The global livestock sector: Trends, drivers and implications for society, health and the environment

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Overview



- The global livestock sector
- Trends and drivers
- Mapping livestock distributions and production systems
- Livestock and livelihoods
- Livestock, health and nutrition
- Livestock and the environment
- Bringing it all together:
 - Animal health and greenhouse gas emissions

- Livestock numbers (FAOSTAT 2012)
 - 1.8 billion cattle and buffalo
 - 2.5 billion sheep and goats
 - 1.5 billion pigs
 - 30.6 billion poultry
- Sector accounts for 30% of the land surface
- 70% of all agricultural land
- 8% of human water use









The changing livestock sector

- Demographic and social drivers
 - Population: + 32% or 9.6 billion people by 2050
 - Income growth: + 2% per year by 2050
 - Urbanization: 70% will live in cities by 2050
 - Growth in demand for animal source foods
 - + 70% by 2050
 - + 200 million tonnes of meat
 - Structural changes in the livestock sector
 - Shift from ruminant to monogastric
 - Intensification of production
 - ➔ Impinges on global public goods
 - Poverty and growth
 - Health and nutrition
 - Climate and natural resources
- Integrated approach to socially desirable livestock sector development
- Need reliable data and information to guide policy



Livestock to 2030 – demand growth

Consumption of Animal Source Foods is increasing faster in developing countries than in developed countries





Disaggregating demand growth



Implications for production

- Rural population growth
 - \rightarrow EXPANSION

- Urban population growth
- Increasing wealth
- Changing consumption patterns
 - \rightarrow INTENSIFICATION



Livestock distribution and production



Global distribution of pigs





Monogastric production systems



Chicken systems



Chicken systems





Chicken systems



Extensive chicken production





Intensive chicken production



http://www.livestock.geo-wiki.org





Livestock and livelihoods



Pro-Poor Livestock Policy Initiative

Livestock sector development for poverty reduction: an economic and policy perspective Livestock's many virtues





- Account for 40% of agricultural GDP
- Employs 1.3 billion people
- Provides 17% of calories and 26% of protein, globally
- Provides valuable micronutrients to the poor
- Provides livelihoods for 800 million poor small-holders
- Contribute nutrients and traction for mixed farming
- Utilises primary production of no direct value for human consumption
- Serves as a bank, and insurance against hard times (e.g. drought)

Livestock and livelihoods



Livestock and livelihoods





Poor Livestock Keepers National, rural poverty lines

Source: Robinson et al. (2011)

Livestock, health and nutrition



Nutrition

- Positive: Hunger, malnutrition, stunting, cognitive impairment
- Negative: Obesity and associated health risks

Diseases

- Food-borne diseases
- 39% OIE diseases are zoonotic
- Aflatoxin poisoning
- Antimicrobial resistance
- Poverty
 - Poor people are less healthy
 - Livestock contribute to livelihoods and resilience
 - Economic losses from endemic diseases of production
- Climate change
 - Reduced food security
 - Heat waves, floods and droughts
 - Changing VBD risks

Nutrition: the double-edged sword

- We live in a world more than with 800 million hungry and 165 million stunted children
- Animal-Source Foods provide 17% of calories and 26% of protein
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- Over one third of all adults across the world – 1.46 billion people – are obese or overweight
- Between 1980 and 2008, the numbers of people affected in the developing world more than tripled, from 250 million to 904 million
- Diets are changing with income rises in developing countries, shifting from starch to meat, milk, fats and sugar, fruit and vegetables

Livestock are key to both sides

Nutrition: the double-edged sword

Obesity is one of the top three social burdens generated by human beings



But to what extent is livestock consumption contributing?

- Overeating
- Physical inactivity
- High-fat diets (ASF)
- Diets high in refined carbohydrates
- Sugared soft drinks
- Excessive alcohol consumption

Obesity causes some 5% of global deaths

Diseases related to livestock farming

- More than 2 billion are sickened each year from the food they eat
- Millions more die from zoonotic diseases that emerge from, or persist in, agricultural ecosystems
- Diseases recently emerged from animals make up 25% of the infectious disease burden in least developed countries and kill one in ten people who live there
 - We have proven agricultural interventions which can tackle the diseases associated with agriculture
 - → \$25 billion invested in zoonotic disease control would bring benefits worth \$125 billion



Emerging diseases – Avian Influenza





H7N9 risk prediction



Source: Gilbert et al. (2014)

Data mining extensive and intensive chicken production









GDP per Capita (PPP; log10(x))

... and several other important countries for AI in humans



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Focus on these countries, standardized to 2030 FAO projections



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Focus on these countries, standardized to 2050 FAO projections



Antimicrobial resistance

- USA: at least 2 million people get drugresistant infections each year, and at least 23,000 die from them
- USA: 80% of antimicrobial sales are in the agricultural sector
- Total consumption in the livestock sector in 2010 estimated at 63,151 tons
- Global antimicrobial consumption will rise by 67% by 2030
- It will nearly double in BRICS (Brazil, Russia, India, China, and South Africa) countries
- China's livestock industry by itself could soon be consuming almost one third of world's available antibiotics



Antimicrobial resistance

Global antimicrobial use in food animals (mg per 10km pixel)



Antimicrobial resistance

- The European Union banned the use of antibiotics to boost animals' growth in 2006
- There is a 'voluntary' ban in the USA
- Chick-fil-A, McDonalds and Costco stopping antimicrobial use in the production chain
 - Concerted action multi-stakeholder platforms
 - Strengthen the evidence base linking agricultural use to AMR in the medical sector





Livestock and the environment

→ MITIGATION

→ <u>Climate</u>-smart agriculture

Livestock

GHG emissions Climate change **Carbon sequestration** Land use change Pollution Water resource availability Feed availability Nutrient cycling Land degradation **Biodiversity** Environment

→ ADAPTATION

→ Capacity to respond to changes

Contribution to climate change

- 14.5% of all anthropogenic GHG emissions
- Beef production generates 6 times more GHG emissions per unit of protein than pork, chicken and eggs



Livestock emissions



Livestock emissions



Bringing it all together



Results

Decrease in emissions intensity arising from trypanosomosis removal



Production system

Source: MacLeod et al. (submitted)

Results

% change in emissions intensity



- Removal of trypanosomosis leads to significant increases in production and emissions across all the systems
- Production increases by more than emissions so EI decreases
- The biggest decrease in EI is in the high yield dairy systems
- Demonstrates a clear link between improving productivity and decreasing EI

In conclusion

'The fundamental interconnectedness of all things'



- Rapid demand growth for Animal Source Foods – particularly in developing and emerging economies
- The response of the livestock sector to this growth has major implications for global, interconnected, public goods
- This calls for integrated solutions to guide sector development along a sustainable pathway
- These are global issues and require global responses

Thank You !

