Livestock and Wealth Creation
improving the husbandry of animals kept
by resource-poor people in developing countries

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This unique book is the product of a south/north, east/west collaboration, involving
some 90 contributors from 25 countries. It will be invaluable to all concerned with
livestock keeping and poverty alleviation in developing countries, especially
lecturers, students and those working with resource-poor livestock keepers.

*Livestock and Wealth Creation* is about the role of livestock in developing countries
and portrays how improved husbandry practices can affect the livelihoods of
livestock keepers. It emphasises ways of improving small-scale enterprises and
subsistence livestock-keeping.

The burgeoning ‘Livestock Revolution’, which is already occurring in some developing countries and foreseen to become
a wider phenomenon over the next 20 years, is also considered. A gigantic increase in demand for meat and milk is
predicted, with consequent opportunities for resource-poor livestock keepers to contribute and move from subsistence to
market-oriented production.

Part 1 considers the cross-cutting issues which need to be understood before embarking on improving output from a given
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including livestock systems; poverty assessment methods; livestock development and poverty; knowledge – key to
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improvement.

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pigs and rabbits), pigs, goats, sheep, camels, cattle, buffalo, yak, equines and wildlife.

The book concludes with a chapter considering the lessons learned and the way ahead. Improving the production and
survival of livestock kept by the resource-poor is vital for the security of livelihoods and transformation from poverty to
relative prosperity. Providing appropriate information and an enabling environment are key elements in facilitating this
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