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Preventive Medicine for Backyard Chickens

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Backyard poultry can be pets as well as a food source (i.e., eggs), and this creates several problems for the hobbyist from a

How Diseases Occur

Diseases can be introduced into a backyard flock through many ways unnoticed by the owner. This could be through visitors to the

Tips for Disease Prevention

Thorough cleaning, scrubbing and disinfection of the poultry house is very important in sanitation. This keeps bacteria, viruses, and parasites from building up.

2. It is not recommended that chickens, either young or adult, be exposed to old litter in the poultry house as this can spread disease. Exposing birds to old litter is not recommended as the litter and also eliminates unwanted rodents.