

Pest Control Considerations for Small Holder Poultry Flocks



Establish a good pest control program and take steps to discourage rodents, flies, wild birds, and other pests from accessing feed and nesting areas. Pests such as rodents and flies can carry disease (such as Salmonella) which can make chickens sick or may contaminate their eggs.

- Close off any entry points (cracks in walls, holes in foundation) in poultry coops and use screening over windows and ventilation openings.
- Store feed in sealable containers and clean up any unused or spilled feed.
- Remove clutter around the coop to prevent rodent nesting and hiding areas.
- Keep perimeter around the coop clear and free of tall grass, weeds, and debris.
- Use rodent and fly traps where possible, keeping these away from flock access.
- Provide clean, fresh water away from wild birds, and other animals.
- Do not allow cats, dogs or other pets in with your flock.