

ABSTRACT

A Profile of the Livestock farmers located in Southern Trinidad.

This project was undertaken to study the use of indigenous knowledge in livestock production. This research focuses on the Penal/Debe/Barrackpore region. This region is made up of several communities, most of which are rural and there is livestock production taking place.

Twenty five farmers were interviewed during the period of October to November 2009, and asked to complete questionnaires based around the use of indigenous knowledge in their livestock production, reasons why these methods were used and how effective these methods were in practise.

The results of the questionnaires showed that most of the farmers used indigenous knowledge in their livestock production because of the teachings of their parents, in the uses and implementation of these methods. The results from the questionnaires also showed that was some improvements which could be done to ensure that more recent developments in agriculture would not force indigenous knowledge to be forgotten.