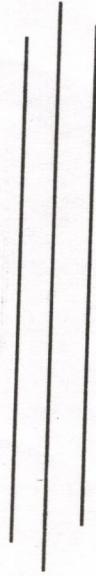




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Government of Rajasthan

**Sheep
Breeding
Policy**



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FORWORD

Animal Husbandry in Rajasthan has a great importance. It contributes more than 10% to the state's gross domestic product. As per Livestock Census, 2007 there are 112.83 lac sheep population in the state. Some of the nationally recognized breeds of sheep viz. Marwari, Jaiselmeri, Magra, Poogal, Nali, Chokla, Malpura & Sonadi have their home tract in Rajasthan.

Earlier, the main aim of sheep rearing was wool production, but with the change of time remarkable revenue is being generated in the state through meat production also. Approximately 155 lac Kg. wool is being produced every year in the state, which is highest in the country. Yet there is still a wide scope for increasing productivity of sheep. Increased production can only be achieved through scientific breeding and a policy suitable to local climatic conditions and need of the local farmers. The main aim of sheep breeding policy is to improve the productivity of native breed through selective breeding and up gradation; the native breed will be conserved and propagated.

In view of challenges faced by animal husbandry sector in the present time and technological advancement, new sheep breeding policy has been prepared for faster development of the sector. The breeding policy is prepared after considering comments received from field officers and other stakeholders. Crossbreeding of native breeds with exotic stock has been proposed to be completely stopped.

It is expected that the directives laid down in sheep breeding policy would help to further improve the sheep husbandry of the state and socioeconomic status of the farmers through increased productivity of their animals.



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