Native Chicken Production in Indonesia: A Review

Produksi Ayam Lokal di Indonesia : Sebuah Ulasan

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ABSTRACT

Indonesia is a country rich in native chicken genetic resources. There are 31 native chicken breed in Indonesia. Native chicken farming was developed for decades. In early period of 1907’s, mostly farmers reared their native chicken by traditional system (about 80%). In 1980s until now, the number of native chicken farmers which rear native chicken by semi intensive and intensive system have been increasing. These rearing system changing have significantly increased the native chicken productivity. The major constraints for the development of native chicken i.e. low growth rate, risks of high mortality, low egg production. Many research results stated that improving in breeding, feeding and management aspect will increase native chicken production. The information and data contained in this paper is the result of study literature for scientific papers, either in the form of journals, books, or proceedings, and livestock statistics books. This paper is made to support the development of native chickens in Indonesia.

Keywords: native chicken, production, Indonesia

INTRODUCTION

Indonesia is a country which have rich in genetic resources, especially in the native chicken genetic resources (Sulanandari et al., 2008). Iskandar (2011) stated that in the 1970s, most of the native chicken reared by traditional system (80%), in which each farmer had approximately 30 heads. Since 1980s, Native chicken farms has been increased tremendously, farmers not only rearing their native chicken with traditional rearing
Native chicken development in Indonesia is very important. As an animal protein source, native chicken has a significant role to providing more than 200 million Indonesian people requirement for animal protein. This condition gives the opportunity for native chicken stake holders to develop native chicken farms in Indonesia. Politically, the development of native chickens in line with Jokowi-Jusuf Kalla government agenda to achieve food self-sufficiency through controls on imports to food. Currently, the fulfillment of the national requirement to meat and egg chicken are largely sourced from broiler and layer chicken. Whereas seed of these chicken must be imported. According this condition, the development of native chickens as a source of animal protein national requirement is one way to achieve government's agenda in the field of food above. To support the development of local resources as a source of food, the authors try to presents the condition of native chicken productivity in Indonesia and how to develop native chicken production.

The information and data contained in this paper is the result of study literature for scientific papers, either in the form of journals, books, or proceedings, and livestock statistics book. Part to discussed in this paper are the history of native chicken in Indonesia, the types of native chicken in Indonesia, the role of native chicken in Indonesia, the existing condition of native chicken production in Indonesia, and ways to develop native chickens in Indonesia.

**History of Indonesian Native Chicken**

There are two theories that explain the origins of Indonesian native chicken. The first theory explains that native chicken originated from one ancestor (monophyletic origin). On the other hand, the second theory explains that native chicken come from several ancestors (polyphyletic origin) (Crawford, 1990).

Sulandari et al., (2008) revealed that Indonesian native chicken comes from domesticated process of the red jungle fowl. Muladno, (2008) believed that native chicken is historically the result of domestication of four wild chicken species: green wild chicken (Gallus varius), red wild chicken (Gallus gallus), Indian grey wild chicken (Gallus Soneratti) and Ceylon orange wild chicken (Gallus lavayetti). Sulandari et al. (2008) claimed that Indonesia is one of the main centre of chicken domestication in the world. Nataamijaya (2000) reported that there are 31 species (Table 1) native chicken in Indonesia.

**The Role of Indonesian Native Chicken**

Native chicken have a close relationship with Indonesian people life. In ancient times, native chicken were widely used as part of the Indonesian culture and customs (Sidadalog, 2007). Similarly with other developing countries, for Indonesian small holder farmers, native chicken represents one of the few opportunities for saving, investment and security against risk.

Based on their function, Nataamijaya, 2000 classified the Indonesian native chicken into several potential uses, such as; meat and egg producer, singing chicken, fancy chicken, used for traditional medicine and fighting cock (Table 1). Sartika and Iskandar, (2007) stated that Indonesian native chicken was classified into four functional groups i.e. singing chicken, used in traditional ceremonies , fancy and fighting Cock, meat and egg producer (Table 3).

**Native Chicken Condition in Indonesian Rearing system.** Iskandar (2011) revealed that in the 1970s, the most of native chicken reared by traditional system (80%), with each farmer had approximately 30 heads. In the 1980s until now, there are three types of native chicken rearing systems in Indonesia, such as: traditional, semi-intensive and intensive system. Changing of rearing system from traditional to semi intensive or intensive made a better effect on native chicken production.

According to study results, application of intensif rearing system improved productivity of native chicken (Table 4). Muladno (2008) made description of traditional, semi-intensive, and intensive native chicken rearing system which showed on Table 2.
| No | Breed Name | Breed Origin | Breed Characteristic | Breed role in the farmer |
|----|------------|--------------|----------------------|-------------------------|
| 1  | Sentul     | Ciamis West Java | Sentul is main plumage color is grey which is it’s typical general appearance | Meat and egg producer |
| 2  | Pelung     | Cianjur West Java | Pelung is the largest and the tallest body compared to other breeds, it has also beautiful long crow which make it one of the most expensive birds in Indonesia | Meat produce, fighting cock and Singing bird |
| 3  | Kampung    | Found in most villages of Indonesian archipelago | It is an ordinary chicken | Meat and egg producer |
| 4  | Lamba      | Southern Garut West Java | Lamba has a slightly larger body size than Kampung chicken, with long neck, single comb and longer crow compared to Kampung chicken. | Meat and egg producer |
| 5  | Wareng     | Indramayu West Java | This small size native chicken, It is very alert and difficult to catch, however it has better egg productivity than another Kampung chicken | Egg producer |
| 6  | Banten     | Banten         | The Banten has firm and compact posture, with short, small pea comb. It has also a strong neck structure while its plumage is very similar to that of Kampung chicken | The Banten male chicken is a game type of bird |
| 7  | Ciparage   | Karawang West Java | The male has a tall and solid body posture, is now practically extinct Siem chicken has a shiny blue black plumage, it’s body size slightly bigger than Kampung chicken. It is well known to have an excellent mothering behavior | Fighting cock Egg producer |
| 8  | Siem       | Found around Bogor and Jakarta areas | This breed has a very distinctive appearance because it is plumage is frizzled. | Fancy bird |
| 9  | Rintit/Walik | The Rintit can be found everywhere in Indonesia although in very small numbers | If is a cross breed of male Pelung and female Kampung which has 87.5% Pelung’s blood and 12.5% Kampung’s blood. It has a much better growth rate than the Kampung and similar to Pelung. Nagrak chicken is raised to be sold as meat type bird. | Meat producer |
| 10 | Nagrak     | Nagrak Sukabumi West Java | It has white plumage with big single comb on male’s head. The number of White Kedu is very small and it is impossible to gather a rather big number of White Kedu, within short time due to its rarity | It is needed to fulfill requirement for certain old traditional ceremonials activities Egg and meat producer and fighting/game Egg and meat producer |
| 11 | White Kedu | Kedu Temanggung Central Java | It is plumage is almost thoroughly black with big single comb, the hen lays more eggs than Kampung chicken hen. | Egg and meat producer |
| 12 | Black Kedu | Kedu Temanggung Central Java | It has a better size and body weight than Kampung chicken. It is also a good native layer, it is kept as egg producer at first year but after around 2 years production period will be sold as a good meat type native breed. | |
| 13 | Sedayu     | Sedayu Magelang Central Java | | |
| No | Breed Name | Breed Origin | Breed Characteristic | Breed role in the farmer |
|----|------------|--------------|---------------------|--------------------------|
| 14 | Cemani     | Temanggung Central Java | Is Kampung or Kedu chicken which has a thoroughly balck color of plumage, comb, wattles, tongue, skin, meat, leg scale and toes. | In Javanese society mainly, Cemani birds are needed to fulfill requirement for certain old traditional ceremonial activities, while some Chinese medicine use the Cemani as part of prescription |
| 15 | Nusa Penida | Bali Nusa Penida island | It has a small body size and very alert. The male has thick neck plumage, wide wings and considerably long tail feather, while the female has a nice crest on top of the head. | Egg layer |
| 16 | Olagan     | Bali          | It has no feather on the neck while its body form tend to looked wider than the Kampung. The plumage is very similar to that of Kampung chicken. | Meat and egg producer |
| 17 | Sumatera   | Central region of Sumatera | The male has a firm, compact and artistic body appearance with a long beautifully curved tail feather. | The female is also well known as a good native egg type |
| 18 | Merawang or Merawas | Bangka Island South Sumatera | It has reddish brown color plumage (Merawang) or golden brown (Merawas). The male has a big red single comb and wattles. | The female known as a productive layer. It is needed to fulfill requirement for certain old traditional ceremonial activities |
| 19 | Melayu     | North Sumatera | The male posture is big and firm with small short red pea comb. The body plumage is not different from that of Kampung chicken. | Fighting cock |
| 20 | Balenggek  | Solok West Sumatera | It has three types i.e., Gagang (big type), Batu (small type) and Ratiah (medium type). Their body plumage mostly combination of red, black and white. | Singing bird |
| 21 | Tolaki     | South Sulawesi | It has an upright body posture small head, long neck and back, supporter by a pair of long but strong legs. Its body plumage color is not much different from the Kampung, yet it is very alert. | Meat and egg producer and the game type native breed |
| 22 | Nunukan    | Nunukan and Tarakan Island East Kalimantan | The male has a rather tall and big posture while it’s female almost is similar size with the Kampung. Nunukan has a more uniform plumage color if compared with other breeds of native chicken. Male nunukan has an extremely short tail feather which is the typical characteristic of Nunukan breed. | It is needed to fulfill requirement for certain old traditional ceremonial activities |
| 23 | Maleo      | Central Sulawesi and Maluku Island | The cock is tall and slender, with a beak, blue faced and black crest on its head make it looked very attractive. Its plumage basically black and shining reddish brown breast feather while it’s tail feather is white. | - |
| No | Breed Name   | Breed Origin | Breed Characteristic                                                                                       | Breed role in the farmer          |
|----|--------------|--------------|-----------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 24 | Ayunai       | Merauke Papua | It has no feather on the neck and crop while its wattles are red and big. Its body appearance tend to be round | Meat and egg producer             |
| 25 | Jepun        | -            | The size of this breed is smaller than Kampung chicken, the cock has a red single comb while the plumage color is about the same as that of Kampung chicken. One typical characteristic is that it has a very soft fluffy feather structure, looks like that the feathers are not grown well | -                                 |
| 26 | Bangkok      | All area     | Actually most of “Bangkok” chicken kept by the farmers is crossbred of pure male Bangkok with Kampung chicken. It has a tall, wide and firm body with wide and strong wings, short red pea comb. The most common plumage color is black with some red combination on the neck, back, breast and wings for the adult male | Game bird                         |
| 27 | Tukung       | West Kalimantan | It is possibly one of the rarest type of native chicken found in Indonesia, male and female Tukung has no tail feather at all. The body size usually smaller than Kampung chicken. | Fancy bird                         |
| 28 | Bekisar      | Kangean Island, Madura, East Java | The most highly appreciated native chicken in Indonesia; it has a very attractive shining body plumage. Its crop is very specific there fore it is known as singing bird. Bekisar is a crossbred of male Green Jungle Fowl with domestic fowl. The plumage color is very dependent on the parent’s plumage color | Singing bird                      |
| 29 | Burgo        | South Sumatera | It is a crossbred of male Red Jungle Fowl with female Kampung chicken. Burgo is very similar to dwarf chicken yet it has a slightly bigger body size. | Fancy bird                         |
| 30 | Kasintu      | Its scientific name is Gallus-gallus bankiva lives mostly in northern part of Java, South Sumatera, Bali and South Sulawesi | The main plumage color of the cock are black, ornamented with red color on its head, neck, back and waist. The hen usually has reddish brown plumage color with some blackish stripes. | -                                 |
| 31 | Canghegar/Cukir/Alas | These wild birds live in southern part of Java, Madura and also in some other Indonesian Island | These are the native names for Green Jungle Fowl in Sundanese, Madura and Javanese Languages. It has much smaller body size than Kampung chicken. The body plumage of the cock basically black combined with shiny green scaly looked plumage. It has a big round rainbow colored single come with relatively long red wattles. The hen’s plumage color is pale brown with some small dark spots. | -                                 |

Source: Nataamijaya (2000; 2010); Sartika and Iskandar, (2007)
Table 2. Description of traditional, semi-intensive, and intensive rearing system

| Rearing systems | Description |
|-----------------|-------------|
| Traditional     | Chicken from first day until death are allowed to live freely without farmers’ intervention. It does not have particular feed provided, cage constructed, health management applied and technology implemented. All chicken activities are so natural. Chicken can roam around the house or anywhere else to seek food, breed and engage in other activities such as playing with other poultry and taking care of young chicken, but return home to the farmer’s house at sunset. At night, they sleep in the trees around the house or in the kitchen. Farmers usually have 2-20 heads. In traditional rearing system, zero cost is needed in rearing native chicken to produce eggs or meat. Farmers’ profits when selling chicken will be the absolute chicken price minus the day-old chick (DOC) price. The extensive system is thus considered economically beneficial for the farmers since they do not need to spend much money and energy on rearing them. This is the most popular management system in the countryside because most farmers, who are usually uneducated, have no capital or access to financial institutions and no capital to buy feed, supplements, or medicine. This system is considered less suitable for increasing productivity of native chicken, because it is difficult to control their feed consumption. |
| Semi-intensive   | DOC chicken are housed in an open-fenced area, which resembles a ranch and is usually built in the backyard of the farmer’s house. Farmers provide feed and drink regularly, but it is not routine medical treatment. In some cases, colony cages are provided to allow chicken to sleep at night; in most cases, there are no cages available and the chicken sleep everywhere on the farm. The ownership of chicken, varies from 25 to several hundred, are usually kept for non-commercial purposes, for urgent and basic needs such as school fees. Almost no technology is applied in this system. |
| Intensive        | The chicken population is classified on the basis of their life periods into 3 group: the starter (1 day–2 months); the grower (2 months–4.5 months); and the finisher (>4.5 months–sold/slaughter). The chicken are kept in cages in animal houses either litter or portal system and provided with feed, water, feed supplements and regular medical applications. The production is usually for commercial purposes and is fully business-oriented. Farmers are very experienced and usually have a wide network. Efficiency and productivity in their chicken business is given top consideration. The number of chicken kept varies from hundreds to thousands, depending on financial sources. |

Source: Muladno (2008)
Table 3. The type kind of Indonesian native chicken usage

| Type group                          | Chicken breed                                                                 |
|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------------------------------------------------|
| Singing bird used in traditional   | Pelung, Bekisar, Kokok Balenggek, Gaok, Ketawa                              |
| ceremonies                          | Cemani, Black Kedu, White Kedu, Nunukan, Merawang                           |
| Fancy and fighting cock             | Kate, Kapas, Mutila, Poland/Kate Jambul, Serama, Bangkok, Sumatera/Melayu,   |
|                                     | Jalak Harupat, Bali/Olagen, advanal                                             |
| Producing meat and egg              | Kampung, Kampung tolaki, Sentul, Arab, Kalosi, Wareng                         |

Source: Sartika and Iskandar, (2007)

Table 4. Native chicken performance with three different rearing systems

| Parameters                              | Extensive                | Semi Intensive | Intensive              |
|-----------------------------------------|--------------------------|----------------|------------------------|
| Mortality rate to sixth weeks of age (%) | 50.30                    | 42.60          | 27.20                  |
| Weight of 5 months of age (gram)        | - 636.00                 | 734.00         |                        |
| - Male                                  | -                        | 583.00         | 680.00                 |
| - Female                                | -                        | 583.00         | 680.00                 |
| Egg production (egg/head/year)          | 30.20                    | 59.10          | 80.30                  |
| Egg production (%)                      | 13.00                    | 29.00          | 40.00                  |
| Laid frequency (time/year)              | 2.50                     | 6.00           | 7.50                   |
| Egg hatchability (%)                    | 78.20                    | 79.10          | 83.70                  |
| Feed conversion                         | >10.00                   | 8.00-10.00     | 4.90-6.40              |

Source: 1) Sinurat et al., 1992; 2) Diwyanto et al., 1996

Table 5. Performance of several Indonesian native chicken breed reared in intensive production system

| Parameters                              | Kampung | Black Kedu | white Kedu | Nunukan | Pelung |
|-----------------------------------------|---------|------------|------------|---------|--------|
| Body Weight (gr/head)                   | 148.00  | 165.00     | 140.00     | 151.00  | 161.00 |
| 4 week age                              | 708.00  | 575.00     | 739.00     | 665.00  | 669.00 |
| 12 week age                             | 1408.00 | 1480.00    | 1320.00    | 1203.00 | 1663.00|
| 20 week age                             | 151.00  | 138.00     | 170.00     | 153.00  | 165.00 |
| Age at first laying (days)              | 55.00   | 75.00      | 72.00      | 62.00   | 44.00  |
| Peak production (%)                     | 41.30   | 38.80      | 54.00      | 50.00   | 32.50  |
| Average egg production (%HDP)           | 43.60   | 44.70      | 39.20      | 47.50   | 40.60  |
| Average egg weight (gr)                 | 88.00   | 93.00      | 82.00      | 85.00   | 93.00  |
| Average daily feed consumption (gr)     | 4.90    | 3.60       | 3.80       | 3.60    | 7.10   |

Source: Creswell and Gunawan (1982)

The number of households of native chicken farmer in Indonesia are 20,851,901 (Directorate General of Livestock Services, 2010). Percentage of native chicken farmer households by province from the largest to the lowest are mentioned respectively; in East Java (21.75%), Central Java (20.84%), West Java (15.02%), Lampung (4.87%), Southern Sulawesi (4.39%), North Sumatera (4.18%), Banten (3.81%), Southern Sumatera (2.76%), East Nusa Tenggara (2.64%), Yogyakarta (2.23%), West Nusa Tenggara (2.15%),
Table 6. Population, meat and egg production of native chicken by province in Indonesia at year 2014

| No | Provinsi                  | Population (head) | Native Chicken meat production (ton) | Native Chicken egg production (ton) |
|----|---------------------------|-------------------|-------------------------------------|-------------------------------------|
| 1  | Aceh                      | 6,222,882         | 13,047                              | 2,646                               |
| 2  | North Sumatera            | 16,475,729        | 19,539                              | 13,464                              |
| 3  | West Sumatera             | 5,066,861         | 6,208                               | 3,236                               |
| 4  | Riau                      | 3,343,227         | 3,490                               | 1,627                               |
| 5  | Jambi                     | 12,212,615        | 8,366                               | 5,548                               |
| 6  | South Sumatera            | 5,803,254         | 7,775                               | 3,599                               |
| 7  | Bengkulu                  | 3,201,972         | 514                                 | 1,158                               |
| 8  | Lampung                   | 11,945,715        | 14,916                              | 9,810                               |
| 9  | Bangka Belitung Island    | 1,848,171         | 1,383                               | 2,329                               |
| 10 | Riau Island               | -                 | 36,713                              | -                                   |
| 11 | DKI Jakarta               | -                 | -                                   | -                                   |
| 12 | West Java                 | 26,740,836        | 26,081                              | 17,901                              |
| 13 | Central Java              | 40,563,963        | 45,215                              | 36,517                              |
| 14 | D.I. Yogyakarta           | 4,118,660         | 5,669                               | 2,667                               |
| 15 | East Java                 | 34,314,067        | 39,348                              | 18,827                              |
| 16 | Banten                    | 10,207,278        | 9,345                               | 13,617                              |
| 17 | Bali                      | 4,141,144         | 4,715                               | 2,992                               |
| 18 | West Nusa Tenggara       | 5,082,973         | 5,479                               | 3,247                               |
| 19 | East Nusa Tenggara       | 10,758,054        | 11,517                              | 4,579                               |
| 20 | West Kalimantan           | 7,625,982         | 15,215                              | 3,981                               |
| 21 | Central Kalimantan        | 3,420,614         | 2,295                               | 2,908                               |
| 22 | South Kalimantan          | 8,779,413         | 3,054                               | 7,183                               |
| 23 | East Kalimantan           | 7,272,201         | 8,039                               | 4,658                               |
| 24 | North Sulawesi            | 2,322,510         | 2,504                               | 1,925                               |
| 25 | Central Sulawesi          | 6,256,758         | 10,789                              | 4,051                               |
| 26 | South Sulawesi            | 22,506,968        | 6,643                               | 12,323                              |
| 27 | Southeast Sulawesi        | 10,508,239        | 11,328                              | 6,819                               |
| 28 | Gorontalo                 | 1,269,568         | 1,398                               | 939                                 |
| 29 | West Sulawesi             | 5,304,177         | 5,718                               | 3,434                               |
| 30 | Maluku                    | 3,874,780         | 418                                 | 2,509                               |
| 31 | Southeast Maluku          | 614,114           | 917                                 | 398                                 |
| 32 | West Papua                | 1,867,756         | 1,366                               | 643                                 |
| 33 | Papua                     | 2,017,653         | 2,175                               | 1,306                               |
| Total |                         | 286,538,036       | 332,096                              | 197,387                             |

Source: Directorate General of Livestock Services, 2014

West Kalimantan (1.88%), Bali (1.87%), West Sumatera (1.60%), Riau (1.58%), Southern Kalimantan (1.15%), Jambi (1.03%), Southeast Sulawesi (0.83%), Central Sulawesi (0.74%), Bengkulu (0.69%), Central Kalimantan (0.68%), Papua (0.61%), East Kalimantan (0.57%), North Sulawesi (0.44%), Jakarta (0.40%), Bangka Belitung (0.38%), Gorontalo (0.36%), Maluku (0.27%), North Maluku (0.14%). Generally, the center of native chicken farmer household in the Java Island.
The number of population, meat and egg production of native chicken by province in Indonesia showed in Table 6. According to Table 6, the number of total Indonesian native chicken population is 286,538,036 heads (Directorate General of Livestock Services, 2014). The big ten province of native chicken population percentage are mentioned respectively; Central Java (14.15%), East java (11.97%), West Java (9.33%), South Sulawesi (7.85%), North Sumatera (5.7%), Jambi (4.2%), Lampung (4.16%), East Nusa Tenggara (3.7%), Southeast Sulawesi (3.6%), Banten (3.5%).

According to The Directorate General of Livestock Services (2014), Indonesian native chicken contributes 11.13% of total national meat production of Indonesia. At present, the number of native chicken meat production in Indonesia is 332,100,000 kg (Directorate General of Livestock Services, 2014). Big five provinces which contributing to native chicken meat production percentage in Indonesia were Central Java (13.61%), East Java (11.84%), Jakarta (11.05%), West Java (7.8%), and North Sumatera (5.88%).

In 2014, native chicken egg production contributes 10.8% of national egg production of Indonesia (Directorate General of Livestock Services, 2014). The latest number of total native chicken egg production in Indonesia was 197,387,000 kg. Similarly with native chicken meat production, native chicken egg production dominantly supplied by Central Java Province (18.50%), East Java (9.53%), and West Java (9.06%). Entirely, Indonesia native chicken egg production by all province showed in Table 6.

**Improvement Efforts for Better Performance**

Native chicken product has good brand in Indonesian market, so in Indonesia price of native chicken meat is more expensive than broiler meat. It is because the native chicken meat has specific texture, taste that preferred by most Indonesian people. Price of native chicken egg is also more expensive than layer egg. Beside to consumed, native chicken egg also used as part of traditional herbal medicine called “Jamu” which is very popular in Indonesia.

Nataamijaya, (2000) stated that the major constraints for the development of native chicken is low production performance, such as: low growth rate, resulting in small carcass percentage, low body weight, risks of high mortality to Newcastle disease, low body size and egg size, low hen day (percent) and hen housed (number) egg production, low rate of laying, high in feed cost.

Many result of researches reported that improving in breeding, feeding and management will increase native chicken productivity (Nataamijaya, 2010; Iskandar, 2005; Ketaren, 2010). Many study result stated that improvement in genetic quality through cross breeding or selection process has successfully improved the native chicken production (meat and egg) (Iskandar et al., 1998a, 1998, 1999; Sartika et al., 2004; Jarmani et al., 1998; Sidadalog et al., 1996). Beside through genetic approach, feeding systems also improved native chicken production (meat and egg) (Widjastuti, 1999; Nataamijaya et al., 2005; Nataamijaya, 2006). Several study result showed that using of management systems, namely; intensification rearing system with disease control improved native chicken production (Nataamijaya, 2000; Creswell and Gunawan, 1982; Sumanto et al., 1990; Rasyid, 2000; Sinurat, 1992).

**CONCLUSION**

In line with the current government vision which want to realize self-sufficiency in food. Development of native chicken is one of answers to this governments dreams. Indonesia is rich in native chicken genetic resources, that why, Indonesia has the opportunity to fulfill the majority requirement for meat and egg chicken. To develop native chicken, there are several constraints; low growth rate, high mortality, and low egg production. Native chicken productivity increased by improving the breeding, feeding, and management practice.
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