

Sustainable Goat Farming - A Success Story of a Farmer in Kalyan Karnataka

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Goat rearing under intensive and semi-intensive system is having good economic prospects. The commercial intensive Goat rearing is very much popular in recent years. Many farmers are getting good returns from goat and its products. Many progressive farmers, businessmen, professionals, ex-servicemen and educated youths to take up the goat enterprise on a commercial scale. Commercial goat farming in India is becoming very popular day by day. As goat farming is a proven highly profitable business idea so, the popularity of this business is increasing rapidly in India. It is also one of the finest and established livestock management department in the country. Goat farming business is one of the traditional occupations of some Indian people. It is also the only economic activity of some people of rural areas. Like poultry farming, goat farming business is also very profitable and can employ a large number of unemployed educated people. Which will help to eradicate unemployment problem from the country. Goat meat (chevon) is one of most preferred meat type by the consumers in several countries including India. The goat milk is easily digestible due to smaller size of fat globules and serves as a ready source of family nutrition. In last few years, goat production in the country gained momentum in the form of a commercially viable enterprise as evidenced

by increasing interest of young entrepreneurs to develop knowledge and skill in this species. Mr Navanth Raghunath Mangalore basically a mason labor hales from Narayanpur village of Bidar district Karnataka. He has attended a capacity building programme on Commercial Goat Farming

organized by ICAR Krishi Vigyan Kendra, Bidar for 3 days in the year 2000 which included the lectures on scientific housing, feeding, breeding, health care management so also marketing of the goats and one day exposure visit to Sri Vinod Muthanna's farm, Sindabandagi village (Humnabad taluka). Mr Navanth got inspired and motivated by the scientists of Bidar Krishi Vigyan Kendra and started his own goat farm as an enterprise.



Mr Navanth has constructed low-cost goat shed by using locally available resources. Mr. Navanth purchased 10 female and 01 male Osmanabadi goats from Latur District of Maharashtra which is a home tract of Osmanabadi goats in July 2020. Adequate supply of fodder, either green or dry, is crucial to the livelihoods of farmers involved in Goat rearing activity to meet their fodder requirements through a

combination of crop residues, grazing on community and private property resources. Feed and fodder reserves increased substantially of the goat farm. So, he has established the fodder cafeteria including the different fodder varieties like Super Napier, CoFs 29, Hedge Lucerne and Sesbania multi cut fodders each in an area of half acre so totally comprising of 2 acre and he has also started silage unit of capacity 500-600 kg silage green fodder to solve the problem of green fodder during offseason.

In addition to this he is also buying goat feed ingredients and dry fodder from the other neighboring farmers. To make goat farming more profitable he is selling the goat manure to needy farmers. He is practicing the all most scientific practices of goat farming i.e., feeding, breeding, housing, health care management and marketing.

Interventions by KVK, Bidar

Constant advise by KVK Scientist on selection of breeding stock, construction of scientific goat shed,

demonstration on establishment of fodder cafeteria, Silage making in silage bags, health management in goats, preparation of concentrate feed, treatment of sick goats, deworming and vaccination in goats and also gave timely advice on marketing of goats.

Mr. Navanth is selling surplus male goats of 10 months to one year old which have gaining body weight around 20-25 kg and earning gross profit of around Rs.9000/- per buck on live body weight basis @ Rs.400/- per kg. Last year he sold total of 27 males and got a gross profit of Rs. 2,43,000. He spent towards purchase of dry fodder, concentrate and medication. He earned net profit of Rs.2,12,500/- from sale of male goats and the female goats kept for himself and now his herd size is comprising of 55 goats which includes 5 males buck for breeding. He is also earning by selling of goat manure, he is also generating employment for one labour for 12 months to maintain 55 goats. Looking after his success seven neighbouring farmers have started scientific goat farming in and around the Narayanpur.

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