

## **Socioeconomic of Camel Herders in the Sudan**

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### **ABSTRACT**

The dromedary camel is an important livestock species in the Sudan. The economic importance of this multipurpose animal is evident from the numerous benefits provided by camel products (meat, milk, wool and hides). Moreover, the camel serves for riding, as beast of burden and a draft animal for agriculture and transport.

This study aimed at identifying the socio-economics of the camel production sector, the constraints and solutions as seen by herders in the Sudan. Suggestions for improving camel production were given. The research concentrated on methods of camel husbandry as well as the related social aspects. Special forms were distributed randomly to camel herders in view to collect information about the socioeconomics and the importance of camel as a source of income. The constraints identified by camel herders included camel diseases, lack of veterinary services, shortage in drinking water and decreased pastoral areas due to increased irrational agricultural activities and drought. It was concluded that the sector of camel production should be included in the development plans and recommendations were instituted by the camel herders for the improvement of their sector.