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Poultry Farmers’ Perception on Rearing of Quail Bird in Kabba/bunu Local Government Area of Kogi State —nigeria

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Abstract

There has been a general complaint on the inability of the livestock sector of the economy to meet the Nigerian protein needs, in spite the series of calls by previous and present administrations of the country. This result and reflect on the persistent problems of meeting the protein requirement of the country’s populace. This paper therefore, accesses the perception of the poultry farmers on rearing of quail birds in Kabba/Bunu Local Government Area of Kogi State, Nigeria. Both primary and secondary data were used. Multistage sampling techniques were used. Five villages were purposively selected because of the easy access to quail birds. 40 respondents were randomly selected from each of the villages, a total of 200 respondents were interviewed using a well-structured questionnaire and Focus Group Discussion (FGD). The data were analysed descriptively and necessary inferences were made.

The results revealed that that more female (55 %) are involved in poultry rearing while younger people between the ages of 20 — 29 years are not actively involved in poultry production in the study area. Further, the farmers are educated (90 %). Finding also indicated that only 18 % of the respondents rear Quail in the study area while the perception of Quail rearing among the farmers is very low (16.6 %). The study concluded that the perception of farmers to Quail bird rearing in the study area is very low. It was concluded that extension agents in the area should embark on enlightenment campaign to create awareness among the farmers of the usefulness of Quail birds if reared. Though, the attitude of the youth not picking poultry production as a significant area of agriculture in the country cannot be over emphasised. Therefore, calls to encourage youths to embrace and embark on agriculture in Nigeria should be paramount.

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