

Assessment of Feeding and Watering Practices for Raising Goats in Punjab, Pakistan

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ABSTRACT: Household surveys were conducted to assess feeding and watering practices and cost for rearing goats at two sites (Bahawalpur and Faisalabad) in Punjab, Pakistan. Farmers (n=300, 50 from each of six villages) were interviewed regarding various types of feeding and watering management and cost incurred on feeding goats. Common feed stuffs and involvement of gender in rearing goats were found similar at both sites. Feeding on waste lands was the main source of feeding. Ponds and rivers were the main watering source at one site while hand pump was the main water source at the other site. Offering water twice a day was the most common practice. Sites differed for various feeding and watering practices. Training of farmers on better utilize of available resources and improvement of pasture lands and other necessities would enhance goat productivity and lead towards efficient utilization of available genetic resources.

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