

Knowledge of rural women regarding improved dairy cattle management practices

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■ **ABSTRACT** : Rural women besides performing household and agriculture work have been traditionally and predominantly engaged in animal husbandry and dairy activities. Animal husbandry in rural areas is generally the job of women. Therefore, it is important to equip them with scientific knowledge regarding dairy cattle management practices to enable rural women to adopt required technologies for increasing milk production. For this, it is essential to assess the existing knowledge and practices of rural women with respect to recommended animal husbandry practices. Therefore, the present study entitled “Knowledge of rural women regarding improved dairy cattle management practices” was taken with the objectives to find out the knowledge of improved dairy cattle management practices by rural women. The study was conducted in Girwa tehsil of Udaipur district of Rajasthan. The sample consisted of 100 rural women from four villages of Girwa tehsil. Personal interview technique was used for collecting data from the respondents. Frequency, percentage and mean per cent score were used for analysis of data. Findings of the study revealed that the respondents had average knowledge about improved dairy cattle management practices as overall MPS was found to be 46.94. The respondents scored highest in the management component (64.0 MPS) followed by breeding (41.68MPS), feeding (52.57MPS) and least in health care with 28.44MPS.

■ **KEY WORDS**: Dairy cattle, Breeding, Feeding, Health care, Management

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