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SUGGESTION TO IMPROVE LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION IN RELATION TO NATIONAL POLICY FOR FARMERS

- Conservation of buffalo and cattle breeds and subsequently Genetic Improvement through selective breeding.
- Involve Gaushals in cattle breed conservation programmes in association with the SAU.
- Conservation of indigenous breeds of goat & sheep in their habitat needs more attention. Emphasis on improvement for quality meat production as the price of wool is not much remunerative due to competition with synthetic yarns
- As the cattle population is decreasing, farmers should be encouraged for cow rearing by providing remunerative price of cow milk as fat % is less than of buffalo's milk.
- Similar to Buffalo Development programmes, programmes for other species of livestock may be initiated.

LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION IMPROVEMENT

- Poultry Industry is well established and Haryana is one of the leading state of India. Licensing of hatcheries should be done to ensure supply of quality chicks.
- Rural Poultry (improved indigenous poultry) can substantiate the income of poorest farmers and meet their nutritional requirement. Moreover they produce organic eggs and meat which will fetch premium price.
- Provide subsidies on inputs related to animal production on the line given to the crop producers.
- Ensure the remunerative price of animal products to the farmers.
- Forage Production Enhancement Programme – needs to be undertaken. Subsidy on seeds and fertilizer and other inputs may be provided for encouragement.

• • LIVESTOCK PRODUCTION IMPROVEMENT

- Women play a significant role in livestock production. Special training programmes at village level or in clusters needs to be strengthened.
- To encourage participation of women, awards like “Dairy Women” etc be instituted.
- Quality control for Animal Feeds and Mineral Mixture needs to be enacted.
- Involvement of SAU in long term training in Animal Husbandry Practices to small/marginal farmers and particularly ladies may be strengthened.
- Special wing of Animal Husbandry Extension needs to be established for timely educating the beneficiaries

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Diversification of Poultry

- Industrial/Commercial Poultry - Haryana a leading state -
- Licensing of hatcheries - quality chicks supply
- Insurance of flocks to cover the risks due to diseases
- Rural Poultry:
- Provision of improved indigenous birds -
- Improve income and household nutritional security
- Resistant to disease and climatic stresses
- Organic eggs and meat - fetch premium price

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Feed and Fodder production

- Ensure quality seeds of fodder crops
- Subsidy on inputs related to fodder production
- Quality control of Animal Feeds and Mineral Mixtures
- Subsidy on inputs related to Animal production on the line of crop production
- Development of Feed & Fodder Banks - Draught/flood period

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Role of women in A.H.

- Women play significant role in AH
- Needs special training programmes at village/cluster level
- Institute certain awards to encourage Women - eg. “Dairy Women” etc.
- Involvement of SAU in long term training in AH practices
- Special wing of AH extension - educating the beneficiaries

LIVESTOCK GENETIC RESOURCES

- Conservation and genetic improvement of Buffalo and Cattle breeds
- Gaushala - Conservation centre for cattle in association with SAU
- Conservation of indigenous breeds of Goat and Sheep in their habitat - mainly for meat production
- Encourage rearing of cattle - remunerative price of milk
- Development programmes for other LS species similar to Buffalo program
- Insurance cover to animals