

Research questions identified during the socioeconomic training workshop

Producer Typologies

1. What are different typologies and their presentation at each site?
2. What are the methods and criteria used for identification of typologies?
3. Links between participating farmers and typologies.

Production Practices

1. What are the production practices/technologies used for different livestock enterprises (small ruminants) and livestock. (Livestock production, forage production, utilization of pastures, concentrated feeds).
2. Distribution of small ruminants (breeds /trends/ dynamics).

Producer Marketing Strategies

1. What are the marketing channels used by different producer types (benefits, costs, prices, time, location, social networking, etc., issues of integration, cooperation, contracts)?
2. What are the practices in grading, quality standards and marketing outcomes of mohair goat fiber?
3. Review of sheep wool export potential (interventions, institutions, domestic Merino wool and coarse wool market) in Kyrgyzstan.
4. What are the indicators of market performance?
 - Number of buyers
 - Absorption (can the market take all the supplies)?
 - Frequency of business days
 - Transportation costs (sector efficiency)
 - Transaction costs

Market Performance and Prices

1. What are the level of market operation and factors determining market prices? (condition, age of animals, breed, sex, health, location, time, season, knowledge, experience of owners, reason of selling, price [weekly market data can be collected])
2. What are the international markets for fine Mohair (Australia, South Africa, China, Russia, India, Pakistan)
3. What are the shares of Mohair export to different countries?
4. Price stability analysis for sheep meat (monthly price data available)

On-going participatory evaluation

1. What are relevance and efficiency of production technologies (relevance with types and systems, cost-benefit, acceptance)
2. Who is doing on-going assessments

Impact Evaluation

1. What information is required for the impact assessment
 - a) baseline survey
 - producer survey
 - participating contact farmers
 - control farmers
 - b) cost-benefit analysis