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REARING OF MALE GOATS (BUCKS) FOR BAKRI-EID:

A MORE PROFITABLE BUSINESS

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Abstract: *At 'India Livestock Farm' we select best growing male goat (buck) from a herd for Bakri-Eid purpose. Young goats and baby goats are reared at our farms. Breed wise selection is made especially for Eid-Ul-Azha and to fulfil the requirement of out selected regular customer's order. All booking of Kurbani goats for Bakri-Eid are made in well advance through our website, agents and customers. You can display your Kurbani Goats here with price tags, height, weight, and other useful information.*

Key words: Bakri (Eid-Ul-Azha), Male Goat/ Buck, Kurbani Goat.

Introduction:

Enclosed goat farming is mainly done for meat production. Male goats i.e. bucks of approximately 1 year of age, having no physical defects, having impressive body look/ constitution/physique are in generally great demand for Eid-ul-Azha/ Bakri-Eid by Muslim fraternity. Every year Muslims celebrate this festival with all pomp gaiety and ceremony by sacrificing a buck. That is why male Goat farming business in an enclosed way fetches a lot of income in short duration. So it is highly advised that all people doing male goat farming should rear their male goats by giving them special feed till 1 year and sell them for sacrifices of Kurbani at holy Muslim festival of Bakri- Eid.

Materials and Methods:

Special visits or trips were made to various different weekly cattle markets before 10 to 15 days of Bakri-Eid when bucks are in great demand for sacrifices of Kurbani during this holy festival. It has been observed that male goats/ bucks of approximately 1 year having attractive appearance, healthy physique and sometimes possessing some religious symbols like crescent and star on its forehead would fetch astounding prices not only in lakhs but in crores also. They can approximately weigh from 50 kg to 100 kg and more also.

Male Kurbani goat kids of 4 to 5 months old can be sold at Rupees. 4000 to 5000 only but if they are looked after properly, maintained their food or fodder in a better way for 1 year they can yield more than Rupees 12,000 to 15,000 i.e. twice or thrice more for sacrifices during the holy Muslim Festival of Bakri-Eid, his investment of Rs.1, 00,000/- will make him a millionaire and billionaire within three years.

Observations and Results:

Observations from such weekly market visits during this holy month of Bakri-Eid reveal that keeping and rearing Kurbani male goats/ bucks with special care / feed for 1 year can become a very good profitable agro based side business. It proves a best short duration more beneficial business for well-educated unemployed youth.

Conclusion:

The present study investigated unique aspect of this Enclosed Goat Farming Business. Anybody can do it with devotion, dedication, pursuance and hard work. This business can turn him to Millionaire and Billionaire.

Goat sellers have a reason to rejoice on the occasion of Eid-Ul-Azha commonly known as Bakri-Eid. This Muslim festival is all about sacrifice and it is believed to bring happiness and prosperity in people's lives. Goat sellers, who price their goats two and three times than the original cost, mark the most of the festivities.

You can buy goats for anything between Rupees, 10,000 to 5, 50,00, 000/- . Many devout Muslims are ready to pay any amount for these sacrificial goats.

The biggest goat market in Mumbai, at Deonar, near Kurla is abuzz with such stories. One of the stories going around is that veteran actor and superstar Dilip Kumars bought the costliest goat for Rs. 7.5 lakhs. If the goat sellers are to be believed that particular goat has a sign on its body, resembling the word **Allah** in Arabic.

If a person likes a particular goat, he will easily pay the amount even if that means paying double or sometimes triple the cost. Many people buy goats up to 1 or 2 lakhs. People rarely pay more than that, form Deonar market.

The daily diet of such goats includes milk, dry fruits, fresh fruits, wheat, maize, black gram (chana/ harbara) and green vegetables/ grass. They get a nice soft bed and are much pampered. Vsim Khan kept a Kurbani Goat named **Don** of 190 kg weight, height 4.5 and length 5 feet priced of 2,00.000/- rupees at in a luxurious flat at Sarda circle, Bhadrakali Area, Nasik. People are employed to fan it and take good care of it.

The cost of any goat depends on its height, weight, signs on its body and other such unique features. One goat seller has gone ahead and priced his goat at Rupees. 5.5 Croers, apparently because it has a sign that looks like the word **Mohammed** written in Arabic on its ear.

The goats come to Devnar market of Mumbai from all over India as people have preferences for goats from different states.

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