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STATUS OF BOVINE DISEASES IN INDIA – A REVIEW

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Abstract

The livestock industry success depends on health of the livestock and any compromise on health ground will shatter the hope of livestock sector. Various programmes launched by Government of India and other organizations to improve breeding, feeding and health status etc. have brought positive change in production and productivity in the country many fold but susceptibility to various diseases including exotic diseases has increased. Out of four pillars of animal husbandry i.e. breeding, feeding, management and disease control, the disease control is more important and most critical factor to make the livestock sector economically viable. To reduce the economic loss, the livestock sector should stand with reduction in cost of production to disease free production. The best example of this is failure of crossbreeding program in the country as crossbred cows were more prone to different diseases than our native breeds.

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