

ECONOMIC RABBIT PRODUCTION FOR MEAT PURPOSE

Now a day in our country the rabbit meat has get a high degree of popularity as protein food. Many people prefers to consume rabbit meat due to its high nutrition value.

Advantage of rabbit meat :

1. Rabbit meat has higher percentage of protein i.e. 20.80%.
2. Rabbit meat has lees fat (11-20%) and less caloric value (795).

Advantage of rabbit rearing :

1. Short gestation period (20-31 days).
2. Larger little size i.e. 5-7 (are 60 nos.)
3. Slaughter age of meat purpose (90 days)
4. Breeding age 6-8 months.

Method or rearing rabbit for economic production :

1. Rabbit can be reared in cage. One rabbit is kept in a single cage and the cages are made up of welded wire mesh the size of the cage in generally 2 ½ x 2 x 2 ½ .
2. Another method of rearing rabbit is in Hatches. Hear many numbers of rabbit are kept in a single touché according to age group. The floor is made of concrete.
3. Feed – They are herbivores animal and can be feed on wide variety of feed.
Feeding schedule
 - (a) Weaned rabbit (45-70 days) – 50 g/day.
 - (b) Grower rabbit (71-90 days) – 75g g/day, kind of feed.
4. (i) Roughs, grasses and hay can be feed.
(ii) Green fodder and roots can also be given.
(iii) Commercial rabbit feed pellet can also be given.
5. Clean water should be provided adequately all the time.

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