

## Part-3

# Empowerment of farmwomen through backyard poultry: Economic aspects

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- Farm women can start backyard poultry with minimum investment.
- A backyard poultry unit with 25 birds will have about 20 birds (12 female and 8 male) after 5 months as 4-5 birds may die due to various reasons.



### Economics of 20 birds is given below

Input cost (Rs.)	Cost of chicks (25 Nos.)	25 xRs.15 =	Rs.375.00
	Feed for 20 days	15 kg xRs.30 =	Rs.450.00
	Medicine, vaccine and miscellaneous expenditure	Rs.100 =	Rs.100.00
<b>Total input cost</b>			<b>Rs.925.00</b>
Income (Rs.)	Sale of male birds (8 Nos.)	8 xRs.400 =	Rs.3200.00
	Sale of eggs from 12 female bird per year (150 egg/yr)	12x150 xRs.5 =	Rs.9000.00
	Sale of female birds (12 Nos.)	12x Rs.300 =	Rs.3600.00
<b>Total income</b>			<b>Rs.15800.00</b>
<b>Total Profit/Year</b>			<b>Rs.14875.00</b>



- Farm women easily can earn about Rs.14,000-15,000.00 per year by taking into account the following points:

- selection of suitable dual variety bird
- utilization of backyard area for grazing
- providing supplementary feed and drinking water
- keeping the poultry house clean and well ventilated
- protecting the birds from predators
- following recommended deworming & vaccination schedule
- adopting technology and undergoing training

- ✓ Backyard poultry is a gender friendly occupation which can be adopted by small, land less and resource poor farmwomen.
- ✓ Involvement of farm women in purchase of chicks, inputs and selling of eggs and meat provides opportunities to them for more exposure with people resulting in building self confidence and higher esteem among farm women.
- ✓ Backyard poultry empowers the farm women and provides them opportunities in learning of business art, technology, capacity building, decision making etc. From the money carried through sale of products from backyard poultry women can fulfill the needs such as food, clothes, house hold items and support in the festivals expenses.

