Accounting for Pastoralist in ARGENTINA

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✓ Area: 2,780,400 km²
✓ Distances: 3.700 km (N-S) and 1.100 km (E-W)
✓ Population: 44,000,000 inhab.
✓ Distribution: 92% urban population
✓ Arable area: 370,000 km² for agriculture
✓ Potential area for extensive livestock production 2 million km² (Arid-Semiarid)

**agroexporter**: agriculture and livestock contribute 7-9% of GDP
> 50% of total value of exports
Grains, soybean, beef, dairy, fruits, citrus, wool, mohair, meat (sheep-goat), wine, oil ...

Pastoralism is neglected as production factor

- **ARID SEMIARID AREAS**
  - FAMILY FARMING (local – indigenous communities)
  - LOCAL BREEDS
  - MOBILITY
  - LOCAL CONSUMPTION / MARKETS
  - DIVERSITY OF LIVESTOCK SPECIES AND PRODUCTS
Pastoralism is a way of life

- extensive livestock production system
- mobility
- complex adjustment between soil-vegetation-domestic animals.
- family-based work,
- local traditional knowledge

Pastoralist

- base their life strategy on animal husbandry and care of rangelands, following cultural practices, rules, norms recognized by their own community.
Information – Statistics: Sources and availability

❖ Official Data  ❖ Studies

Informal Exchange of goods and products: self consumption, informal trade are neglected
Data for Pastoralist (Mobile Livestock-Family Farming) is aggregated
Ad Hoc Studies give some useful estimations crossing data bases and field data
Estimated number of households: 30 – 35,000

Livestock under mobile family farming

- Cattle: 9,123,063 (18%)
- Lamas: 129,992 (86%)
- Goat: 3,131,611 (77%)
- Sheep: 2,532,579 (20%)
Products

- Meat: Lama, goats sheep, cattle,
- Fibre: wool, lama, cashmere, mohair
- Dairy: goat’s cheese
Patagonia

Crianceros / Small holders
6931 households on 8.3% área
Northern Neuquén
1500 households

Puna

Pastores
4591 households on 50.9% area

Gran Chaco

10500 households

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Contribution of Pastoralists

- Keepers of genes: Local, native genetic resources in situ conservation through use
- Economic: 1.4% of GDP (sales and self consumption): CIRAD (2020), Gran Chaco Foundation
- Food security: selfconsumption 30 – 70% of production.
- Cultural: co evolution with local communities
- Ecological services: care of environment. Rotation, mobility, traditional knowledge
Recommendations

Inclusion of a question identifying clearly Pastoral systems and livelihoods. Studies about economic – ecological - cultural contribution considering principal characteristics of pastoralist.

DIVERSE, SUSTAINABLE
LOW INPUT, LOW DEPENDENCY, HIGH CULTURAL VALUE
Thank you

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