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Abstract

Nepal, being one of the developing agricultural countries, sustainable development is only possible through the way of agricultural resonances by investigating and investing in resent technologies, ideas, skills and land matching seeds including commercialization in animal husbandry. The prime concern of the study were to analyze the status of commercial goat farming in Ilam district, to analyze the socio economic impact of commercial goat farming in Ilam district, to explore the supporting and constraining factors of commercial goat farming in Ilam district. A set of questionnaire entitled 'Problems and Prospects of Commercial Goat Farming' was the tools for the collection of data, which were distributed to 20 households of Phakphokthum Rural Municipality Ward No. 6 of Ilam district who were rearing at least twenty goats in their home for the purpose of business. Collected data have been analyzed and interpreted in descriptive ways. The study has used simple random sampling method. The result of the study showed that the Ilam district is one of the potential districts for the commercial goat farming and found that most of the households used to rear at least some goats in their home for the purpose of self consume as well as for the purpose of the business. It has great role in the socio-economic status of the people. The major problems of such commercial goat farming in the study were found as lack of grass for feeding, lack of developed caste of goat, lack of manpower, lack of livestock insurance, lack of facilitated loan, lack of proper training (about livestock), lack of veterinary facility and low price of meat. And the different significant prospects were found in this profession which were to develop goat farming as a main occupation, to increase the level of income, to increase employment, to capture national meat market, to increase the production capacity of land and to make healthier life.

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Acronyms/Abbreviations

ARD	Agricultural Research for Development
CBO	Community-Based Organization
CFUG	Community Forestry User Groups
CLDP	Community Livestock Development Projects
DoLS	Deprivation of Lavery Safeguards
CBS	Central Bureau of Statistics
ECD	Early Child Development
FI-NGO	Financial Intermediary Non-Governmental Organizations
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
ICRA	International Centre for development oriented Research in Agriculture
ILO	International Labor Organization
INGO	International Non-Governmental Organization
IB	Insurance Board
ISRC	International Standard Recording Codes
MFI	Micro-Finance Institutions
NAP	National Agriculture Policy
NGO	National Governmental Organization
SFDB	Small Farmers' Development Bank
SLC	School Leaving Certificate
TU	Tribhuvan University
USDA	United States of Development of Agriculture