

Goat Farming Through Self Help Group: A Case Study of Progressive Women Farmer

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For landless rural poor people and tiny, marginal farmers, goats are crucial livestock since they serve as a source of secondary income. Goats can endure harsh conditions and are tolerant of the majority of atypical climates, making it simple for rural residents to raise them. According to the Economic Survey (2019) report, farmers with limited resources tend to raise sheep and goats as a means of supplemental income during times of economic hardship. In comparison to large ruminants, small ruminants have higher survival rates in adverse conditions, and because of their high prolificacy and short generation intervals, flocks grow more quickly. The goats are a viable animal for rural households to enhance their economy because of their high-water economy, diverse consumption patterns, fewer housing requirements, short kidding interval, high incidence of multiple births, high desire for chevon, and greater hardiness. Goat farming can serve as an example for farmers on how to start out with few inputs. There are many non descriptive and Black Bengal varieties of goats in the Sambalpur district, and they are raised for their flesh.

Introduction

Mrs. Pratima Khadia, a 46-year-old progressive woman farmer from the village of Chandinimal in the district of Sambalpur's Rengali block, 1 acre of the property is owned, and the minimum educational need is a pass in the seventh grade. The native is 27 kilometers from the district headquarters. She currently has four family members. She eventually developed into a role model for the village's other farmers.

Implement and Support:

She was given the chance to take part in the training on goat rearing that Mission Shakti organized in KVK, Sambalpur in 2019. She learned about housing, feeding, disease control, immunization, breed selection of goats, etc. during the training programme. She expressed a strong desire to develop a goat farm by taking the lead in their SHG during the training session. She was inspired to follow suit, and a scientist (animal science) from KVK, Sambalpur, actively engaged herself in rearing the goats scientifically and providing occasional advice. Through the Mission Shakti project, Mrs. Pratima received assistance with her deworming, vaccination, and other medical treatments. The goats were fed on grass, different bushes, and fodder trees. Goat huts were built with resources that were readily available in the area. Her primary sources of revenue were paddy and vegetables, and before KVK's participation through Mission Shakti, she was raising two goats. With KVK's technological support, she was inspired to raise more goats in order to generate additional income.

Output

She bought 10 goats after the training programme helped her gain confidence in her abilities, raised them to the point where she now has 22 goats, and she has sold 5 of those goats for Rs. 2500 each. In an emergency, she was able to cover the hospital expense by selling one of her goats for Rs. 5000.

Results

Mrs. Pratime Khadia successfully began raising goats, and she plans to sell them when they are old enough to be sold at a good price.

Impact

Mrs Pratime Khadia is a well-known entrepreneur and farmer who serves as an inspiration to those who advocate for the production of goats for meat. She has also established herself as one of the most innovative and knowledgeable farmers in the field. She gains independence, a means of support, and a thirst for learning more about raising livestock thanks to goat farming. In the future, she is eager to expand the manufacturing system and establish herself as a prosperous entrepreneur.

