

Workshop on Livestock Migration in Rajasthan organized at CAZRI

A workshop on Livestock Migration in Rajasthan was organized under the CAZRI-ICARDA project entitled Coping Strategies for Livestock Smallholders in Rajasthan at Central Arid Zone Research Institute (CAZRI) on 29th May 2014. The theme of the workshop was on the key issues faced by pastoralists and about enabling policies to sustain resilience of such livestock production system.



The workshop was inaugurated by Dr Mahesh Katara, CEO, Rajasthan Livestock Development Board (RLDB), Jaipur. He highlighted the importance of pastoralism practiced in Rajasthan in providing meat and milk on almost zero input. He also talked about various initiatives of the board for the benefit of such livestock keepers.

Mr KK Goel, CEO, Central Wool Development Board (CWDB), Guest of Honor on this occasion talked about various schemes of the board, including the insurance scheme of sheep for the benefit of its owners, involved in migrating to far distances in search of fodder.

Dr MM Roy, Director, CAZRI chaired this workshop and highlighted the importance of improving productivity of common grazing lands and creation of watering points along the established migratory routes to enhance productivity of such livestock production systems.

Dr L Mounir, Research Scientist (ICARDA, Jordan) mentioned that dissemination of near real-time information about the condition and abundance of forage resources and availability of crop aftermath/fallow fields will increase efficiency of migratory livestock systems.

45 officers from various ICAR institutes, CWDB, line departments of Rajasthan viz., Agriculture, Animal Husbandry, Forest, ATMA, NGOs and 45 pastoralists from four districts of Rajasthan viz., Pali, Jodhpur, Barmer and Jalore participated in this workshop. Various issues related to sheep and livestock migration, including the marketing ones were thoroughly discussed.

Earlier, Dr AK Mishra, Principal Scientist, CAZRI and PI of the project from Indian side welcomed the participants.

Dr Khem Chand, Principal Scientist, CAZRI proposed the vote of thanks.

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