



Cow-shaped word cloud with the main impacts of the COVID-19 pandemic.

### Context

- The COVID-19 pandemic has impacts on beef and dairy VC in Colombia
- However, not much data available yet and magnitude of impacts unknown in most cases
- Study gives insights on impacts for each VC link and offers potential mitigation options, based on official databases and websites, and press articles
- Guideline for decision- and policy-making to mitigate the crisis and build food system resilience

### Our innovative approach

- COVID-19 is a new topic and a similar study has not been conducted before for the Colombian beef and dairy sector
- We did not only focus on a particular link of the beef and dairy VC (e.g. primary producers) but on the sector as a whole, including direct and indirect actors as well as the consumer



## NUTRITION & FOOD SECURITY

# COVID-19 and the beef and dairy sector in Colombia: Current and potential developments, impacts and mitigation options

- COVID-19 will cause important changes in the Colombian beef & dairy value chains (VC)
- Changing consumer preferences will demand formalization of VC towards more traceability, food safety, animal health and sustainability
- Research can play a fundamental role in impact analysis, supporting recovery and developing solutions for building resilience



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### Outcomes

- 2 Working Papers published, in English and Spanish, with very high reach among Colombian and Latin American stakeholders ([English](#); [Spanish](#))
- Includes recommendations for decision- and policy-makers on how to mitigate the crisis
- Research in short-, mid- and long-term is suggested to help the sector recover and prepare better for future crises.

### Future steps

- Similar studies are planned for Central America and the Caribbean, East Africa and Southeast Asia
- A consumer study is planned to analyze crisis-related changes in preferences and consumption behavior that might affect the sector

### Partners

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