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## Comparative analysis of livestock production services availed by livestock farmers in Jaipur district of Rajasthan

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### Abstract

The livestock service delivery system is an organization or establishment that conveys different sources of info and administrations relating to animals creation to the expected customers, either liberated from cost or charging as indicated by the help delivered by them. A study was purposively conducted following exploratory research design in Jaipur district of Rajasthan to assess the status and effectiveness of production services availed by livestock farmers from the livestock service providers. Data was collected from 120 randomly selected livestock farmers through structured interview schedule. Among the production services the paravets were the major source for the artificial insemination services, 90.16 per cent of the livestock farmers utilized. Co-operatives were found major animal production service provider under different categories i.e. concentrate feed (89.28%), mineral mixture (83.92%), training and extension services (53.57%) and supply of fodder seeds and sleeps (35.71%). A moderate percentage of the respondent (20.83%) was access the credit facilities from various commercial and cooperative banks situated in the territory of the livestock farmers.

**Keywords:** Concentrate cattle feed, Livestock farmers, production services, service providers

### Introduction

Livestock assume an imperative part in India's economy. Which help to move out of poverty, as a way into rewarding business sectors, as a wellspring of foreign exchange, as significant financial assets and as method for saving (Scoones and Wollmer)<sup>[9]</sup>. The extension approaches and services followed by specialist service providers mainly, institutions of State of Agriculture, have resulted into wider spread of modern technologies in livestock production worldwide. Also, the plenty of studies has demonstrate state department of animal husbandry, is significant service provider for livestock farmers, apart from other private agencies, dairy cooperatives and NGOs which function at the regional level (Shweta and Ravikumar *et al.*)<sup>[8, 13]</sup>.

Livestock services can be classified in four categories: curative services, particularly the diagnosis and treatment to treat diseased animals; preventive services to stop the emergence and spreading of diseases through vaccination, vector control measures, such as quarantine and forced slaughter of affected animals; production services as genetic upgrading of livestock through artificial insemination, the improved formulation of feed, the use of improved forages and change in management practices and human health protection, such as sanitary inspection of animal products (Umali and de Haan)<sup>[15]</sup>. Furthermore, Ahuja and Redmond<sup>[1]</sup> recognized another service as the marketing of service involving marketing information and output marketing.

Delivery of intensive and frequent effective veterinary services is one of the effective method for improving domesticated animals efficiency. The degree to which development in livestock production information, innovation and administrations through expansion to the grass root level is of paramount importance for the growth of the livestock sector. Compelling and proficient conveyance delivery of animal health and production services is viewed as fundamental for livestock development and thus, efficient delivery of livestock services has become a subject of rising concern to many national and international organizations including FAO (Kleeman)<sup>[4]</sup>. The associate of the services to farmer's doorstep must be achieved through implementation of strategies with cost-effectiveness and authenticity.

Subsequently there is need to comprehend the helpful conveyance of the assistance of millions of ranchers in a powerful manner is a need for their money related progress.

### Methodology

The present study was conducted in purposively chose Jaipur district of Rajasthan. Out of 16 tehsils of Jaipur district, four tehsils viz. Phulera, Amber, Chomu and Jamwa Ramgarh were selected purposively on the basis of higher livestock population and presence of various livestock service delivery systems. In the following phase of testing,, three villages were chosen randomly from each selected tehsils making a total of 12 villages. Ten livestock farmers availing the services of different livestock service providers were selected randomly from each village. In this manner, a sum of 120 respondents were selected and interviewed personally through a structured interview schedule.

This was operationalised as different livestock services delivery systems from which the respondents has profited the production services. In counsel with specialists, procurement agencies and literature, eight service delivery systems viz., dairy cooperatives, private integrators, public departments, private vets, paravets, educational institutes, pharmacies and others were identified and included for the study. The usual methodology of the different livestock service delivery systems were ensured from the officials working in the different systems. The respondents were asked which delivery systems you would avail for the production services needs. A score of "one" was given for each of the service delivery system from which the respondents has availed the various production services and "zero" for not availing any services. It was determined by developing a schedule for the same.

Accordingly percentage was worked out and presented.

The perceived effectiveness of various delivery systems was learned as far as of regularity, timeliness, quality, quantity, costliness etc. The suppositions were obtained by interviewing the respondents with the help of a schedule developed for this purpose. Different production services were ascertained for their perceived effectiveness using different indicators. The weighted score is computed by allotting 3 for good, 2 for average and 1 for poor, then multiplying % of observations by the score & finally adding the total observations.

### Results and Discussion

#### Existing livestock service delivery systems

The production services benefited by the livestock farmers from different livestock service delivery systems are presented in Table 1. Greater part of the livestock farmers (35.71%) obtained fodder seed and slips from dairy cooperatives. It was accounted that the training and extension programme is organised once in a week and the members revealed that correspondence with respect to such projects was not conveyed as expected by the co-operative authorities. Beside this, the livestock farmers were given active preparation with respect to scientific cattle management, fodder cultivation and clean milk production by the authorities in the milk Union.

Larger part of the livestock farmers purchased concentrate feed from dairy co-operative (89.28%), commercial feed agencies (66.66%) and private integrators (46.87%). Sharma<sup>[10]</sup> and Karthikeyan *et al.*<sup>[3]</sup> also found that majority of the dairy farmers bought concentrate feed from dairy co-operative.

**Table 1:** Services availed from different livestock service delivery systems

S. No.	Type of Services	Dairy Cooperatives		Private Integrators		Public Departments		Private Vets		Paravets		Educational Institutes		Pharmacies		Other Sources	
		n = 56		n = 32		n = 120		n = 120		n = 120		n = 120		n = 120		n = 120	
		f	%	f	%	f	%	f	%	f	%	f	%	f	%	f	%
1.	Supply of Fodder Seeds and Slips	20	35.71	8	25.00	4	3.33	0	0.00	0	0.00	18	15.00	0	0.00	40	33.33
2.	Supply of Concentrate Feed	50	89.28	15	46.87	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	80	66.66
3.	Supply of Mineral Mixture and Other Supplements	47	83.92	6	18.75	11	9.16	15	12.50	5	4.16	12	10.00	72	60.00	0	0.00
4.	Credit Facilities	11	19.64	2	6.25	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	25	20.83
5.	Insurance	18	32.14	4	12.50	20	16.67	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
6.	A.I. Services	32	57.14	22	68.75	50	41.66	84	70.00	110	90.16	0	0.00	0	0.00	0	0.00
7.	Training and Extension Services	30	53.57	17	53.12	45	37.50	0	0.00	0	0.00	15	12.50	0	0.00	0	0.00

Where n = Total number of respondents f = Frequency % = Percentage

Nearly (83.92%) of the livestock farmers purchased mineral mixture from dairy co-operative and 60.00% of them straightforwardly from pharmacies. This might be a result of the way that pharmacies are the fundamental source in the study area to give the needed veterinary medicines as and when required. Credit facilities were profited simply by small level of the dairy farmers. Among those profited, 20.83% and 19.64% were availed from commercial/co-operative banks and dairy co-operative respectively. Insurance facilities were availed by 32.14% and 16.67% of the livestock farmers from dairy co-operative and public department respectively. Furthermore, the department was giving insurance facilities to the selected respondents and subsidy was given on their premium charges which was supported by the government. The livestock farmers were additionally furnished with

smaller than normal unit for the advancement and seeds and slips for high yielding assortments by the department officials. In case of credit facilities, a portion of the vendors pay advance remuneration to the respondent for their critical needs and amid the lean season while their charge will be paid off throw the milk deal to the vendors amid the flush season.

Artificial Insemination services were transcendently profited from para-veterinarians (90.16%) followed by private veterinarians (70.00%), private integrators (68.75%) and dairy co-operative (57.14%). The help of the paravets was inclined toward close by the private vets due to the way that they were rapidly available to the clients when required and most of them were individuals consequently they had the validity among the agriculturists and expenses charged by them was less when contrasted with that of private vets. A moderate rate

(68.75%) and an extensive rate (46.87%) of the livestock farmers got the A.I. services and concentrate feed supplied by the private integrators, respectively. It was accounted that anyway integrators had selected trained inseminated to take care of the A.I. services, their service was least used due to unfortunate response and their non-accessibility at the necessary time.

Livestock farmers are visiting the dairy co-operative daily for milk pouring and subsequently the vast majority of the livestock farmers (53.57%) are getting the advisory services from dairy co-operative. Rathod *et al.* [7] and Karthikeyan *et al.* [3] likewise revealed that majority of the farmers availed advisory services from dairy co-operative. Dairy farmers are also approaching public department for availing treatment and scheme facilities, might be the reasons for 53.12% acquiring training and advisory services from public departments.

### Comparison of services delivered by dairy cooperatives and public departments were assessed by the livestock farmers

In a different situation there where different livestock service providers, it is basic to assess the sufficiency of the unmistakable possible providers on various standards remembering the ultimate objective to recognize who can best do the action. In this way, administrations conveyed by dairy cooperatives and public departments suppliers were assessed by the livestock farmers for their apparent adequacy and introduced in various segments *viz.* mineral mixture and other supplements, credit facilities, insurance, A.I. services, training and extension services.

### Supply of mineral mixture and other supplements

With most extreme weighted scores introduced in the Table 2, with maximum weighted scores, the livestock farmers perceived that the supply of mineral mixture and other supplements from public departments was efficient in terms of regularity (263.63), timeliness (263.63), quality (272.72), quantity (236.63) and cost effective (300.00) as compared to dairy cooperatives. Other than dairy cooperatives were viewed less cost effective (223.40), it was seen that their supply was not available regularly, timely and in required quantity next to public departments with the weighted scores of 170.22, 210.63 and 234.05 respectively.

### Credit facilities

The aftereffects of livestock farmers' view on credit facilities

are introduced in Table 2. It tends to be concluded from table that with most noteworthy weighted scores of 300.00 for accessibility and administrative procedure and 290.90 for timeliness, interest rate and their flexibility in repayment, farmers preferred the credit facilities from dairy cooperative over that of the banks and others credit agencies. According to Chander *et al.* [2] uncovered that insufficient financing by the government for the provision of veterinary service and major portion of the budget allocation was spent on heading and administration rather than veterinary services and animal health.

### Insurance

The two major service providers, who are giving the insurance of the livestock in the review region, were considered for the comparison. From Table 2, with a most noteworthy score of 300.00, the insurance facility of dairy cooperatives and the public departments were seen as similarly viable as far as their premium charges by the livestock farmers.

### Artificial insemination services

It is obvious from the Table 2 that there were two significant specialist service providers in the review region who were providing artificial insemination service. With maximum weighted scores, it can be concluded that the service of public departments was seen to be effective in timeliness (286.00), providing semen of varied breeds (292.00), quality of services (292.00), success rate (300.00) and cost effectiveness (292.00) in comparison to public departments. This outcome is as per Shinde [12] who saw that Department of Animal Husbandry and Dairying provided effective veterinary services such as breeding and health services.

### Training and extension services

The two service providers i.e. dairy cooperatives and public departments who were giving training and extension services to the livestock farmers in the review region were considered for the comparison. Table 2 presents the results of livestock farmers' view on the training and extension services. Based on the weighted score determined, it tends to be concluded that the respondents saw the service of dairy cooperative as effective over that of the public departments in terms of their knowledge and skills (293.33), facilities (280.00), staff attitude (296.66), flexibility (283.33) and need-based (290.00).

**Table 2:** Livestock farmers' view on effectiveness of dairy cooperatives and public departments

Effectiveness					
Supply of mineral mixture and other supplements					
Service provider	Regularity	Timeliness	Quality	Quantity	Cost
Dairy Cooperatives	170.22	210.63	234.05	236.17	223.40
Public Departments	263.63	263.63	272.72	236.63	300.00
Credit Facilities					
Service provider	Accessibility	Timeliness	Interest Rate	Administrative procedure	Flexibility in Repayment
Dairy Cooperatives	300.00	290.90	290.90	300.00	290.90
Others	272.00	248.00	232.00	240.00	220.00
Insurance					
Service provider	Accessibility	Coverage	Premium Charges	Administrative procedure	Claiming
Dairy Cooperatives	294.44	294.44	300.00	300.00	277.77
Public Departments	300.00	295.00	300.00	290.00	300.00
Artificial Insemination services					
Service provider	Regularity	Semen of Varied Breeds	Quality of Services	Quality of Services	Cost-effectiveness
Dairy Cooperatives	256.25	259.37	253.12	262.50	268.75
Public Departments	286.00	292.00	292.00	300.00	292.00

Training and extension services					
Service provider	Knowledge and Skills	Facilities	Staff Attitude	Flexibility	Need-Based
Dairy Cooperatives	293.33	280.00	296.66	283.33	290.00
Public Department	253.33	246.66	248.88	242.22	260.00

### Overall perceived effectiveness of different livestock service providers

The generally seen viability of dairy cooperatives and public departments were studied based on their weighted percentage mean score. The information introduced in the Table 3, that the raised weighted mean scores, the public departments were situated first in giving production services which are comprehensive of insurance 297.00, A.I. services 292.40 and in supplying mineral mixture and other supplements 272.72. It very well may be a direct result of how the public departments are functioning reliably. This finding is not in consonance with the earlier finding of Rajshree<sup>[5]</sup> who reported that the service of distribution of fodder seedlings and round the clock services provided by state department of animal husbandry were not available to majority of livestock

owners.

The service of dairy cooperative was seen as the impacts in delivering credit facilities to the individuals and providing training and extension services with the weighted mean score of 294.54 and 288.66, respectively. The individuals from the dairy Cooperative were given standard camp formed in the villages and extension services were also given to the respondents. The credit facilities were organised by the cooperatives at a nominal rate of interest and it was quick in the milk cost. These observations are in congruity with the findings of Salastri and Maharjan<sup>[14]</sup>, Rathod *et al.*<sup>[6]</sup> and Shinde<sup>[11]</sup> who revealed that dairy cooperatives saw as exceptionally compelling according to the delivery of livestock services to the farmers.

**Table 4:** Overall perceived effectiveness of dairy cooperatives and public departments

SI. No	Type of service	Service Provider	Weighted mean score	Rank
1.	Supply of Mineral Mixture and other Supplements	Public Departments	272.72	1
		Dairy Cooperatives	214.90	2
2.	Credit facilities	Dairy Cooperatives	294.54	1
		Others	242.40	2
3.	Insurance	Public Departments	297.00	1
		Dairy Cooperatives	293.33	2
4.	A.I. services	Public Departments	292.40	1
		Dairy Cooperatives	260.00	2
5.	Training and extension services	Dairy Cooperatives	288.66	1
		Public Departments	250.22	2

**Note:** The weighted mean score was obtained by dividing the sum of total scores for all the indicators of a specific system by the total number of indicators for the particular service.

### Conclusion

On the basis of the present study, it was concluded that the public department was effective in providing insurance, artificial insemination services and mineral mixture to the livestock farmers, while co-operatives were found to be effective in credit facilities and training and advisory services. Hence the dairy cooperatives should train and employ sufficient personnel to take care of the breeding needs of dairy animals of their members. There is a need to restructure the delivery mechanism of private integrators and dairy co-operatives for efficient and essential service delivery in tandem with the requirement of livestock farmers.

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