

An Assessment of Farmers' Interest in University of Ilorin Poultry Research Result

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Abstract :

This study assessed farmers' interest in University of Ilorin poultry research results. Specifically, it investigated the socio-economic characteristics of commercial poultry farmers, their area of interest in poultry research result, and the sources preferred for information on the area of interest. Fifty-two commercial poultry farmers were randomly selected for the study. Information was elicited through questionnaire. The data were analyzed by using frequency, percentages, ranking, and Chi square. The study showed that commercial poultry farmers in Kwara State had mean age of 41.2 years, with 84.6% who had post secondary education, 59.6% had spent less than 5 years in poultry business. About 40.4% produced a combination of layers and broilers with average of 725 birds. They were interested in research result such as: the proportion of chicken offal meal and soybean meal for best performance in broilers; response of broilers chicks to raw or processed full fat soybean supplement among others. They preferred that information on their interest be channeled through Poultry Association of Nigeria, consultants and magazines. The study suggested that ADP need to bridge gap between researches and commercial poultry farmers. Also, Agricultural Extension Department in the university should work hand in hand with Department of Animal Production to publish summary of research results in magazines.

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Commercial poultry farmers, Poultry research result, ample stock

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