

Chicken Management



- Ensure proper shelter of your chicken
- Feed your chicken on properly mixed & balanced feeds.
- Vaccinate your chicken against preventable diseases and treat whenever necessary.



Benefits of this Method

- Using this method a hen can hatch up to three sets of eggs in a row.
- Ten hens can hatch up to 300 chicks in 65 days
- A tray of local chicken eggs cost

Ugsh 6000 while that of exotic chicken is Ugsh 3000

- At four months a good local chicken can fetch Ugsh 7000
- You can use chicken manure as fertilisers
- Eggs and chicken are good food for a healthy family.



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MAKING MONEY FROM LOCAL CHICKENS



**How to hatch many chicks at
the same time**



To Get Good Eggs



- Select the desired number [say 10] of good hens of the same age.
- Give the hens a desired cock [local or improved breed]– one cock for every 10 hens.
- When the hens start laying pick the eggs, date them and store safely, not too hot or cold.
- Keep the eggs in a clean tray with the pointed end of the egg down. Use a pencil for marking dates.



Hatching

- Hens may start brooding at different times. They should all be broody together.
- To keep them broody, give each hen an infertile egg [boiled egg] to sit on until the number you want is ready.
- Eggs of less than 10 days old are most fertile.
- Give 10 – 15 fertile eggs to each broody hen.
- Eggs will hatch after 21 days.



Programmed Brooding Hens

Managing Chicks



- Take the chicks from the hen.
- Put the chicks in a special area called a brooder.
- Keep them as warm as they would be with the mother.
- The hen is now ready to sit on another set of eggs.

