

Vices in poultry

Vices are bad habits of animal. It may be due to hereditary, behavioral, environmental and nutritional problem. Research on this issue is going on. This is natural tendency of birds. Even by fulfilling all requirements vices have been observed in different commercial farms. Once hens get in the habit of picking at each other, it is difficult to stop them and heavy losses may result. Some vices are listed below. Different poultry flocks exhibited various following kinds of vices.

1. Cannibalism- The habit of one bird to peck or eat other birds.
 - a. Head pecking- pecking of head among birds
 - b. Vent pecking-pulled out a part of cloaca
 - c. Toe pecking- pulled out of nail causes bleeding
 - d. Feather pecking- pecking of feathers among birds
2. Egg eating- Accidentally if there is broken egg in the farm and the bird acquiring a taste of egg then egg eating problem will arise.
3. Scratching of litter- It is an ancestral character from wild fowl. Now it is also observed in farm condition which creates dust problem and polluted the feed and drinkers.
4. More flight tendency- Some birds show more tendencies to fly and it encourage others. Ultimately it hampers in management.