

Success Story - Name of Livestock Keeper: Sri. Ammed E.

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Sri. Ammad E, gulf returned businessman at Edavanad, Perambra, Kerala, is a progressive farmer having small land holding of 2.5 hectare, mainly coconut, paddy, plantation. He is the winner best farmer award in block level and panchayat level in 2015-16. He started goat rearing in 2010 as a small unit with three does to graze on weeds in his coconut plantation and for organic manure. Subsequently, he becomes a registered farmer under ICAR-AICRP on Malabari field unit. Now, he is rearing a unit of 18 Malabari goats and sells 6-7 kids for breeding purpose. He allows the goats to graze in coconut plantations for about 7 hours and feeds rice cruel, coconur oil cake, ground nut oil cake and maize bran. He also maintains a mini dairy cattle unit, buffaloe calves for meat purpose, backyard poultry and maintains a small bee keeping and vermicompost unit. Sri. Ammad E is following an integrated organic farming, utilizes the weed, straw and wild grasses in the plantation field to feed livestock and manure for the crop as well as fodder cultivation. He rotate the buck every two years and follows regular preventive deworming and vaccination. All animals are identified by ear tag to record their birth and body weight at monthly intervals. He is managing the waste well by properly composting it through vermicompost and also utilizes dung from by establishing bio-gas plant in the farm.

Sri. Ammad E incurred a cost of Rs.40,000/-, for rearing 18 goats, which gave gross and net returns of Rs.1,60,000/- and Rs.1,20,000/- respectively, for the year 2015-16. She earns 60% of income through sale of kids followed by 21% in milk and 19% by selling manure. The benefit cost ratio worked out based on net returns and cost of rearing was 2.5:1, which is a good achievement for small flock holder.

