

Economic aspects of animal welfare - study on camels in Sultanate of Oman

ABSTRACT

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The aim of the research is to analyze the economic contribution of camel welfare in Oman. It, addresses the economic aspects that affect the camel breeding (e.g. Financial, medical and other facilities). It also studies the challenges faced by camel breeders in camel farming

The research is conducted using a sample study, selecting camel breeders in North Sharqiyah Governorate. The survey is based on questionnaire and includes 60 respondents from three states in North Al-Sharqiyah Governorate which are: Al-Mudhaybi, Al-Qabil and Bidya.

In this research, we found significant results. The first result, In one hand, camel breeders are spending high amount of money for camel breeding activities in the other hand the income of most breeders are from racing competition or from sale of camel after competition, and most of them rely on this sort of gain entirely. The financial return from racing competition is large and unsecure.

We also found some challenges faced by camel breeders regarding expatriate worker clearance, non-stability of oil prices, the prices of feeding resources in the market, and challenge in providing water for camel farms are common challenges for most of them.

Another result indicates that there is a potential for the camel sector to grow and contribute to the economic growth in the country if the necessary facilities are provided for camel breeders.

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