

## Snailery Farming

### Average Capital Requirement:

Summary: Snailery or snail farming business is one of the most lucrative farming business in the world. With a growth of about 200% annually, it is very hard to make loss in this business. With a start-up capital of N10,000, you can earn over N10,000,000 in a little over 3years.



### Introduction:

Snails are hermaphrodites, meaning no male or female snails as such with a startup of 5 fully grown snails you can harvest 1000 snails after 18months. With a well-planned farm structure and harvest structure snail farmers, can harvest every 3months after the first 18months. No smell, no disease, low cost of maintenance, high productivity rate, and excellent returns on investment; it is all a farmer wants.

### Required Resources

- Assets
  - Pen space
  - Snail stock
  - Water system

- Personnel  
As farm grows
- Capital  
Minimum of N10,000

#### Required Skills

- Attention to details
- Patience

#### Full description of Operations

- Business operation  
Construct Snail pens depending on the land space you have (farmland or backyard space). In case you do not have enough capital to start, you can use old tyres as pens covered with nets.  
Make sure the pen is always wet and humid. You can control the humidity by planting vegetables or shrubs in the pen, this would also serve as food and sun shade for the snails as snails are more active in the dark. You could also put banana leaves in the pens to serve same purpose.  
Feeding the snails is quite easy, snails eat almost everything from leaves such banana and cocoyam leaves to soft fruits such as pawpaw, banana, also refined foods which can be bought at stores. To achieve the best results the following supplements should be given to the snails, fishmeal, bloodmeal and mineral supplement such as calcium to enhance shell formation.  
Snails are harvested 18months from hatchling, and to make it profitable a farmer should have at least 4 sets that can be harvested every 3months.  
Snails could be sold to end users (family for consumption), hotels, snail exporters, local market etc.  
Best snail specie for raring are Fulicas Achatina, Achatina Achatina and Achatina Marginata



- Objectives  
Raring snails for sales
- Benefits  
Being the most lucrative farming business with a return on investment of over 200% and least risky farm business, it is one business with enormous money benefits.
- Possible Limitations and solutions  
There are no limitations in this business. Snails rarely contact diseases, so long as their pens are well protected from ants attack, and the humidity is right, snails will always do fine.

#### Financial Analysis

Costs:

Snail stock: initial stock are best sorted from natural habitats, however, you can purchase your initial stock from an existing farm at the rate of between #400 to #500. Initial stock of 5 will mean an initial snail stock cost of #2500

Pen Cost: Using a small piece of land (free) or old rubber tyres, Pens can be constructed at very low cost. With an average cost of #5000 a farmer can construct about 3 Pens.

Cost of Food: Snail foods are cheap to access since there are leaves, fruits, household foods without salt such as oatmeals. While calcium minerals can be gotten from vegetable foods such as cabbage, sweet potato leaves, lettuce and also from other fruit calcium such as orange, pawpaw, mango etc. Snail foods are at no extra cost.

Revenue:

First 18 months, from 5 initial stocks, there can be a harvest of 1000@#500 each - #50,000

With a growth rate of 200%, within 36months there could be a minimum harvest of 200,000@#500 each - #10,000,000 that fascinating and possible with the right infrastructure in place to expand the farm.

Future Forecast

- Prospects
  - Farming is big money especially when you have the right infrastructure. You can grow as big as exporting snails.
- Integration
  - Snail egg production
  - Initial Snail stock sales
  - Snail feed production

Conclusion

Snailery is the most lucrative of the farming business, rare as it is, it is a haven for farmer who are already into it, especially those who have enough cash to start big.

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