



**WATTLES & COMBS**

**DISEASE  
CONTROL -  
COCCIDIOSIS**

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### **DISEASE CONTROL - COCCIDIOSIS**

Coccidiosis is one of the most economically expensive diseases to farmers but least understood.

Coccidiosis cannot be vaccinated against.

Mortality from Coccidiosis can be as high as 20% in a few days. The droppings from broiler increases the spread of infection.

Caused by Coccidia. These are like mites found in nature but thrive in wet conditions.

They eat intestines of broilers. Causing severe bleeding and death.

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### **SIGNS OF COCCIDIOSIS**

- Birds look weak, restless looking chickens and they do not move around much
  - Pale comb
  - Loss of appetite
  - Ruffled feathers
  - Weight loss
- Dropping – Red colored

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Coccidiosis -How Is It Spread

Easily spread through :

- Shoes
- Shovels
- Contaminated water
- Food
- Litter

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### **PREVENTION**

1. Ensure water is fresh and clean
2. Keep feeding area clean and dry.
3. Ensure birds have enough space overcrowding spread disease fast
4. If you notice birds have eaten wet litter or bedding there is no harm in preventing an outbreak by giving them Amprolium on the preventative basis.
5. Remove wet litter as soon as you notice it
6. If you have more than one poultry house with chickens, workers should change boots before going in the other house.

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## **WATTLES AND COMBS** **DISEASE CONTROL - COCCIDIOSIS** **TREATMENT**

Normally the Vet will prescribe either one of the following:

Amprolium- affordable

Sulfadimidine – affordable

Baycox – most expensive

Read instruction on vaccinations. Each vaccine has a withdrawal period. This means there are specified number of days before you can take the broilers to market after you have administered a vaccine.

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**Coccidiosis can kill up to 20% of your birds or more. Prevent it as much as possible.**

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