An Overview of Animal Breeding In Turkey

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Abstract

Animal breeding in Turkey has a great significance in the nutrition and financial income of the people particularly living in rural areas. Turkey is also very rich for the diversity of indigenous breeds. However, the total ruminant populations have declined from 84.4 million to 40.5 million since 1980. Despite of the decline in numbers, some associations are building new modern farms and putting finance in dairy and beef production. Particularly the poultry production has become a big industry and poultry is the main source of exportation in animal breeding of Turkey. To obtain the adequate and balanced nutrition of the young human population, the use of planned modern breeding techniques in improving the production levels of the own animal resources of Turkey would be a key solution for achieving the targets.

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