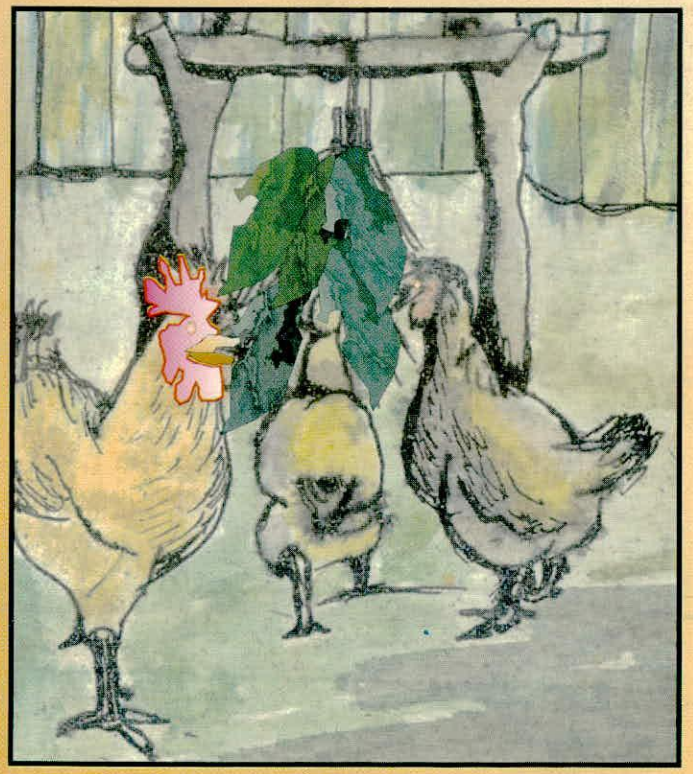


A box



Weaved basket



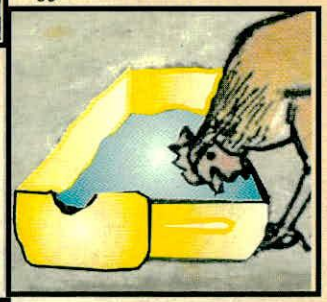
Tie lablab leaves on posts for the chicken to feed.

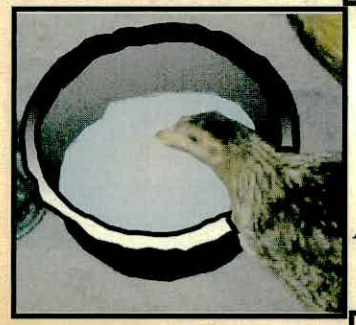
Containers for water.



Gourds with side cut off to hold water.

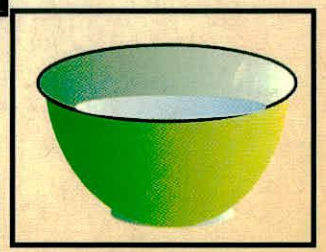
Jerry cans cut into half horizontally





An old saucepan

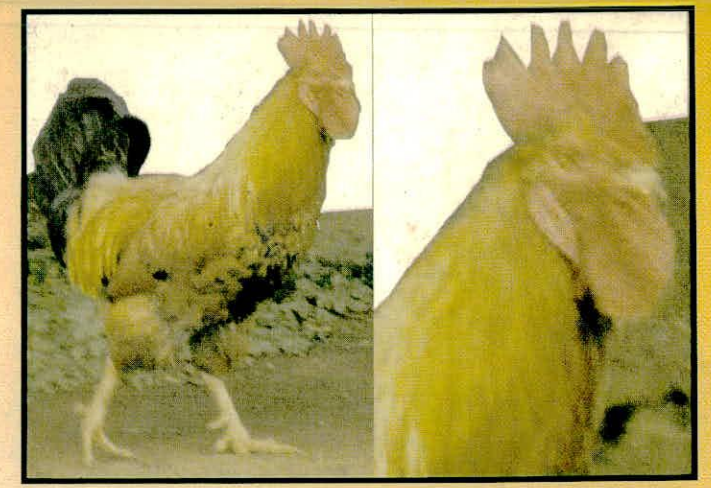
A bowl





An old tin

Management Of Free Range Chicken



This brochure is one of four developed to improve the management of free-range chicken as a business. The set of brochures consists of:

- 1) Importance, security and sale in free range chicken farming
- 2) Feeding of chicken
- 3) Health management in chicken
- 4) Housing of chicken

2 *Feeding of chicken*

Types of chicken feed

- Energy giving foods: millet, maize brand, cassava, remains from local brew, left over food of any kind. Others like very ripe papaws are very nutritive for chicken.

- Body building food; termites, ants, insect lava, grasshoppers, cricket, maggots, lablab or Russian cornfry leaves. For the food in form of leaves should be hanged up so that the chicken can peck at the leaves.
- Water.
- Supplementary Feeds and composition: Ten kilograms of maize brand mixed with two kilograms of ground leaves of lablab or three kilograms of Russian corn fry makes a good chicken meal with both cabohydrates and protein.

Measurement of feed given to chicken per day

- For every ten grown chicken, three tampeco mugs of feed are given.
- For every ten cocks, two tampeco mugs of feed are given.
- For every twenty young chicks, one tampeco mug is given.

The measurement above produces better effects if feeds of different kinds are mixed.

Measurements of water given to chicken per day.

It is advisable that chickens are given water to drink every day. However, in case one is in a situation with limited supply of water then the following measurements of water that the chicken can take may be used:

- For every grown chicken, a half of a tampeco mug.
- For every cock, a third of a tampeco mug.
- For every five chicks, one tampeco mug.

During the dry season, the measurements can be doubled every day and always make sure that the water that is given to the chicken is clean and cool.

Time of the day when feeding takes place.

- Food should be placed inside the chicken house so that it is available to the chicken at all times. The chicken can be fed from morning until around midday and then they can be released from the house to free-range around.

Equipment used to carry chicken feed.

Never place chicken feed on the ground



Chicken feed should not be served on the ground as this is wasteful.

The feed should always be placed in these containers:

Weaved basket, an old box or a tray.

