Livestock and food security An ILRI perspective

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Why are livestock important?



- Increasing recognition of role in achieving an adequate and balanced diet, and especially strategic for women and young children
- Extended rapid growth in demand for animalsource foods
- Reaching limits of expansion pressure on feed resources
- Pressure/incentives to intensify
- Upward pressure on prices

OVER-ARCHING ISSUES

- How to achieve sustainable diets globally?
 - ✓ Safe and appropriate consumption
 - Acceptable environmental trade-offs

- Livestock as a tool for development
 - Ensuring adequate, safe animalsource food to nourish the poor in 2050
 - As an asset for generating income and smoothing the transition out of agriculture

Pathways to improved Food Security

A. Livestock-keeping households (nearly 1 billion people!)

- Direct: consumption of household's own livestock products
- Indirect #1: Income from livestock buys food
- Indirect #2: Better crop production for food/income; financial instruments
- Dynamic facilitating transition to professional agriculture / out of agriculture

B. Consumer households

- Rely mostly on local small-scale production & marketing systems
- Protecting/enhancing (sustainably) availability, accessibility, affordability



Working toward improved Food Security: Our Agenda



Increasing smallholder livestock productivity

Why is it critical for food security?

- To increase supply from smallholder systems -- the main source of animalsource foods for low-income households
 - Protect and enhance availability, affordability
 - Address increasing resource pressures and trade-offs
 - Transition from expansion to intensification
- To avoid missing window of opportunity to reduce rural poverty and smooth transition out of agriculture
- Key challenge: Understanding the 'yield gap'
 - Need for a conceptual and methodological framework for prioritizing



Complex interplay of factors

Ma^{rkets} Na^{rkets} Na^{rkets} P = G + E(health, feed, management) + GE

Policies

P is the phenotype The animal we see, its production etc.

G is the genotype The genetic make up of the animal

E is the environment All factors (ambient conditions, health, nutrition, husbandry) except the genes of the animal

GE is the interaction Between the genes and the environment

Genetics as the game changer Estimates of potential versus realized dairy productivity





One take on opportunities to increase smallholder productivity





Sources: estimates based on BMGF analytical models referencing multiple data sources including: Oct 4-5 Livestock Landscape Analysis Expert Panel Workshop; Oct 27 Livestock Foundation Genetics Workshop; Expert Interviews; FAOSTAT; OIE Technical Disease Cards; the Center for Food Security and Public Health Animal Disease Information; OIE-WAHID database; Merck Veterinary Manual; 2011 Market Probe market research for Kenya, Ghana, Nigeria, Ethiopia

But it isn't just genetics



Milk production by % dairyness

 High grade cattle only showed substantially better milk yields than other grades in the highest production environment

■ 21-35% ■ 36-60% ■ 61-87.5% =>87.5%

Entry points: technical drivers

Genetics

- Incentives and innovative recording systems for genetic selection programs
- Optimizing indigenous-exotic crossbreeding: matching breed to environment
- O Genetic modification for disease resistance vs reliance on vaccines

Animal Health

- Novel vaccine development for neglected diseases
- Managing disease where surveillance and veterinary services are weak
- O Adapting new technologies to increase access and use of diagnostics

Animal Nutrition

- Better use of existing feed biomass through reservation/conservation options
- Improving voluntary intake and reducing feed wastages
- Matching better key feed nutrients with animal production level balanced rations

Entry points: socio-economic

Institutional arrangements to support uptake of technologies and access to market

- Business groups to create economies-of-scale
- Business development services to stimulate supporting services
- Innovation platforms to facilitate coordination and develop adaptive capacity
- Appropriate, enabling policies and regulation to 'formalize' informal markets

Key Messages

- Good opportunities for science to improve productivity of animal-source food production if appropriately oriented to developing country context
- Work to be done on figuring how to prioritize what will give biggest return in addressing yield gap

Genetics can be game changer, but isn't a silver bullet

Intensification and the future of livestock and food security

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Overview



- The global livestock sector trends and drivers
- Mapping livestock distributions and production systems
- Forecasting intensification
- Examples: Avian Influenza and antimicrobial resistance
- Conclusions

The changing livestock sector

- Demographic and social drivers
 - Population: + 32% or 9.6 billion people by 2050
 - Income growth: + 2% per year by 2050
 - Urbanization: 70% will live in cities by 2050
 - Growth in demand for animal source foods
 - + 70% by 2050
 - + 200 million tonnes of meat
 - Structural changes in the livestock sector
 - Shift from ruminant to monogastric
 - Intensification of production
 - ➔ Impinges on global public goods
 - Poverty and growth
 - Health and nutrition
 - Climate and natural resources
- Integrated approach to socially desirable livestock sector development
- Need reliable data and information to guide policy



Livestock distribution and production



Global distribution of pigs





Livestock production systems



Ruminant systems:

- Based on land use and agro-ecological potential
- No actual livestock data

Monogastric systems:

- Based on scale and intensification
- Use livestock densities

Monogastric production systems



Chicken systems



Chicken systems





Chicken systems



Extensive chicken production





Intensive chicken production



Data mining extensive and intensive chicken production









GDP per Capita (PPP; log10(x))

... and several other important countries for AI in human



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Focus on these countries, standardized to 2030 FAO projections



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Emerging diseases – Avian Influenza





H7N9 risk prediction



Source: Gilbert et al. (2014)

Antimicrobial resistance

- USA: at least 2 million people get drugresistant infections each year, and at least 23,000 die from them
- USA: 80% of antimicrobial sales are in the agricultural sector
- Total consumption in the livestock sector in 2010 estimated at 63,151 tons
- Global antimicrobial consumption will rise by 67% by 2030
- It will nearly double in BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) countries
- China's livestock industry by itself could soon be consuming almost one third of world's available antibiotics.



Antimicrobial resistance

Global antimicrobial use in food animals (mg per 10km pixel)



Antimicrobial resistance

- The European Union banned the use of antibiotics to boost animals' growth in 2006
- There is a 'voluntary' ban in the USA
- Chick-fil-A, McDonalds and Costco stopping antimicrobial use in the production chain
 - Concerted action multi-stakeholder platforms
 - Strengthen the evidence base linking agricultural use to AMR in the medical sector

 - This is a global issue and calls for a coordinated, global response





In conclusion



- Rapid demand growth for Animal Source Foods – particularly in developing and emerging economies
- The response of the livestock sector to this growth has major implications for global, interconnected, public goods
- This calls for integrated solutions to guide sector development along a sustainable pathway
- These are global issues and require global responses
Livestock, livelihoods, gender and food security

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Livestock & livelihood options, key issues

- 70% of the world's rural poor rely on livestock for important parts of their livelihoods.
- Nearly 1 billion poor livestock keepers in the world, around two-thirds are rural women.
- Over 100 million landless people keep livestock.
- Livestock is a direct source of food (milk/ eggs/ meat) and provides income
- Livestock as an asset to protect against shocks
- In the poorest countries, livestock manure comprises over 70% of soil fertility amendments
- Rural income multipliers are higher for livestock than for other commodities
- Many employed in local informal livestock product markets, as well as input markets and services



Livestock & livelihood options, research questions



Gender and livestock

• Gender in livestock is key for food security & livelihoods:



• Livestock is key for gender equity:

-women can often own animals (more than e.g. land)

-women can often control the milk and its revenues

-livestock is accessible food, livelihoods, collateral, living bank, status



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Crop livestock interactions and mixed farm evolution

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Typical evolution of mixed farms



Intensity (land use, input use etc.) ->



Implications for food security & nutrition

- Major assumption: Intensification increases food production & diet diversity
- More efficient resource use increases food production
- Increasing production diversity & intensity improves nutrition through more diverse subsistence consumption
- Greater market integration changes crop-livestock interactions and food sources



ILRI research – efficient resource use

- Crop breeding for improving quality & quantity of residues

 (e.g. sorghum, millet, maize, rice, groundnut)
 (Blümmel 2010; Nigam 2010; Bidinger 2010; Homann-Ke Tui 2013; Blümmel 2013a)
- Identification of innovative & appropriate forage species & varieties (gene-bank, e.g. napier varieties , stylosanthes, brachiaria, desmodium, gliricidia) (Jorge 2012; Baltenweck 2014; ILRI 2014)
- Knowledge dissemination on processing and utilisation of crop residues (cereals, legumes, tubers) (Anandan 2013; Lukuyu 2013; Katjiuongua 2015)
- Quantification of livestock contributions to household livelihoods and opportunity costs of feed (Klapwijk 2014a; Valbuena 2015; Henderson 2015)



ILRI research – production diversity

- Nutrition impact of production diversification (Korir 2015)
- Distribution of food security amongst households (Silvestri 2015; van Wijk 2014; Ritzema 2015)
- Evolution of food sources (Douxchamps 2014)
- Farm typologies, food security and diet diversity (Hengsdijk 2014; Teufel 2015)



Example: Distribution of food security



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Example: Farm typologies by diet diversity

Clustered by diet diversity score [max=1]





ILRI research – interactions and trade-offs

Increasing and decreasing demand for crop residues as feed *livestock density* ↑ - *draft power* ↓ - *crop productivity* ↑ (Valbuena 2014; Mekasha 2014; Blümmel 2013b)

Contribution and market value of crop residues (Klapwijk 2014b; Wright 2010; Teufel 2011)

More market integration leads to changes in food sources

More resources to acquire food (ETC/Heifer 2013; Kidoido 2014)
 Higher opportunity costs of subsistence consumption (Duncan 2013)
 Limits of intensification

Resource limitations to food security; focus on off-farm income (Frelat 2015)
 Intensification may threaten sustainability (Duncan 2015)



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Livestock and Environment

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Environmental scale of livestock

Land 30 percent global terrestrial biomes 33% all croplands		(Foley et al 2005) (Steinfeld et al 2006)
Water ~ 4,000 km ³ evapotranspiration - feeds, fodder & grazing (3,200 km ³ evapotranspiration - food crops)		(Heinke et al manuscript)
Feed biomass ~4.7 billion tons - feed biomass - grasses - grains - occasional feed & stover	48 % 28 % 24 %	(Herrero et al 2013)

GHGs

14.5 % anthropogenic GHG emissions, 65% cattle (meat/milk/manure/draft power)

- feed production & processing 45 %
- enteric fermentation 39 %
- manure storage & processing 10 % (FAO 2013)

Livestock & Environment — multiple dimensions impacting nutrition

Natural Resources Use

Local degradation and scarcity "Carrying capacity" Planetary Boundaries

Natural resource use footprints

Emissions / Pollution

GHGs

Nutrient leakage

Antibiotics, etc.

Pollution/emission footprints



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Global Environmental Change

Livestock contribute to CC

CC impact livestock production

Vertical chain perspective

Impacts along the Value Chains

System perspective

Across scales, local → landscape → etc.
Resource competition, land, water, etc.
Environmental "multi-currency" analyses
Ecosystem services & resilience

Environment and Climate Smart Livestock Production

Natural resource use and Environmental footprints

- Developing country figures local (lab) to global (modelling)
- Local context relevance different systems & climate zones
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Evidence based strategies and interventions

- How to mitigate GHGs emission feeds/manure/etc.
- Improved natural resources use efficiency
- How to adapt to climate change stakeholder engagement
- Strengthening resilience of entire socio-ecological system

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Livestock health and food security

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High Level Panel of Experts

Impact of livestock diseases

- Livestock diseases important constraints to livestock production in developing countries
- Predicted to increase with:
 - Agricultural intensification
 - Climate change
 - Inadequate policies
- Challenges on control vary with specific diseases:
 - Endemic diseases
 - Epidemic diseases
 - \circ Emerging diseases



NB: No data for PPR in south Asia but it is widespread in this region

Estimates from BMGF





Impact on Food Security

Availability

- Productivity losses meat, milk, eggs
- Premature mortality, reduced offtake
- Reduced crop production draft power, manure
- Restrictions on types of livestock breeds kept, hence productivity
- Epidemics and slow recovery rates of livestock populations
- Physical and economic access
 - Control measures quarantine, slaughter bans
 - Food substitution and price hikes
 - Diseases as non-tariff barriers to trade
 - Livelihoods of market chain actors



Knowledge gaps and on-going research

- Risk detection
 - Disease drivers and interactions
 - EID surveillance need for biomarkers to identify potential EIDs?
- Risk management
 - Safe and effective technologies vaccines
 - Improved targeting of interventions
 - Decision Support Tools



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Livestock & human nutrition; livestock & human health

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Health – and livestock production

Livestock production is important for general health

- Products provide cash money for food purchases
- Provides income for healthcare expenses
- Provides direct access to ASF **

May also have adverse health outcomes (eg zoonoses)







Evidence from intervention studies

Observational studies

Strong evidence for ASF = improved child growth and micronutrient status

Intervention studies - few

Meat (70 g/d) improved activity and leadership, cognitive function, school tests....

Increasing milk intake improves growth of young children and school children (including in industrialized countries)



Animal source food interventions in Kenya, 7-10 y (Neumann, C. et al.)

+750 mL milk \rightarrow 0.4 cm \uparrow height



Meta-analysis of dairy products and physical stature (de Beer et al., 2012)

Research gaps

- Scientific evidence of causative ASF-nutrition link still weak
- Limited evidence for many ASFs; variations by population strata not quantified well (illness, pregnant, breastfeeding)

And essential research questions remain:

"which are the most effective ways to increase ASF in the diets in low income populations (livestock VC actors and others)"

ILRI is currently undertaking studies to assess the impact of livestock interventions on women and children nutritional outcomes in Uganda (pork VC) and Tanzania (dairy VC), and evaluate the mediator role of women's empowerment in livestock systems

Survey completed to assess access to ASF and nutritional outcomes in households in low income areas in Nairobi.

Zoonoses and zNTDs in extensive and intensive livestock systems

Push-pull benefits of livestock to health

Focus tends towards the role of livestock in adverse health events

Mitigation: human health benefit from livestock targeted intervention

One Health





A concrete example: cysticercosis

Problems in livestock production leading to adverse health Most significant parasitic food borne disease (Asia, Africa, S. America) in terms of DALYs Human infection: inadequate systems of meat inspection at slaughter Porcine infection: poorly integrated pig husbandry systems with free-ranging pigs Env. Contamination: lack of sanitation in small-holder livestock production systems







Tools exist: new pig vaccines prevent infection, drugs to kill worms, new diagnostics (ILRI)

Research needs: How to best deploy these tools on a large scale? Finding geographical foci of infection in farming systems Intervening sustainably to eliminate transmission = better food safety and health



Food borne disease...and animal source foods

- What do food borne diseases contribute to ill-health globally? Regionally?
- Metrics have been applied at global scale
- Data at country levels are severely lacking
- How can we estimate country-level disease burden, apply better diagnostics?
- How does the disease landscape change in rapidly urbanizing societies?
- Quantifying the contribution of ASF has not been formally undertaken
- Determine risk in formal and informal sectors is important and interesting








Urbanization

Urban food production (including livestock) is important for food security, especially for the poorest

Challenges for veterinary care

Challenges for hygiene and managing waste

Challenges for pathogen emergence – cities as ecosystems







Farmer FARM Transporter Owner / manager / ABATTOIR taff Transporter Batcher BUTCHER ButCHER Consumer HOUSEHOLD



Policy frameworks are – at best - inconsistent

There is a need for sound evidence for decision-making

