

# Bird Nest Farming

Contributed by Administrator  
Sunday, 20 July 2008  
Last Updated Monday, 28 July 2008

**Edible Bird Nest** - Eatable bird nest, are produce by a kind of genetic birds called *Aerodramus Fuciphagus* (swiftlet). Bird nest are harvest from cave or from bird farm (bird house). Cave nest are selling are very high price between RM10k per kilo of raw unprocess cave nest. For the bird house nest, the price can range from RM4k to RM6k for unprocess nest.

**Bird Nest Farming Industry** - Bird nest farming are developed in south east contries including Indonesia, Malaysia, and Thailand. Malaysia edible bird nest farm is currently producing over RM300 millions dollars worth of bird nest each year, and growing fast! Malaysia bird nest farming had been recognised by multiple organisation and bird farm operator can obtain operation license from local council too.

**Bird Nest House** - Individual or company might be investing in building and setup bird houses. Bird houses can be created from two storey shop lot, or using dedicated building purposely build for bird farming; also known as "Bird house banglow", "swiftlet banglow".. and investment can be ranging from one million to 5 millions dollars.

**Bird Nest Farming Requirement** - Bird nest farming does require full set of skill and creativity plus lots of patient and ambition. A lot of bird farm owner failed on the first two year operating their new bird house, some sustain it up to 5 years and still having loses. With average success rate at 20%, which means only single bird farm success in every 5 bird farms.

**Starting your bird nest farming** - To start your bird house, you should obtain the legal license to operate the bird house and make sure your bird house design is approved by local council. Make sure your bird house is far away from housing area and the premises can be converted into bird house. Your bird house should operate within the local council guideline and free from unwanted noise polution or waste polution. Breaking any of these regulation will result in severe penalty and local authority can closed down your bird house and fine you a substantial amount.

**Making the right investment** - Always make sure the location you selected is populated by many swiftlet, and the its edible swiftlet, not the glass swiftlet or anything else that look like a swiftlet. Next thing is to study the bird flying path and height, and design your bird house according to bird flight behavior, not against it.

**Running your bird house** - Running a bird house does require lots of effort and manpower. Expect to take out 2-3 days per week for your new bird house, including checking audio system, rotate bird chirping sound, checking on bird and do some bird count, prepare and apply bird aroma, produce insect for bird, bird house humidity control and lighting control and temperature control, apply sufficient site security 24/7/365, bird nest harvesting if there is any bird nest.