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A backyard/small poultry farmer raises and cares for domestic poultry alongside animals like goats and pigs, for egg, milk, and/or meat production. This farmer may also be responsible for silk production (sericulture) and...



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यह एक स्वतंत्र परियोजना है, जो सरकार की आधिकारिक करियर-मार्गदर्शन सामग्री पर आधारित है। · An independent project based on the Government's official career-guidance content.

1 About this career

A backyard/small poultry farmer raises and cares for domestic poultry alongside animals like goats and pigs, for egg, milk, and/or meat production. This farmer may also be responsible for silk production (sericulture) and managing bee colonies (apiculture/beekeeping). It is a reliable livelihood option that can be started with modest capital, close to home.

2 At a glance

Minimum qualification	Class 8 pass + age 18
NSQF Level	Level 4
Work Hours	8-9 hrs/day, 5-6 days/week
Starting salary	About ₹7,000 - ₹10,000/month

3 What you need

INTERESTS

- You are physically fit and interested in caring for animals/birds.
- You are comfortable communicating with others — wholesalers, veterinarians, and buyers.
- You enjoy gardening/agricultural work and being outdoors.

ABILITIES

- Attention to detail — timely feeding, vaccination, and hygiene management.
- Ability to spot changes in animal health and act quickly.
- Stamina for daily physical labour — cleaning, carrying feed, building sheds.

KEY SKILLS

- Basic animal husbandry techniques for poultry/goat/pig rearing
- Feed management and nutrition planning

- Vaccination, disease identification, and basic animal healthcare
- Specialised techniques in beekeeping (apiculture) or silkworm rearing (sericulture), if chosen
- Basic cost-income record keeping
- Constructing and maintaining sheds/enclosures
- Market linkage and selling produce (eggs, milk, meat, honey, cocoons)

4 How to get there

- 1 Complete Class 8 and turn 18 years old.
- 2 Enroll for NSQF Level 4 training through an NSDC/JSS centre, RSLDC, or a Krishi Vigyan Kendra (KVK).
- 3 Take hands-on training in poultry/goat/pig/beekeeping at your nearest KVK or veterinary university.
- 4 Start small (5-10 birds/animals) and gradually expand with experience.
- 5 Apply for financial support under government schemes (e.g., Animal Husbandry Department subsidy schemes).
- 6 Connect with wholesalers/local markets to start selling produce, or progress towards a farm manager role.

MAIN EXAMS

- There is no formal entrance exam; the Agriculture Skill Council of India (ASCI) conducts the NSQF skill assessment.

5 Where to study

GOVERNMENT INSTITUTES

- NSDC - प्रशिक्षण केंद्र खोजें — All India (<https://www.nsdcindia.org/find-nsdc-training-centre>)
- जन शिक्षण संस्थान (JSS) — All India (<https://nsdcindia.org/find-nsdc-training-centre-jss/>)
- राजस्थान कौशल एवं आजीविका विकास निगम (RSLDC) — Rajasthan (<https://livelihoods.rajasthan.gov.in/rslhc/#/home/dptHome/403>)
- कृषि विज्ञान केंद्र (KVK), बीकानेर/उदयपुर/कोटा/भरतपुर/हनुमानगढ़ — Rajasthan (multiple districts) (<https://hanumangarh1.kvk2.in/goat-farming-unit.php>)
- राजस्थान पशु चिकित्सा एवं पशु विज्ञान विश्वविद्यालय (RAJUVAS) — Bikaner, Rajasthan (<https://rajuvas.ac.in/>)

PRIVATE INSTITUTES

- केंद्रीय बकरी अनुसंधान संस्थान (CIRG) प्रशिक्षण पंजीकरण — Makhdoom, Uttar Pradesh (national institute) (<https://www.cirg.res.in/registration>)

ONLINE

- स्किल इंडिया डिजिटल — Online (<https://www.skillindiadigital.gov.in/>)

FEES

Government KVK/NSDC/RLDC training is mostly free, and often comes with a subsidy for the first unit (shed/chicks/goats). Private-institute fees are minimal, since this sector is heavily subsidised through government schemes.

SCHOLARSHIPS

- राष्ट्रीय छात्रवृत्ति पोर्टल (NSP) – ITI/वोकेशनल छात्रवृत्ति (<https://scholarships.gov.in/fresh/onlineInstituteSearchIndex>)
- Buddy4Study – ITI/व्यावसायिक प्रशिक्षण छात्रवृत्तियाँ (<https://www.buddy4study.com/article/iti-scholarships>)
- राष्ट्रीय पशुधन मिशन व पशुपालन विभाग सब्सिडी योजनाएं

6 What the work is like

WHERE YOU WORK

Goat farms, poultry farms, pig-rearing units, sericulture (silk-production) and apiculture (beekeeping) units, and backyard farms at home.

WORK CULTURE

Typically 8-9 hours a day, 5-6 days a week, and can be done close to home. Farmers can enter direct contracts with wholesalers and sell produce directly, which also opens entrepreneurship opportunities.

WHO HIRES

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| • Self-employment/own backyard farm (the most common model) | • Assistant/worker at larger poultry or dairy farms |
| • Farmer Producer Organisations (FPOs) and cooperative societies | • National Dairy Development Board (NDDB) and State Animal Husbandry Department schemes |
| • Local markets/wholesalers (through direct contracts) | • Companies purchasing honey and silk (apiculture/sericulture produce) |

- Agriculture/Horticulture/Animal Husbandry departments & Krishi Vigyan Kendras (KVKs)

DEMAND (2026)

In rural India and Rajasthan, backyard poultry and goat rearing is an important low-capital livelihood source, especially for women and small farmers. Government schemes like the National Livestock Mission, along with rising demand for eggs/meat/milk, keep steady opportunities in this sector.

7 Career growth

- 1 Farmer (Backyard/Small-scale)
- 2 Farm Manager (Level 5)

EARNINGS

Starting	₹7,000 - ₹10,000/माह
Mid level	₹10,000 - ₹15,000/माह (विस्तारित इकाई के साथ)
Senior level	₹20,000+/माह (फार्म प्रबंधक/बड़ी इकाई)

Government NCS data puts starting income at ₹7,000 - ₹10,000/month; this depends heavily on unit size (number of birds/animals) — income can rise substantially as farmers expand their unit and sell directly.

8 The good parts · The challenges**The good parts**

- Low-capital business that can start right at home, with government subsidy support.
- Entrepreneurship opportunities — direct contracts with wholesalers and direct selling are possible.
- Accessible work for all family members, including women and persons with disabilities.

The challenges

- Starting income is quite low, and there is risk of livestock loss from weather or disease.
- Daily physical labour and cleaning are demanded; taking time off is difficult.
- Income can be unstable due to fluctuating market prices.

9 Real-life journeys

यान सिंह (Yan Singh)

Poultry Farmer, Barmadi village, Kullu, Himachal Pradesh

Yan Singh lives in Barmadi village. After a serious accident left him unable to work as a daily-wage labourer, his family faced real hardship. He took interest in an agriculture training scheme and completed a 7-day poultry-rearing training course in Sundernagar. With initial government financial support, he built a well-ventilated shed and bought chicks and feed to start his poultry farm. The income encouraged him to adopt poultry farming as his profession going forward, and his success inspired several other families to take up the trade too.

MANAGE (Ministry of Agriculture & Farmers Welfare) · <https://www.manage.gov.in/cfa/successstories/Success%20Story%20of%20Sh.%20Yan%20Singh%20a%20Poultry%20Farmer%20from%20Kullu,%20Himachal%20Pradesh%20%20%E2%80%93%20Dr.%20Randhir%20Singh,%20Veterinary%20Officer,%20Kullu,%20HP.pdf>

अनीता एम. (Anitha M.)

Integrated Farming Farmer (dairy, goat, and backyard poultry), Bettampady village, Dakshina Kannada, Karnataka

Anitha M. is a tribal woman farmer who runs an integrated farm on 4.5 acres, combining dairy cattle, goat farming, and backyard poultry (including the Giriraja breed). She earns additional income from vermicompost and cow-dung cakes. This mixed model brings her roughly ₹7 lakh a year. She has advised 400 farmers and inspired 6 to start goat farming, and has received District Level Women Farmer awards for her work.

Krishi Jagran · <https://krishijagran.com/success-story/this-tribal-woman-earns-over-rs-7-lakh-through-integrated-farming-system-know-her-story/>

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