

Review of: "Comparative Analysis of Sustainable Livestock Development as a Source of Livelihood to Farmers of Maharashtra and Jammu and Kashmir"

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The article compares some livestock indicators in two states in India. The proposal is relevant but still requires further development.

1. Although the title mentions "sustainable development," it is not clear that the chosen indicators actually express sustainability. For example, increased land productivity may be associated with an increase in the environmental impact of livestock farming.
2. The objective of the article is not expressly stated. What is the expected contribution of the comparison between the two states? Why is the comparison relevant?
3. Differences in livestock indicators may be associated with differences in the geographic conditions of the two states, as well as their land structures. It would be informative to describe the main geographic and land aspects.
4. Food production and availability are not synonymous, since there is food trade between states and countries.
5. It is necessary to justify the choice of indicators to convince the reader that they adequately reflect sustainability. Crossbreeding, for example, is a technique that is not necessarily linked to more sustainable technologies.
6. The reduction in the number of veterinarians / 1000 animals may be associated with an increase in scale and/or a reduction in the idle capacity of equipment.
7. In Table 1, what is the point of adding different types of animals? What does aggregation mean? It would be easier to read Table 5 if it were organized like Table 2 (first the animal categories, then the columns for years and rate of change).