

Review of: "The Choice of Breeding Objectives and Selection Criteria Decided by Breeders of Various Goat Breeds and Factors Influencing Them"

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General comments

As the breeding objective (also known as the breeding goal) is the initial step in designing any successful animal breeding program, defining it based on farmers' or breeders' interests is essential to identifying traits that might be important for the intended production system. The manuscript is, therefore, relevant from a scientific standpoint. Nonetheless, the authors should consider the following recommendations when revising the manuscript.

I have observed several flaws and irregularities in language use, including some punctuation mistakes that are inappropriate in formal writing. Therefore, the paper should go through a language edit.

Specific comments

Title

I suggest modifying the title to one of the following alternatives:

- Breeding Objectives and Selection Criteria of Goat Breeders and Factors Influencing their Choice in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.
- Breeders' Choice of Breeding Objectives and Selection Criteria for Goat Breeds and Factors Influencing them in Abu Dhabi, United Arab Emirates.

Abstract

The authors recommended incorporating different selection criteria for does and bucks into the breeding program by considering differences in breeds, regions, property types, and herd sizes. The phrase "**different selection criteria for does and bucks**" is an indefinite recommendation. Thus, the authors should clearly state selection criteria for does and bucks based on their findings when drawing a clear recommendation.

Keywords

Journals often recommend avoiding using words already in the article's title as keywords. Instead of duplicating words already used in the title, it is preferable to use keywords that complement the article's main topic, such as related words or synonyms.

The authors used UAE as a keyword, but it is not appropriate to use abbreviations in titles, the abstract, or as keywords.

Introduction

As a general rule, an abbreviation of a phrase that can be abbreviated should be provided in parentheses when it appears for the first time in the text. After that, one can only use the abbreviation. The United Arab Emirates and UAE, for instance, must be considered in this regard.

Material and methods

The sampling procedure of goat breeders is not presented in detail and it lacks clarity for the readership.

Results and discussion

Under the “Materials and Methods” section, the authors stated that the breeders were interviewed regarding goat breeds they owned, their herd sizes, productivity traits of goats, breeding objectives, and selection criteria for replacement does and bucks. However, some relevant parameters, such as productivity traits, are not presented under the “Results and Discussion” section.

Conclusion

The authors are advised to see the comment under the “Abstract” section.