ABBREVIATIONS

Abbreviations	Elaborations
GDP	Gross Domestic Production
CVASU	Chittagong Veterinary and Animal Sciences University
fig.	figure
DLS	Directorate of Livestock Services
kg	kilogram
FAO	Food and Agricultural Organization
SAQTVH	S. A. Quadery Teaching Veterinary Hospital
BBS	Bangladesh Bureau of statistics
vol.	volume
NGO	Non Government Organization
РО	Post office
PS	Police station
Dist.	District
ADB	Asian Development Bank
DVM	Doctor Of Veterinary Medicine
СВО	Community based Organization

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ABSTRACT

The study was conducted in Birganj upazilla of Dinajpur district from 20th June'17 to 3rd August'17 during Upazilla Veterinary Hospital placement to determine the socio economic characteristics of rural farmers. A total no. of 30 farmers was interviewed of which 10 large, 11 medium, 9 were small farmers. The livestock patterns of farm household were cattle, buffalo, goat, chicken, or duck or any combination of these. Large animals and small ruminants were also reared by share system. Average milk production per cow was found 2.27 liter per day. On an average all farm households spent 29%, 18% and 19% of income generated through livestock for their daily expenses, agricultural inputs and food respectively. Average annual income generated through livestock poultry rearing was taka 28729, taka 33275 and taka 33759 per year in case of small, medium and large farmers respectively. 65% farmers used cow dung as manure, 25.2% as fuel, 9.8% for preparation of compost, plastering threshing floor and house wall. Animals are mostly raised in the backyard with little or no inputs for housing, feeding or health care and for this reason the productivity of these animals are low.

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