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Rodenticides are effective if used properly and handled with care

As part of our recent ALL-IN series on rodent control, we are offering advice in this segment on the use of rodenticides to eliminate an infestation problem that can potentially open the door to Avian Influenza and other poultry diseases.

Ready-to-use commercial rodent baits are recommended as the easiest and safest options over mix-your-own baits. Also, most poultry growers prefer single-feed poisons because they work faster than multiple-feed poisons. Consult your company, a pest control vendor or local poultry supply store for selection of the best rodenticide for your situation and advice on how to use it.

Rodenticides may be sold as bar baits, pellets, concentrates or tracking powders.

- **Bar baits** usually come in a bar or chunk form formulated with grain products and a high wax content to withstand moisture.
- **Pellets** are available in bulk or in small individual packs.
- **Concentrates** are most often sold in powder form and are mixed with feed or water.
- **Tracking powders** are formulated with talc or some similar ingredient and should be spread along rodent pathways. Its use is regulated and restricted to trained individuals.

Remember that all rodenticides are poisonous – not just for rats and mice but also at some level for humans, poultry, livestock and wildlife. So read the label and follow instructions closely.

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