Sustainability of Goat Farming in Mediterranean Countries

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Abstract

One of the limited scientific studies of livestock production is meat type goat production. Goat meat, particularly in tropical regions, Southeast Asia and more is consumed due to be preferred by people with low incomes in Africa. Due to insufficient marketing situation, organisational structure, prejudice and grassland possibilities, economic value of goat meat is very low. On the other hand, besides of goat meat production cost is low and has different advantage and goat is use low productive grassland areas and it is very effective livestock production systems for cost effective profitability. During last 10 years, goat production sector has changed in Turkey. The number of dairy goat farms has increased sharply and the possibilities of marketing to goat meat come into agenda, as well. In this review importance of the goat meat production and industrial goat meat production sector and their sustainability will be discussed.

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