

Analysis of goat performance based on selected farms

Summary

The study focuses on the performance of goats on selected farms. The study covered 66 farms, including conventional, organic and agritourism farms. The owners of the farms responded to questions on the following topics: type of farm, goat characteristics (breed, type of use, reproduction), use of goat products, and the farmers' opinions on goat production and farming in Poland. The Podlaskie, Lesser Poland and Silesian Voivodeships had the most farms, while the fewest were located in the Lublin, Opole and Świętokrzyskie Voivodeships. The highest percentage of farms are conventional (53%), followed by organic farms (36%), with agritourism farms accounting for 11% of the total. The vast majority keep 5-10 goats. Only five of the farms have more than 50 animals of this species. According to 67% of respondents, dairy production is the main specialization of their farms, while 32% are dual-purpose farms and only 1% specialize in meat. The farm owners consider their farms to be profitable, and 82% of them intend to expand goat breeding and production on their farms.

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