

Extent of participation of rural women in decision making related to poultry farming

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ABSTRACT

The study was undertaken to know the participation of rural women in decision making related to poultry farming and to carry out the study, Jorhat district of Assam, was selected purposively. Eight villages under two Blocks were selected at random. Thus, total of 120 rural women were selected for the study. Findings revealed that out of the total respondents, 37.5% belonged to middle age group. Majority of the respondents (80.0%) were married, farming as main occupation (75.0%), had kutcha type of houses (56.7%) and belonged to nuclear families (68.3%). Fifty per cent of the respondents did not have membership in any formal and non-formal organizations. About 33.4% of respondents were found to have High School level of education. Findings revealed that about 80.00 per cent of the respondents took independent decision in keeping of nest boxes followed by cleaning of nest boxes (73.3%), breeding of birds (61.67%) and selection of feed (57.50%). A large percentage of the respondents took decision jointly in the activities such as identification of site (75.33%), quantity of produce to be marketed (70%) and disease control measure (67.50%). The data also revealed that there was no relationship between involvement in decision making and selected independent variables.