

Common Poultry Parasites

What You Need to Know



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Lice (Pediculosis)



Nits (louse eggs)
on the base of a
feather shaft



Signs:

Live lice crawling on bird (check vent)
Nits (lice eggs) in bunches on base of feather shaft
Damaged, moth-eaten appearance to feathers
Dull or roughened appearance to bird

Sources:
The Ohio State University Extension Fact Sheet
"Diseases of Small Poultry Flocks," Rob Porter, DVM,
University of Minnesota Dept. of Veterinary Medicine

Treatment

Consult with a veterinarian to get recommendations for medication and/or chemicals to clean and decontaminate the poultry environment and equipment. Avoid contamination of your birds' food and water.

Don't hesitate to call a USDA veterinarian TOLL FREE for questions about your birds' health, at no charge!
1-866-536-7593

Livestock & Poultry, Control of Poultry Pests
Purdue University Extension
<http://extension.entm.purdue.edu/publications/E-3.pdf>



Pest Management Recommendations for Poultry
Cornell & Penn State Extension
<http://pubs.cas.psu.edu/FreePubs/PDFs/XF0274.pdf>

Common Lice & Mites of Poultry
University of California Extension
<http://anrcatalog.ucdavis.edu/pdf/8162.pdf>



Remember that pesticide approvals may change. It's always a good idea to check with your local county ag commissioner for current information on approved materials before you apply any pest control chemical.

Roundworms



Signs:

Depression, weight loss, diarrhea
Decreased growth
Lowered egg production
Muscle atrophy
Death



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Poultry Mites



Signs:

Dull or moth-eaten appearance
Damaged feathers
Decreased food intake
Decreased egg quality
Darkening feathers due to mite feces
Visible mites, eggs and/or feces on the fluff feathers and feather shaft
Scabbing of skin near vent
Scaly, scabby or deformed-looking legs