

WHAT CRICKET FARMING ENTAILS

What you need

■ Sealed housing to keep away predators such as snakes, rats, ants, etc,



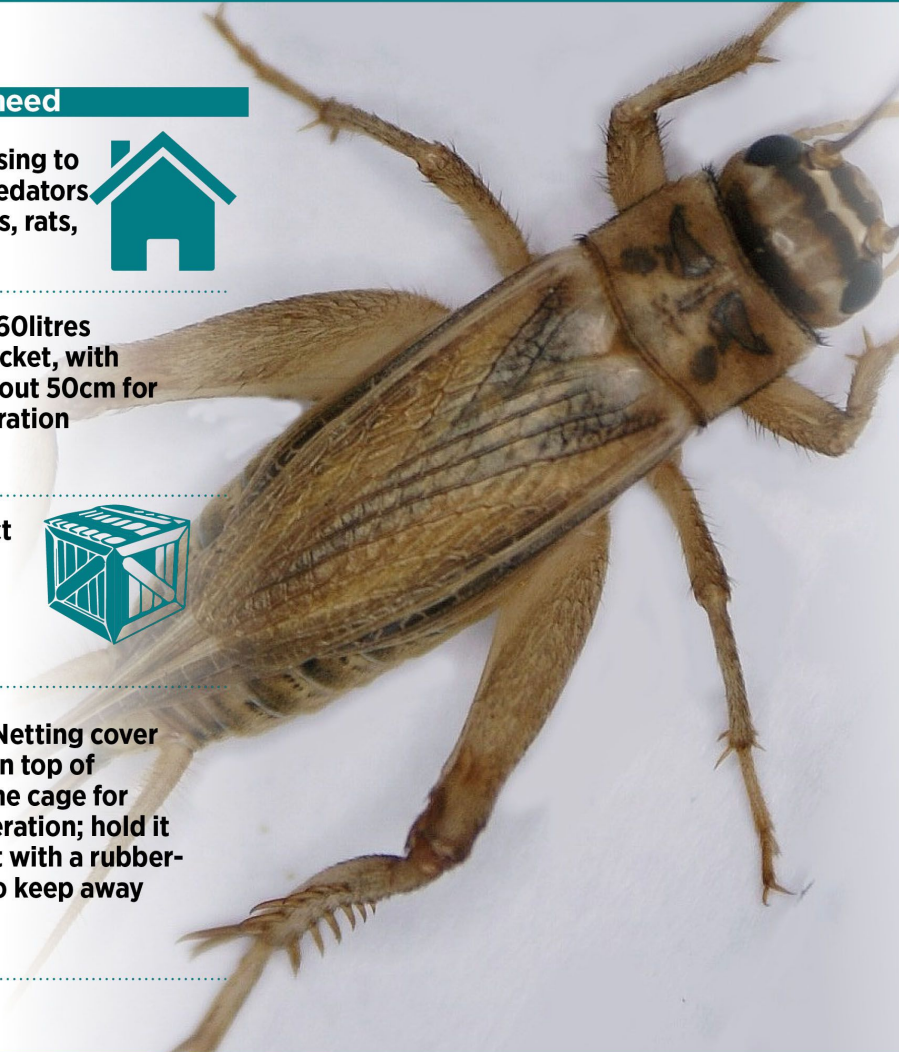
■ 60litres bucket, with about 50cm for aeration



■ Or construct pens made of wood or concrete



■ Netting cover on top of the cage for aeration; hold it tight with a rubber-band to keep away predators.



How to start

1 Eggs from another cricket farmer or collect adult crickets from the wild.

2 Hideouts in the cage e.g. paper egg trays as crickets are nocturnal.

3 After 10-14 days crickets hatch. (Provide fine chicken growers mash to the young crickets till maturity. (Provide water through a sponge such as cotton wool or woollen blanket; pebbles stone

placed in drinkers are prone to contaminations.

4 After 2-3 months, under (temp 25-28oC); relative humidity (RH) of about 70%, they begin to lay eggs. Optimal production levels temp of 32oC; RH of 50%.

5 After 3months, crickets are harvested, blanched to be fried or further processing to produce flour

Uses of Crickets

- Fried in a pan
- Taken as snacks
- Prepared as stew
- Value addition
 - Milled into fine flour
 - Food fortification

