

## Constraints Faced by Farmers in Goat Rearing Practices in Jaipur District of Rajasthan, India

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### ABSTRACT

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The present study was conducted in Jaipur district of Rajasthan, to find out the constraints faced by farmers in goat rearing practices. For this, fifty farmers were selected and information was collected with the help of structured interview schedule and data was analyzed with the appropriate statistical tools as; mean, percent score and chi square were drawn from it. It was found that farmers were faced constraints related to feeding, breeding, health and management.

### Introduction

The goat (*Capra hircus*) is recognized as “Movable Wealth” for nomads, small and marginal farmers and land less labours. It has tremendous potential and projected as the ‘Animal of Future’ for rural prosperity and its rearing is a good subsidiary occupation. India is ranked as the second-largest in goat population in the world having 135.17 million goats. The population of goat has declined by 3.82 per cent over the previous census (Anonymous, 2012). Goat farming is the best choice for the rural people in developing countries because of the low investment, wide adaptability, high fertility and fecundity, low feed and management needs, high feed conversion efficiency, quick pay-off and low risk factors. Goat is one of the major livestock

species contributing to the livelihood security of farmers in Rajasthan. They can thrive well in adverse climatic conditions using sparse vegetation.

Goats are mainly reared by socially and economically backward people of the society for whom they act as a store of wealth of high liquidity, a resource for meeting the household nutritional security and a source of regular income.

The farmers rear goat mainly in extensive management system using traditional management practices relying on community land for grazing and are yet ignorant of scientific management practices. The

adoption of improved management practices specially improved feeding, breeding and other management practices not only help to achieve the desired level of goat production but also increase income of farmers (Dudi and Meena, 2013).

The goat keepers needed training on breeding and health care to a greater extent to improve the production from goats. Hence, extension agencies should disseminate information based on training needs at the field conditions for livelihood security of the farmers (Meena and Singh, 2015).

### Materials and Methods

The study was conducted in Jobner area of Jaipur district of Rajasthan. Four villages namely Jorpura, Naga ji ki Dhani, Baberbalo ki Dhani and Sursinghpura were selected considering their distance from goat unit of S.K.N. College of Agriculture, Jobner at 1.5, 2.0, 2.5 and 5.0 km respectively. Fifty farmers having goats were randomly selected for interview from each village and information regarding their management practices were collected on prescribed schedule.

**Table.1** Constraints faced by goat farmers and suggestion for improvement

S. No.	Village	Constraints faced by goat farmers			
		C1	C2	C3	C4
1	Baber walo ki Dhani	26 (52%)	08 (16%)	11 (22%)	05 (10%)
2	Sursinghpura	09 (18%)	14 (28%)	10 (20%)	17 (34%)
3	Naga ji ki Dhani	15 (30%)	20 (40%)	05 (10%)	10 (20%)
4	Jorpura	06 (12%)	09 (18%)	18 (36%)	17 (34%)
	<b>Total</b>	56	51	44	49
	<b>Av. Of villages</b>	14	12.75	11	12.75
	<b>Per cent of farmers</b>	28.0	25.5	22.0	24.5

$\chi^2 = 40.037$  (Significant)

C1= Related to feeding & breeding, C2= Related to health and breeding, C3= Related to health and management, C4= Related to feeding, breeding, health and management

### Results and Discussion

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Table 1 shows that the 28 per cent goat farmers feel constraints related to feeding & breeding, 25.5% related to health and breeding, 22.0% related to health and management, and 24.5% related to feeding, breeding, health and management. The calculated chi-square value was more than tabulated value at 5 per cent level of significance. Hence, the difference is significant agreement between the villages with regards to constraints faced by goat farmers. Tanwar (2011) reported that the main

constraint regarding feeding management was lack of knowledge about balanced feeding, high cost of feeds and fodder, lack of irrigation facilities, non-availability of green fodder, lack of knowledge about importance of mineral mixture, and shrinking grazing land. Regarding breeding, main constraints were inadequate availability of breeding buck, lack of knowledge about breeding practices and indiscriminate breeding practice. With respect to health care the major constraints were lack of veterinary services in villages, high cost of treatment, ignorance about importance of deworming, lack of knowledge about common diseases and vaccination programme not carried out by any agency in semiarid part of Rajasthan. Similar findings

were also reported by Kumar *et al.*, (2015) and Narmata *et al.*, (2013) the scarcity of green fodder (78.57%), diminishing grazing areas (77.86%) in Namakkal district of Tamil Nadu. Poornima *et al.*, (2015) observed that the High cost of mineral mixture was cited by the respondents as the next most important constraint followed by non-availability of green fodder throughout the year and high cost of fodder in Almora district of Uttarakhand. Suresh *et al.*, (2008) also reported that major constraints in the input side were fodder scarcity, high price of feed as well as unavailability of quality medicines in semiarid region of Rajasthan. The results of present study are also corroborate with the findings of Jana *et al.*, (2014), Narain *et al.*, (2015) and Sabapara *et al.*, (2014).

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