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Theme for this week

Alternative Livestock Feed Ideas

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Feeding costs are often the greatest contributor to overall running expenses incurred in livestock farm operations.

It is my vision to routinely research, investigate and publish as much ready-to-use information as I can find from trustworthy sources, on and off the web. Many farmers are struggling to find reliable alternatives, to conventional ingredients to feed their livestock and still get desired growth and performance. Below are download links to parts 1 and 2 part of a PDF publication by the National Pork Board of the USA on **Alternative Feed Ingredients in Swine Diets**:

Download Part 1 from: <http://tinyurl.com/tfc-swinepdf1>

Download Part 2 from: <http://tinyurl.com/tfc-swinepdf2>

Features elaborate information on and examples of tried and tested substitutes to the more common, conventional feed ingredients. Even though the publication is targeted at Pigs, my review of it indicates it offers much educational value (including nutrient composition, and possible uses/processing options) to virtually ALL other livestock farmers, because most of the substitutes featured can be fed, with appropriate processing to their animals too. The strategy of this newspaper is to bring you quick information, and news, with links to useful resources.

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FREE FAO Publication: Poultry feed availability and nutrition in developing countries

[Subtitle: **Alternative feedstuffs for use in poultry feed formulations**]

Features four (4) Tables:

- Factors limiting the use of alternative feed ingredients in poultry feed formulations
- Alternative energy sources that can replace maize in poultry diets
- Alternative protein sources to replace soybean in poultry diets
- Alternative animal protein sources for use in poultry diets.

Features Supplementary feeding strategies for family poultry, which discusses Energy supplements, Protein Supplements and Minerals/ Vitamins supplements.

Download it from <http://tinyurl.com/tfc-FAOPDF>

THE FARM CEO will run into at least 2 pages per issue. It will feature my reviews of news compiled from research and industry sources, including farm visits as I travel across West Africa. My mission is to make THE FARM CEO newspaper a preferred source of innovative, cost-saving/performance enhancing farm business ideas in Africa. *If it can help your farm business, you'll find it in THE FARM CEO newspaper!*

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Make Money from Snail Farming (2 FREE E-Books)



Snail meat is a delicacy, with documented health benefits, superior even to poultry meat. Little wonder that those who successfully establish commercial snailery often reap handsome profits. Another reason I am drawn to this business is the quiet and relatively non-messy nature of the business compared to poultry etc.

I remain committed to finding useful resources to empower interested persons to venture into low cost farm business, towards achieving financial independence. Snail Farming greatly appeals to me for a variety of reasons.

But it was when I saw that my 11 and 13 year old sons had collected and been feeding over 40 snails (some fist sized) with leftover food and waste from the kitchen – such as plantain peel, and beans - that I realized snail farming business really offers any passionate person with limited means, the opportunity to earn substantial income at low cost.

I've so far downloaded 2 fairly authoritative documents on snail farming. Below are brief previews and short URLs to access them:

1. Improved Snail Farming (27 pages): A Farm Level Tech Note published by Forest Development Authority of Liberia, with the FAO. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/tfc-snailpdf1>
2. Snail Production Techniques in Nigeria (25 pages): This PDF was published by the National Agricultural Extension & Research Liaison Service, Ahmadu Bello University, Zaria. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/tfc-snailpdf2>

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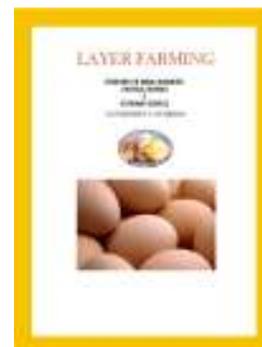
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(INTRODUCTION TO) LAYER FARMING – FREE PDF

By Department of Animal Husbandry, Livestock, Fisheries & Vet Services, Government of Sikkim.

This PDF is well laid out with photos of real life operations, and helpful definitions and descriptions in language that is easily understood. Potentially useful for persons wishing to learn what poultry layer farming is about, and even those already engaged in it, who may not have gotten a proper grounding in the rudiments, before starting up. Topics covered include commercial layer breeds, housing/management, poultry feed, feeding schedule, common diseases, vaccination schedule, bio-security measures, feasibility calculations for establishment of 500 and 1,000 number layer farms respectively. Also includes a comparative income statement between a government servant and a poultry farmer. Definitely worth reading! Download at: <http://tinyurl.com/tfc-layerguide>



FARM SUCCESSION PLANS AMONG POULTRY FARMERS

By Fasina O., Inegbedion S., Researchers - Federal University of Technology, Akure, Nigeria

I found this to be a VERY interesting research study report. The authors "*examined the farm succession plans of 60 long established poultry farmers purposively selected from the Poultry Association of Nigeria in Ogun State Nigeria*". If you're a Farm CEO, you should be curious to read their findings. After all, if you're really serious about YOUR own farm business, you will want it to keep going strong after you retire – or pass on. Go to <http://tinyurl.com/tfc-fsp>.

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