

Guide To House Feeding, Raising, And Taking Proper Care Of Turkeys

Are you a farmer interested in poultry farming? Looking for an alternative to chicken farming? How about raising turkeys? Turkeys are not only delicious, but they can also be a lucrative business venture. In this comprehensive guide, we will take you through the entire process of house feeding, raising, and taking proper care of turkeys from start to finish.

Why Should You Consider Raising Turkeys?

Turkeys offer several advantages over other poultry birds. Not only do they provide a healthy protein source, but they are also relatively easy to raise. They require less space compared to chickens and can be raised in various types of housing, including barns, coops, or mobile pens. Additionally, turkeys have a longer shelf life, which means more flexibility for selling and consumption.

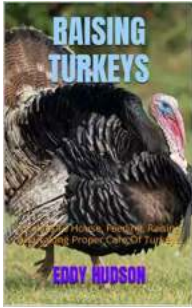
Choosing the Right Breeds and Selecting Healthy Turkey Chicks

Before starting your turkey farming journey, it is essential to choose the right breed that suits your purpose. Heritage breeds, such as Bourbon Red, Narragansett, and Bronze, are known for their quality meat and captivating appearance. Broad Breasted White turkeys are the most common commercial breed due to their fast growth and high meat yield.

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When selecting turkey chicks, always opt for healthy, active, and alert birds. Avoid chicks with signs of illness or deformities. Turkeys are social animals and should be purchased in groups to promote their well-being.

Setting Up the Ideal Housing for Turkeys

Proper housing is critical for the well-being and growth of your turkeys. The housing should protect them from predators, adverse weather conditions, and provide sufficient space for movement. It is recommended to provide at least 4 square feet of floor space per turkey, increasing it to 10 square feet as they grow.

The house should be well-ventilated to prevent humidity and ammonia buildup. Adequate natural or artificial lighting should be provided, along with nesting areas for egg-laying turkeys. Regular cleaning and disinfection are also essential to prevent diseases.

Feeding and Nutrition Requirements

Turkeys have specific nutritional needs to ensure their growth and health. A well-balanced diet consisting of high-quality turkey feed, which includes a

combination of grains, protein-rich supplements, vitamins, and minerals, is crucial. Additionally, turkeys require access to clean water at all times.

Feeding turkeys is not just about meeting their nutritional requirements; it is also an opportunity to engage with them and monitor their health. Regularly observe their feeding patterns and watch out for any changes that may indicate illness or nutritional deficiencies.

Healthcare and Disease Prevention

Like any livestock, turkeys are susceptible to diseases. Taking preventive measures is vital to ensure a healthy flock. Regularly consult a veterinarian to develop a vaccination and deworming schedule. Keep a clean and hygienic environment, provide proper ventilation, and practice good biosecurity measures to prevent the spread of diseases.

Harvesting and Marketing Your Turkeys

After months of proper care and feeding, it's time to harvest your turkeys. The ideal harvest age depends on your target market and purpose. Broad Breasted White turkeys are typically harvested between 14 to 18 weeks of age, while heritage breeds take longer.

Proper packaging and labeling are essential to ensure the freshness and marketability of your turkeys. Explore local farmer's markets, restaurants, and online platforms to market your product. Don't forget to emphasize the unique qualities of your turkeys, such as their heritage breed or free-range upbringing.

Raising and caring for turkeys can be a rewarding and profitable endeavor. With proper housing, feeding, and healthcare practices, you can ensure the

well-being and quality of your turkeys. Remember always to consult experts and continuously educate yourself on the best practices for turkey farming. So, are you ready to embark on this exciting journey? Start your turkey farming adventure today!



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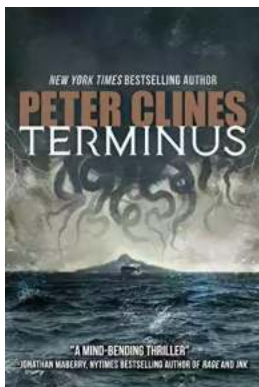
Did you know that turkeys are native to the New World- i.e North America, and have been around for millenniums? So, is it a wonder that when these delicious and pompous birds reached the shores of Europe in the 16th century, thanks to the traders in West Indies and Spain, they were immediately added to exotic and popular fare. And since then, a turkey dinner, especially on Thanksgiving and on Christmas was soon a part of the social fabric. Turkeys may not be eaten as often as you eat chicken, but you can always have them for Turkey sandwiches. Turkish traders and merchants brought them to Europe by ship, and that is why the name “turkey” became synonymous with this unusually funny looking and self-important birds strutting about in your backyard. Once upon a time there were also called the Indian fowl. I was under the impression that that was

because the Native Americans were called Indians at that time. They knew the value of this bird and hunted it regularly. That was until I found out that the “Indian” part of the name came from the European tendency of naming exotic birds, with the names of exotic lands. So the Catalans called it Gall d’inde and the French also called it Poulet d’inde meaning fowl from India. In Hebrew, it is called Tarnegol Hodu – rooster of India. And the irony is that in Turkey, it is called Hindi which means related to India! In reality, Indians of India did not know about this bird until the Britishers brought it to India for their turkey dinners in the late 18th and 19th century. But these are native birds living for millenniums in the North American continent. Wild turkeys also known to the first settlers as “gobblers” soon became a part of the dining table, and the Puritans must have been really surprised at such a show of pomp and colorful splendor in a gobbler.

These guides give novice and experienced livestock farmers all they need to know to successfully keep and profit from raising turkeys. This book include; advantages of raising turkeys, types of turkeys, how to house, feed, care for turkeys even as a beginner and many more...

Do you have interest in raising turkeys, but don't know how to start? Then this book is for you.

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