monitoring middlemen margins and transport costs, because these often add invisible mark ups between farm and consumer. In some areas, the government is asking integrators to release stocks at agreed prices to calm the market.


For broiler farmers, the intervention is a mixed experience. Many smallholders were finally enjoying better farm gate prices after a long period of low margins, but they now worry that forced price corrections could hurt their income. At the same time, they understand that if chicken and eggs become too expensive, consumers may cut back and demand could fall during Ramadan, which is normally a peak season for poultry. Integrators are trying to balance these concerns by focusing on volume and processing, including supplying chilled and frozen products to modern retailers.

The Indonesian case shows how sensitive poultry prices are around religious festivals. For the government, keeping chicken and eggs affordable is part of its broader food security agenda. For producers, it is a reminder that strong domestic demand can still trigger state intervention when inflation worries rise. 

India-US Interim Trade Deal Framed as Support for Future Feed Security

While the main India-US interim trade understanding on feed inputs was discussed earlier in the year, recent analysis and commentary through February 2026 continue to frame the agreement as important for India's long term feed security. Reports in specialist nutrition media note that India's feed demand is expected to grow faster than domestic supply over the coming decade, making larger imports of certain ingredients likely by the early 2030s. The bilateral trade framework with the US is seen as one way to secure future access to maize, soy products and other raw materials.

For now, the agreement is more about setting up rules and channels than about massive 2026 shipment volumes. However, commentators argue that as India's poultry, dairy and aquaculture sectors expand, having a clear, predictable route for US feed ingredients will help bridge supply gaps. They also point out that India will still need to boost its own grain and oilseed productivity, because imports can only be a complement, not a full solution.

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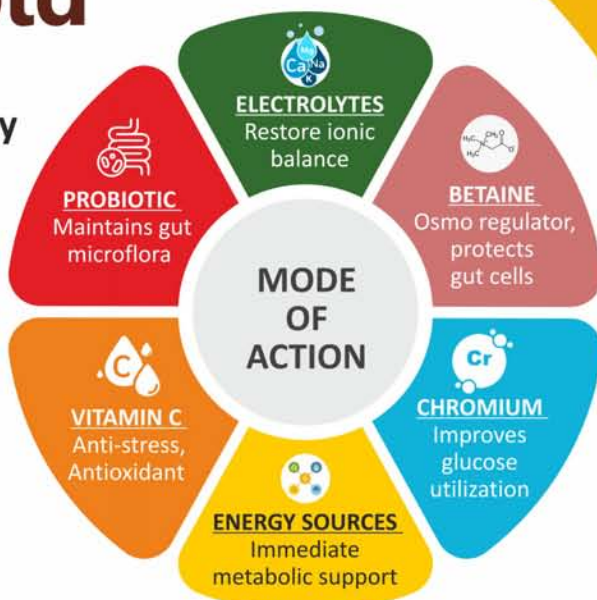


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4	Consequences	Poor therapeutic effect, potential for resistance, damage to livestock health	Effective treatment, stable performance in disease prevention and control
5	Benefits	Lower purchase cost (Apparent Advantage)	Proven efficacy, safety, stable quality, improves farm productivity, high cost-effectiveness
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Growth Stage	Susceptible Diseases	Typical Symptoms	CTC Dosage	Drug Combination	Treatment course
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Chicks	Colibacillosis (airsaccultitis/septicemia)	Dyspnea, depression, cloudy air sacs		/	7-14 days
Growers	Chronic respiratory disease (CRD) with Mycoplasma or E. coli	Sneezing, open-mouth breathing, reduced egg production		/	7 days
Adult layers	Salpingitis or egg production decline syndrome (secondary infection)	Reduced egg production, soft-shelled eggs, feather loss		80% tiamulin fumarate premix 300 g	7 days
All stages	Mycotoxin-induced immunosuppression and secondary infections	Slow growth, diarrhea, high mortality		/	7 days

Fake CTC, on the other hand, is not subjected to such testing, and the final product often **lacks the required 15% CTC content**. This lack of quality control is the primary reason for **treatment failures** and other associated risks in Poultry Industry.

Using Fake CTC **endangers animal health**, increases the risk of **antimicrobial resistance**, and leads to serious **economic consequences**.

Farmers and veterinarians should always **verify product authenticity** and **rely on trusted suppliers** to safeguard both animal welfare and farm profitability.

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Pan India Broiler Coordination Committee – Nationwide Promotional Activities Report (Including Maharashtra and Participating States)

The Pan India Broiler Coordination Committee (PIBCC) has been consistently working for the past 8–10 years to promote chicken consumption and educate consumers across India about the nutritional benefits of chicken and eggs. Through structured, year-wise initiatives, the Committee and its member states have undertaken sustained promotional, educational, and market-support activities aimed at increasing awareness and boosting consumption.

National-Level Promotional Initiatives

The campaign began with radio jingles aired continuously for 8–10 months, which generated strong consumer engagement and positive response.

This was followed by outdoor publicity through banners and hoardings at high-traffic bus stands and prominent locations in metro and two-tier cities, ensuring maximum visibility among daily commuters.

Educational posters and promotional creatives highlighting the protein value and health benefits of chicken were developed and widely circulated through social media platforms via professional agencies. Short promotional films were also produced and shared digitally to strengthen consumer outreach.

To enhance ground-level presence:

- Promotional banners were placed on 500–700 auto-rickshaws across multiple cities.
- State Transport (ST) buses were utilized for inter-city and intra-city advertising.

For the past five years, National Chicken Day has been celebrated in coordination with 7–8 states across India. During this event:



- Ready-to-eat chicken products are offered at a 10% discount for two days.
- Two eggs are provided free with every kilogram of processed dressed chicken sold.

This year, National Chicken Day was celebrated in approximately 700–800 retail shops across participating states, while last year nearly 1,000 shops were involved.

Maharashtra

Maharashtra has played a leading role in implementing sustained promotional activities. The state successfully conducted long-term radio campaigns, outdoor banner promotions, social media circulation of educational creatives, short films, auto-rickshaw branding, and ST bus advertising.

National Chicken Day celebrations in Maharashtra covered 700–800 shops this year and nearly 1,000 shops last year, offering a 10% discount and two free eggs per kg of chicken sold. These consistent efforts have significantly strengthened consumer awareness and market stability.

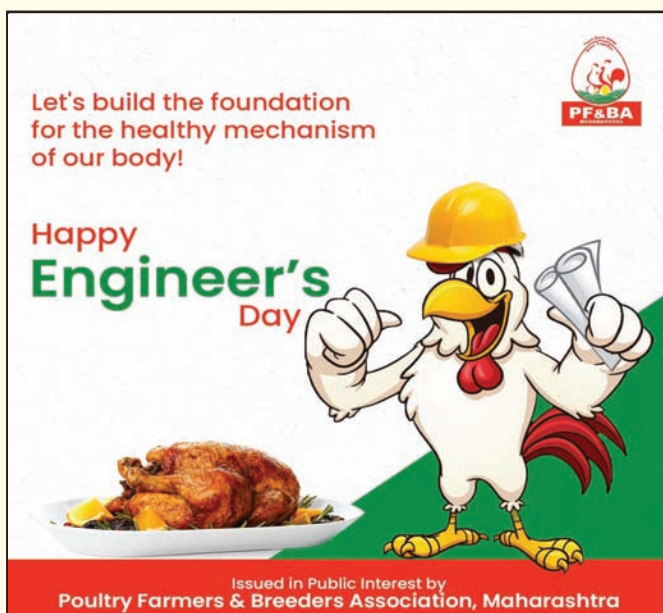
Karnataka

Karnataka has actively participated in National Chicken Day across 150–200 shops statewide. The state produced promotional reels, conducted radio jingles, and supported bodybuilding competitions by supplying chicken and eggs. It has also adopted two badminton players to provide nutritional support through poultry products.

West Bengal

West Bengal, one of the largest consumption markets for chicken and eggs, undertakes extensive district-wide campaigns. Nearly 1,000 shops participate during National Chicken Day with discounted sales.

The state conducts annual chicken and egg recipe competitions, distributes boiled eggs free of cost in schools across districts, and engages film celebrities to enhance public outreach. Government



agencies such as ARDC have extended strong institutional support.

Chhattisgarh

Chhattisgarh maintains strong coordination among integrators and aligns production planning with seasonal demand. National Chicken Day is celebrated in 50-100 shops annually, offering a 10% discount and two free eggs per kg of chicken sold.

Telangana

With nearly 96% non-vegetarian population, Telangana plays a major role in poultry consumption and production. Through the Telangana Breeders Association, the state actively celebrates National Chicken Day across retail outlets.

In addition, Telangana collaborates with hospitals such as Rainbow Hospital to promote nutritional awareness among doctors and patients, encouraging the inclusion of chicken and eggs as affordable protein sources.

Tamil Nadu

Supported by strong demand from neighbouring Kerala, Tamil Nadu actively participates in all national initiatives. A dedicated promotional committee develops advertisements and circulates them statewide through social media.

The association is proactive in countering misinformation and ensures consistent participation in National Chicken Day activities.

Assam

A recent entrant to the Committee, Assam celebrated National Chicken Day with a motorcycle rally in Guwahati, followed by press conferences and public engagement activities. The state continues to expand its structured promotional initiatives.

Manipur, Tripura & Meghalaya

These northeastern states have formed poultry associations and joined the Committee.

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They are focusing on disciplined production planning along with structured marketing initiatives to strengthen local consumption and maintain market balance.

Integrators' Contributions

Leading integrators such as Venkys, Godrej Agrovet, Suguna Foods, and IB Group have independently carried out recipe campaigns, radio promotions, and protein awareness initiatives including World Protein Day observances.

Vision for 2026-27

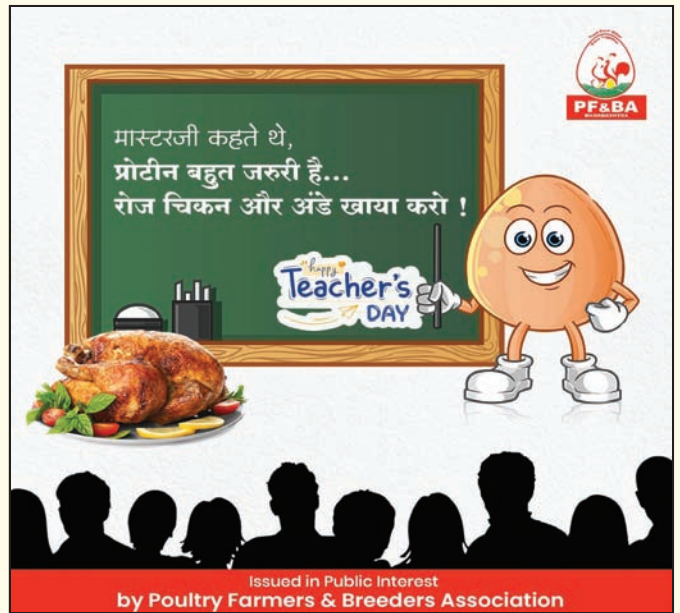
The Pan India Broiler Coordination Committee now proposes to unify all state and integrator-level activities under one national platform.

In collaboration with apex industry bodies such as Poultry India, CLFMA of India, and National Egg Coordination Committee, the Committee plans to implement structured, continuous promotional activities throughout the year.

Beginning 2026-27, one coordinated national activity will be organized every quarter with active participation from all member states. Financial and strategic support from national bodies is being sought to strengthen this unified movement.

Through collective planning, disciplined production management, and sustained promotional efforts, the Pan India Broiler Coordination Committee remains committed to promoting affordable, high-quality protein for the nation and ensuring sustainable growth of the poultry sector.

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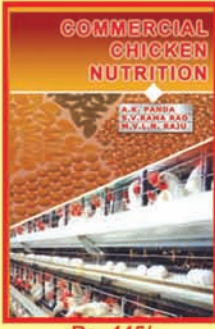
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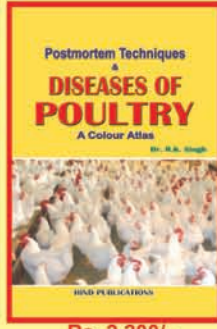
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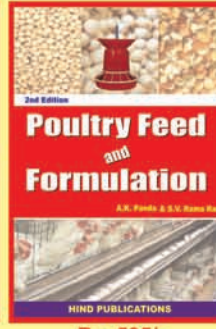




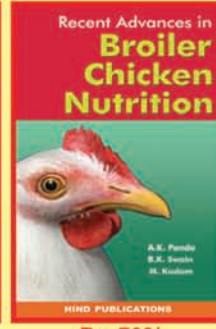
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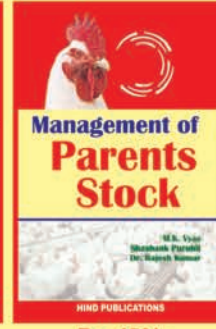
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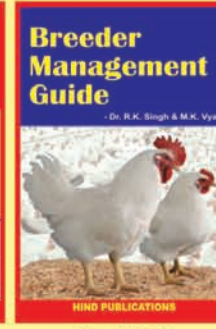
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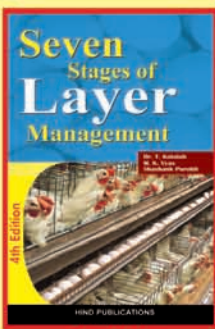
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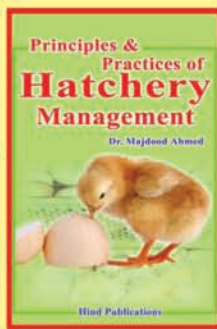
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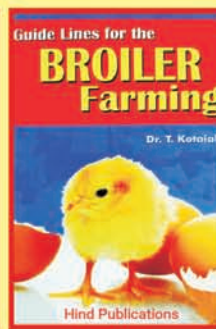
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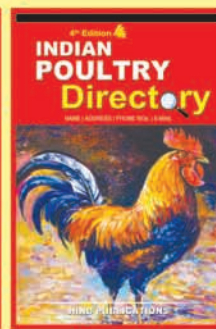
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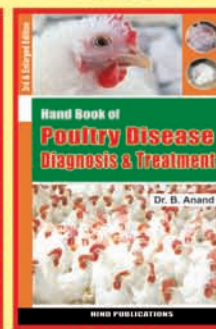
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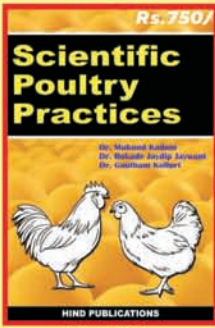
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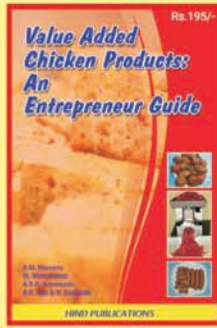
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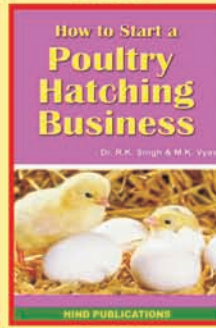
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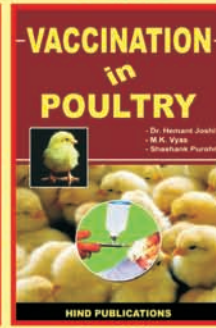
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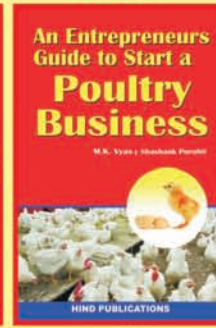
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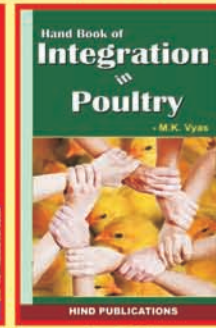
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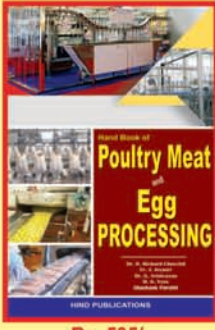
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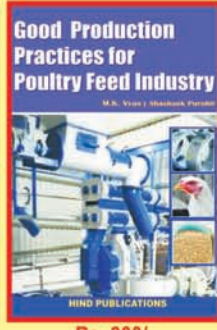
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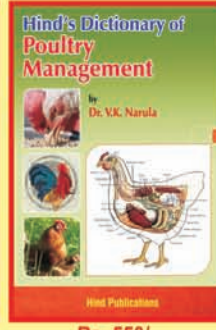
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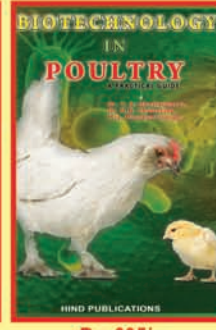
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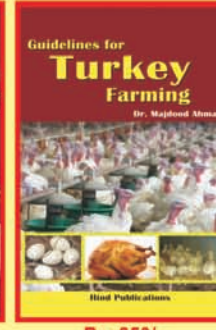
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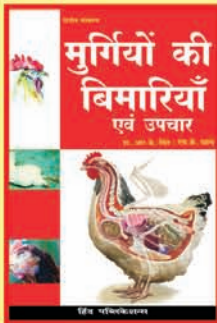
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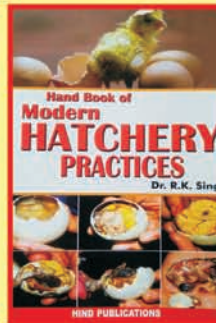
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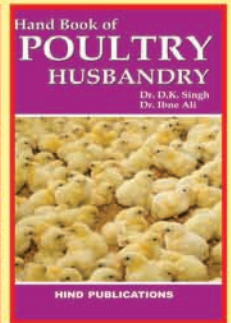
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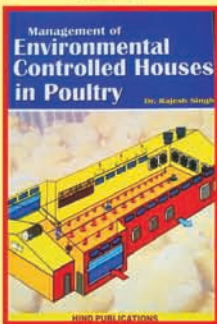
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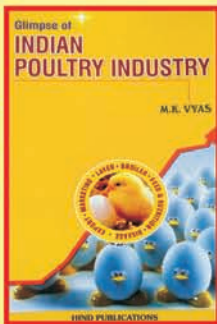
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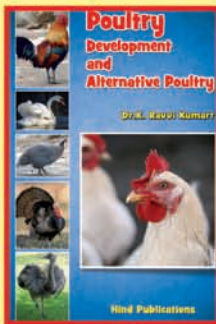
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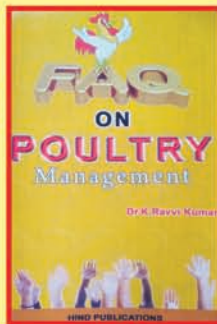
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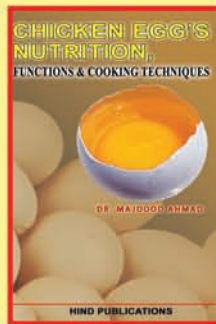
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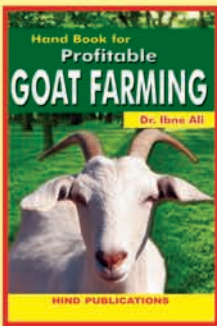
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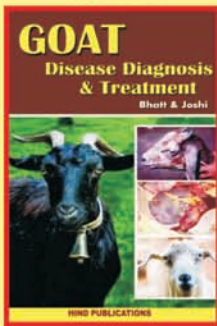
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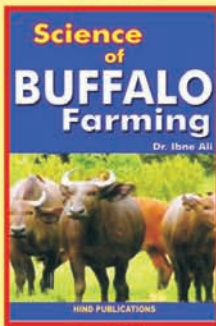
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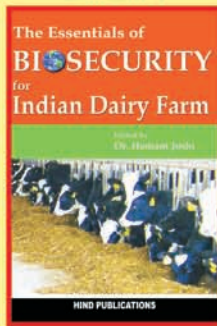
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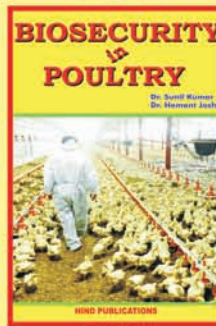
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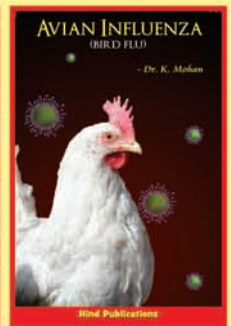
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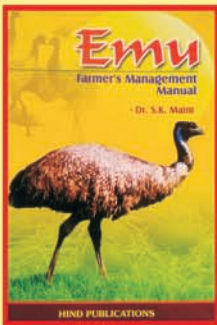
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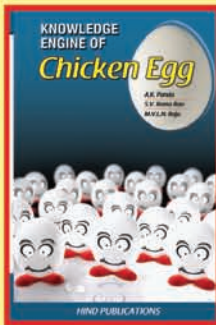
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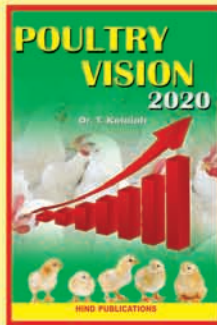
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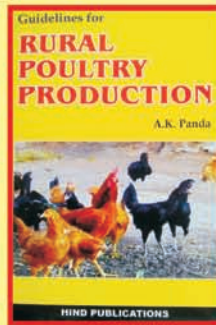
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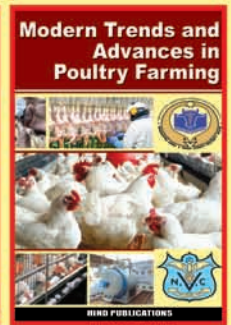
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With great pleasure, satisfaction and having touched several milestone during this journey over period of time, I wish to thank all my teacher's, senior's, colleagues, junior's, well wisher's, farmer's, friends, industry personalities big and small, with whom I worked or was associated with over the years, and all those who helped me to achieve many of my goals during this journey.

I have complicated 50 Years in this livestock and poultry industry, out of which 25 Yrs., I rendered my services to the industry through Vesper Group, Bengaluru, for which I am grateful to Dr Suresh Sharma and thankful to Mr P.Vijay. N. Raju, (affectionately known as Vesper Vijay in the industry) with whom I have been associated since last 45 Yrs, and all my colleagues at the Vesper Group, and Vesper Distributers throughout the country, with whom I was directly or indirectly connected. I, Dr. Surinder Kumar Maini, completed my graduation (B.V.Sc) from Andhra Pradesh Agricultural University, Hyderabad in 1975.

Worked in the AP State Animal Husbandry Dept.for a year, then returned to the Agricultural University for my Post Graduation (M.Sc-Poultry Science) with an ICAR Junior Research Fellowship, completing it in 1978, with H.E.H. The Nizam's Gold Medal for highest OGPA (Overall Grade Point Average).

After completion of the post graduation, I joined the Agricultural University as a Research Assistant in the Department of Poultry Science and was posted as Asst. Farm manager of the AICRP (All India Coordinated Research Project for Poultry on Eggs), Rajendernagar, Hyderabad. I then moved to M/s BLV Hatcheries at Shamshabad, as a Technical Manager, in charge of the parent stock farm and hatchery, a franchisee of M/s Essex Farms, New Delhi, a breeding associate of M/s Euribred, Holland, for Hisex White Layers and Hybro Broilers.

Then shifted to M/s Singh Poultry Pvt. Ltd., Shamshabad, as Technical Manager, an associate of M/s Rani Shavers, New Delhi,

who were the Indian associate's of M/s Shavers Poultry Breeding Farms, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada.

In the above two assignments, I looked after the Layer and Broiler Parent Stock management, feeding, breeding, health care, vaccinations and disease control, and hatchery operations.

During 1984 - 85, I started my own breeding farm and hatchery unit, near Shameerpet, on the outskirts of Hyderabad, one of the very few in India to breed a variety of colored birds and Japanese Quails for the local market, this activity continued till 2012.

My next assignment was with M/s BasikBreders Ltd., Hyderabad, I was deputed to M/s Shavers Breeding Farms, Cambridge, Ontario, Canada, for an on the job training to manage the Pure Lines and GGPS, their feeding, breeding, management and disease control. While at Cambridge, I was fortunate to spend time with Dr John D Summer's (Nutritionist) at

University of Guelph, Dr NuhadDagir (Consultant Nutritionist) at Shaver's and Mr Chris Fowler - management specialist, (who was earlier technical person from Shavers looking after their interests in South East Asian operations including India). During this assignment the Shavers white layers and Star Bro broilers were introduced to the Indian Market.

I, then moved to M/s Bovns Poultry Breeders, Hyderabad, was responsible for the starting of the Pure Line and GGPS farm operations and was responsible for the introduction of the Bovans layers and Hypeco broilers in the Indian market.

I, then moved to M/s Star Chick Specialities, a chicken processing plant, a unit of Mr Harbans Singh Nagpal (Singh Poultry Group) to process approximately 1600 birds per hour, was instrumental in its construction and operations from the scratch.


As a poultry consultant, over period of time, I guided and advised many hatcheries and breeder units, like the M/s. Singh Poultry, Avion Hatcheries, Vishakha Hatcheries, SSA Hatcheries, SSN Breeding Farms and Hatcheries, Venus Hatcheries, many Emu farms and hatcheries, Quail, Turkey's and Duck Breeding farms.

From Poultry breeding and hatcheries, I moved to Pharmaceuticals, first joined M/s Solvey BE Animal Health Ltd., as its Dy. Gen Manager, based in Hyderabad, was instrumental in starting the Poultry Vaccine Production Unit at GaganPahad, Hyderabad in association with M/s Solvay of USA.

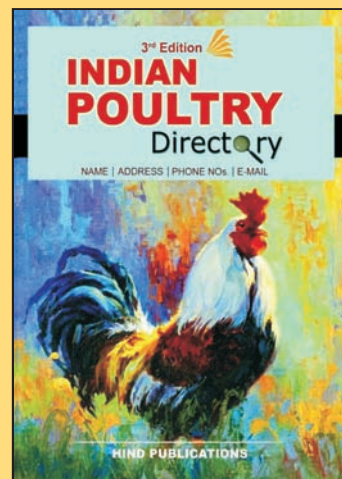
Finally I shifted to M/s Vesper Group, Bengaluru, as its Gen Manager - Technical, during 1999 and continued till end of March 2025.

During these 50 Yrs of service to the poultry industry, I has been guiding poultry farmers and hatcheries in several parts of the country, solving their management, nutrition and disease related problems, have published several papers in popular poultry magazines for the benefit of the new and old poultry farmers, I have trained several persons for various positions in the poultry industry including Veterinarians.

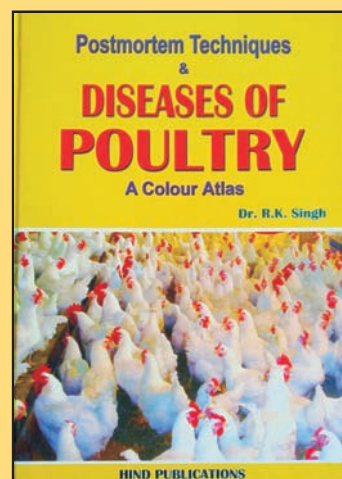
The knowledge and experience gained over the years, will be shared with the new comer's in the industry in future, as was done in the past. I am only a phone call away, and always willing to help the needy.

Henceforth, I will be a free lancer - consultant for the poultry and livestock farms and also for the veterinary pharma companies. 

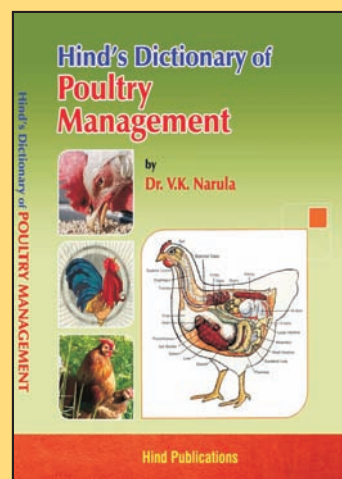
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Force Molting

Generally the layer birds are manufactured up to 72 weeks and then liquidated. By this time the production of the flocks go down and the replacement flocks would be ready for housing. In a continuous replacement cycle, the regular farmer comes across situations where the production of eggs is not remunerative. The farm income and expenses do not match. This is mainly because of over production resulting in drastic reduction in feed for some time undergo a sort of rest came back in to production and give better production for a longer periods. The whole phenomenon is termed "forced molting".

Molting is a natural and normal physiological phenomenon where the birds shed their feathers and enter in to a phase of physiological pauses of all birds in an endeavor to renew their feathers prior to migration, shorter days, or cooler weather. Normally, wild chickens molt once a year, as they produce but a few eggs, the molt is not associated with the laying cycle. However, domestic chickens have been bred for high egg production, and under ordinary circumstances they do not go through a complete molt until the end of a long and intensive laying period. If nothing is done to drop the feathers and grow a new set. It is possible however, to

speed up the process through a program of forcing pullets to molt rapidly, growing a new set of feathers, and then stimulating them to begin producing eggs. The entire artificial program should take no longer than 6 to 8 weeks.

Force molting is practiced only to give the hen a rest at the end of a long period of egg production. The ability of a hen to produce eggs well after the molt can be attributed only to the rest period the bird receives.

Why Force Molting

Although most of the farmers plan their force molting programs well in advance, the economic circumstances that causes a sudden decision to carry a flock over for a second period of egg production are usually:

1. Sudden slump in egg prices data; there are two seasons in the year one in April due to summer and again in August, September due to festival season. The prices go up after the season changes.
2. In situations where the market price of eggs slumps.
3. When the prices of cull birds are non-remunerative.
4. When there is premium price for larger eggs.



5. Cash crunch in business resulting from fall in egg prices.
6. Lack of enough finances to buy a new batch of chicks and provide for them until they reach sexual maturity.
7. The cash outlay for force molting the flock is less than buying and growing a fresh batch.
8. Serious problems of growing period with no solutions in sight. When new diseases crop up causing heavy mortality in growing for which new solutions are found.

Body Weight As Guide Line

The Thumb rule for molting is to get down the body weight to mature body weight i.e. about 1250 gms. Another way is to reduce the weight by 25 % of the weight at the time of molting. The older birds after 60 weeks are generally 1650 gms. Reduction of body weight from 1650 gms to 1250 gms is less stressful and does not result in excess mortality. The type of molting desired depends on the situation.

1. Fast molting If you need the flock to come back in to production fast. Go for water restriction also. Takes 6weeks from start to 50% production.
2. Normal molting. Takes about 8 weeks. Keep the flock off feed till the flock loses 30 % weight and start feeding grower ration. Vaccinate the flock and resume layer feed as soon as the production starts. If the initial weight of the flock is low, the flock may lose the weight faster and there can be mortality. To avoid mortality we may feed low density ration for two weeks.
3. Slower molt. If the flock loses enough body weight and we still do not need production, feed the flock with low quality ration like 10% protein and may be only 60 gms per day to delay the production. We can delay the flock by another two weeks. This might take 10 weeks.

Requisites of Force Molting

When the situation demands reduction of production, the ideal flocks for molting are flocks above 60weeks because,

- a) The production of older flocks is low.
- b) The older birds are heavier and take longer time to lose weight. i.e., More feed saving. There are several requisites to a good program of force molting.

Many programs will do the job well. Stress is created to let the birds drop their feathers. Successful molting programs are those that

create the least amount of stress, produce a rapid molt, and get the birds back in to high percentage of egg production, which lasts for a longer time. The three main factors involved are

1. Water withdrawal

Most of the molting programs call for water restriction as one means of creating the stress necessary to produce the molt. When it has been decided to force the molt, water is withheld for 2 or 3 days. Some programs call for water restriction for 2 days, after which water is restored, and then removed for another 2 days. There is an indication that water withdrawal will increase egg size more when production resumed.

Be careful during hot weather. Restricting the water has its own disadvantages. Birds will be less able to remove the heat from their bodies. Panting will be excessive, and there may be dehydration and high mortality.

It is better not to restrict the water when the molting is planned during the summer. In winter and rainy seasons. Water can be withdrawn comfortably.

2. Feed Withdrawal

Allow flock to consume all the feed in the troughs, then start the 10-12 day feed restriction period. The number of days depends on condition of the flock and weather at the time of molt.

Practically all molting programs call for feed withdrawal, some for several days. Some use a

from of ration restriction were only whose grain is used for several days. To create the stress by way of an unbalanced ration many programs call for the feeding of whole grain after the initial period of feed withdrawal in order to complete the molt. Shell feeding is optional during feed restriction period.

3. Light Reduction

Most molting programs require reduction in the length of the light day. When this procedure is used, the period of day light must be reduced well below the threshold of 12 hours. In open houses cutting of the artificial light will at least produce some effect and help initiate the molt. Giving 24 hrs light of at least 2-3 days before the beginning of this program will help in an effective molt.

4. Molt Feed

Normal grower and layer feed is used for molting. If the Feed cracking grain for 19-21 days after the feed restriction period. Protein should not exceed 10 % and calcium should not exceed 0.5%. Optional molt feed has vitamin pack and DCP and other feed additives. The birds must be fed early in the morning and should not put on full feed for the first couple of days. Full feeding the first day can cause higher mortalities.

5. Layer Feed & Re- Lighting

After 3 weeks of molt feed, start a high quality protein ration until the feed consumption pattern is established. Then use the ration to the consumption level. Return lights to the flock when the layer ration is started, using minimum of 13 hrs

plus 30 minute increase of light to a total of 16.5 to 17 hrs.

Types of Molting

Egg producing hens may be molted one or more times, the two general types of programs are

Two-cycle Molting Program

This involves one molt and two cycles of egg production. The hens are force molted after about 10 to 12 months of egg production, brought back into about 6 months of egg production, then sold

Three-cycle molting program

This involves two molt and three cycles of egg production. The hens are first molted after about 9 months of production. Then held through another shorter production period, molted again, followed by an even shorter period of lay, then sold. This periodic molting program totals about 24 month: longer programs are seldom profitable.

Precaution To Be taken

1. Before the starting of this program a vigorous culling of unhealthy, unthrifty and underweight birds should be carried out.
2. Only good first year flock should be molted.
3. Do not follow the water restriction program during hot climates.
4. Check the flocks for diseases and vaccinate them against pox, IB and ND.
5. The maximum mortality should not exceed 2 %

6. Body weight of the flock should be reduced to 23-23%

Programs For Two Cycle Molting

Of the many satisfactory molting programs. The three basic programs are:

1. Conventional Force Molting program (on again, off-again program)
2. Washington Force Molting Program (Low feed intake)
3. California Force Molting Program (No water Restriction)
4. Chemical Molting program (by feeding of chemicals like Zinc, Low sodium diet etc)

The commonly followed Force Molting Program is

Procedure


1. Grade the birds and cull the weak and lame birds.
2. One week prior to this program deworm the flock.
3. Four days after deworming vaccinate the flock against ND and IB.
4. Give three days 24 hrs light before the start.
5. Weigh the selected birds on day 1 morning (About 50)
6. 11-13 40 g/bird(growermash/cracked grain
7. On day 10, weigh the birds and check for the body weight reduction. If it is not reduced to a desired level continue the fasting.
8. If the mortality is increased abnormally after 7 days start

feeding the birds with grower mash or cracked grains at the rate of 30 g/bird and continue till the body weight is reduced to a desirable level.

9. A day before starting of the feeding. Give jaggary water @ 1kg/1000 birds and give electrolytes as well so that the systems get activated.

Important Comments

1. Body weights should be reduced to 23-25% during the feed restriction.
2. Most flocks will reach Zero production by the 6th or 7th day after feed restriction and light reduction.
3. Do not cut off the water at any time(Especially in summer)
4. Feathers will usually drop between 15-20 days.
5. Zero production will usually be sustained for 2-4 weeks., depending on length of feed restriction.
6. Flock will usually be back in production 5 weeks after starting feed restriction, and up to 50% production in 7 week, and peak in 9 weeks.
7. Repeat the lasota vaccine after the birds are back on full feed for at least 2 weeks.
8. Bringing birds into production too early result in rough shells, poor quality and lower peaks. Total eggs are not achieved if the flock is brought in too late.

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Metabolic Hepatitis (MH) in Poultry




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The following group of poultry problems can be put together under one heading, the Metabolic Hepatitis (MH), they are Inclusion Body Hepatitis (IBH), Fatty Liver and Kidney Syndrome (FLKS) and Fatty Liver Hemorrhagic Syndrome (FLHS), as their symptoms and lesions are similar, overlapping and difficult to differentiate, they all show enlarged, pale, febrile, liver's, sometimes with hemorrhage's and necrotic foci, swollen and enlarged kidneys, fluid in pericardial sac, hemorrhages on skeletal muscles etc. Metabolic Hepatitis (MH) is caused by a combination of several factor's, like the presence (detectable and non detectable) of a variety of mycotoxins and their metabolites, cause inflammation and damage the G I Tract leading to leaky Gut, allowing unwanted nutrients, non-nutrients, bacteria, virus's and fungi etc., to escape into the blood stream, reach the liver and disturb energy metabolism, interfere with the thyroid, its functioning and the growth hormones and the suppression of the immune system, in-adequate bio-security procedures and practices, various stresses (avoidable and un-avoidable), certain medicines, chemicals and

drugs and their in-compatibilities, certain management practices and the contamination of environment, feed and water. As the signs, symptoms and lesions of IBH, FLKS and FLHS are similar and overlapping, with in-adequate laboratory support for the confirmation of the diagnosis, guesswork and individual opinion's prevail, often followed by mis-diagnosis and wrong treating, and recommending vaccines (required or not) like the IBH, IBD, EDS and CIA or blaming the transmission as Vertical, from the parent stock breeders and the hatchery.

The demand for fast growth, low FCR and economical production, in minimum number of days to market, have pushed the nutritionist and feed manufacturing units to produce high protein high energy feeds to give the desirable results. Use of alternate feed ingredients and oils (fats) to provide energy, have further complicated the situation. The sequence of events leading to the liver and kidney's damage through the high protein and high energy feeds is due to the stress created by the presence of multiple mycotoxins and their metabolites, certain anti nutrients, in-compatible drugs, chemicals and medicines, they first

damage the G I tract, cause inflammation leading to leaky gut, allowing mycotoxins, their metabolites and anti-nutrients and a variety of damage causing micro-organisms (bacteria, virus's, fungus and parasites) to pass through and reach the livers, cause damage and interfere with and disturb the metabolic activity, interfere with the thyroid, its functioning and the growth hormones, simultaneously causing immune-suppression, due to the oxidative changes from the rancid oil, causing cellular and tissue damage and interfering with the fatty acid metabolism. The immune suppressed birds fail to mount sufficient immune response to the vaccines used (un-explainable partial vaccine failure), become prone to several bacterial and viral diseases, leading to poor health, poor FCR, increase in morbidity and mortality.

Mitigation Strategies should include, good quality feed ingredients at all the times, plan all programs for minimum possible stress to the birds, use of a combination of toxin binders (as one binder can never prevent all types of mycotoxins and their metabolites), maintain G I tract integrity, minimize inflammation and damage, testing of the oil being used, for the free fatty acids and oxidative changes, use of anti-oxidants and regular use of probiotics, and immune system boosters, a suitable area related vaccination program and the use of proper and appropriate hygiene and sanitation practices. 

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