A STUDY ON REARING OF GIRIRAJA POULTRY BIRDS

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ABSTRACT

The study was conducted in Munavale Village of Karad Tahsil from Satara district. The 180 birds of Giriraja breed were demonstrated against local breed in the year 2005-2006. These birds were supplied to 12 farm families of small land holding. The observations were taken of body weight after 2 months interval, egg production after six months to one year and other observations like rearing cost and adaptability. The study revealed that, at six month stage, the mean body weight of Giriraja breed was recorded 2116 gm as against local breed 1257 gm, which was 70.55% more than the local breed. Thus, mean body weight of Giriraja breed recorded significant increased against local breeds. Beside this, egg production of Giriraja (160 eggs/year) is more than local breed (55 eggs/year). The maintenance cost of breed is also similar to local breed. Therefore, the rearing of Giriraja breed in backyard poultry is really a low capital enterprise for small and marginal farmers.

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