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Economic analysis of free ranging desi poultry as a component in integrated farming system in rural areas

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SUMMARY : A survey was conducted in 10 villages of Namakkal district to find out the economic potentials of free range desi poultry as component in cropping system in rural areas. The farms were post stratified into small (20 farms), medium (15 farms) and large (10 farms). The flock size were 5, 10 and 25 and egg production in respect to them were 40, 52 and 60. The average annual farm income from sale of eggs and birds were Rs. 5955, Rs. 14225 and Rs. 28, 600 for small, medium and large farms, respectively. For brooding birds were used. The sale of eggs and birds on free range rearing were much higher than the sale of commercial eggs and boilers. No periodic vaccination and no proper shelter were provided to the birds.

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