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## Advisory for poultry farmers during COVID 19 Crises

1. Production / placement of broilers should be reduced to **about 50% of the regular demand**.
2. Provide low plane of nutrition (about 70% of standard specs) to **stagger / slow down the growth of broilers**. So that the market body weight can be obtained 2/3 weeks later than usual 5/6 weeks of age.
3. In case of egg laying birds, reduce the production or give rest to the birds during the COVID 19 crises. It is suggested to feed layers with **REST DIET** to provide about 170 kcal, 7g protein and 1g Ca per bird per day, which will ensure to maintenance requirement of the major nutrients. Also the concentrations of vitamins, trace minerals, electrolyte and other essential feed additives should be doubled the requirements for better immunity and to reduce stress.
4. Linking the supply of poultry produces (egg and chicken meat) with the essential commodity supply chain being undertaken by Govt agencies in COVID 19 affected areas.
5. Technical advisories on health, management and nutrition of both rural and intensive poultry farming will be provided by ICAR-DPR through mobile (9849966022 - Dr S V Rama Rao, 9949573506 - Dr M R Reddy, 9441277620- Dr S K Bhanja)
6. Egg and chicken meat are the best blend of several essential nutrients which **help to boost up immunity**. Therefore, efforts should be in place to advocate consumption of egg and chicken meat by all sectors of the human population.
7. Intensive or free range chicken will not transmit COVID 19
8. Consumption of egg or chicken meat will not cause COVID 19
9. Egg and chicken meat are having several essential nutrients including vitamins, essential minerals, natural anti-oxidants, which will boost up immunity against any disease including COVID 19
10. Egg and chicken meat are rich source of balanced protein (all essential amino acids) and essential fatty acids (linoleic acid) which will help to develop healthy muscle and strong bones in humans including developing foetus, growing kids, pregnant women, ailing patients. Also Phospho-lipids (lecithin, cephalin and spingomylin) present in eggs are highly essential for proper development of brain, nervous system and all other vital organs in human body.

Therefore, ICAR - Directorate of Poultry Research will strongly recommend to follow the above advisory to minimize the economic losses and to optimize productivity.