



The impact of livestock research for development

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- No consensus on relative rate of return of crop versus livestock research
- Most meta-analyses based on studies from developed countries
- Why so few studies from developing countries?

Some possible reasons for lack of livestock impact studies in developing countries

- Measurement (1) – lack of data
 - Not much livestock in census and household survey data
 - Indicators of livestock productivity can be hard to measure (output over time, multiple products)
- Measurement (2) – what to measure?
 - Multiple roles of livestock in livelihoods
- Technology (1) - Fewer “technologies” to assess
 - Less research done, longer time lag for technology development
- Technology (2) –Adoption/diffusion more difficult