

## דף יומי הלכה שבת קי

A man may not drink herbs that will render him sterile, nor may these herbs be fed to a male animal, but one does not receive מלקות for drinking these herbs (it goes without saying that a man may not physically cause himself to be sterile, i.e., a vasectomy, and for this one does get מלקות). A woman may drink these herbs as the מצוה of פרו ורבו is incumbent upon the man and not the woman. It is for this reason that birth control may only be used by a woman, and never by a man (and even when used one should get a היתר from a רב).

One may remove the crest of a rooster, because although this causes the rooster to be sterile, since it is done in an indirect way, it is מותר.