

# A study of gender and livestock in Assam

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■ **ABSTRACT** : Livestock management plays a key role in improving the rural economy of Assam like other developing countries of the world. Both the genders participated in livestock rearing, production and management. Out of them, women's participation in above said sector is critical as compared to men. But their contribution and involvement is not well documented and not considered as a paid work. The present research study had been designed to determine gender role, responsibility, access and control in livestock management activities of Assam. A multistage random sampling along with purposive sampling technique was used for selection of respondents. The total size of the sample was 1800 respondents both male and female belonging to 900 households. Data were collected with the help of interview schedule by personal interview method. The result of the study showed that majority of the activities related to livestock management were well performed by women but men's complete access was higher than women.

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