

SUBJECT: AGRICULTURAL SCIENCE

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TOPIC: TYPES AND CLASSIFICATION OF FARM ANIMALS

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The rearing of animals began during the era of our forefather's. Their motive of keeping animals to satisfy their basic needs gave rise to animal husbandry.

#### TYPES OF FARM ANIMALS

There are different farm animals which are classified according to their usefulness or purposes. They can be classified into dairy animals, poultry animals, and animals used for transportation.

**DAIRY ANIMALS:** Dairy animals are animals that are reared in order to get milk from them. These animals can be found in almost all parts of the world. Examples are cow and goat.

**POULTRY ANIMALS:** Poultry is the activities of raising birds in order to get meat and eggs and other poultry products like feather, bone, etc. Poultry animals are chickens, turkeys, ducks, etc. They are always of high demand because of their tasty meat products which also have various health benefits.

**TRANSPORTATION ANIMALS:** These are animals that are used for conveying goods and people from one place to another. These animals include horses, donkeys, Camel, ass etc.

**MEAT PRODUCING ANIMALS:** These are animals that are reared majorly for the purpose of meat, sheep, cattle, etc. Meat from sheep is called mutton, meat from cattle is called beef and meat from goat is called chevon, meat from pig is called pork.

**COMPANION ANIMALS:** Animals like dogs, cats and aquarium fish make a great companion. Dog is best known for being faithful, loving and sincere toward their master; they can be trained easily and trusted.

#### CLASSIFICATION OF ANIMALS ACCORDING TO HABITAT

A habitat is any place where particular animal or plant species lives. Habitat is broadly divided into three main categories namely;

1. Terrestrial
2. Aquatic
3. Arboreal

- (1) **TERRESTRIAL HABITAT:** The word terrestrial from Latin word "terra" which means ground. Animals that live and move on the ground or land are called terrestrial animals. This habitat has a rapid fluctuation in temperature, moisture and climate. Terrestrial habitat is not uniform as

there are many barriers like deserts, mountains, rivers, etc. on it. Common terrestrial animals are pigs, sheep, goat, dogs, cattle, fowls etc.

- (2) **AQUATIC HABITAT:** The word aquatic was derived from the Latin word “aqua” which means water. Animals that live in water are known as aquatic animals. These animals live and breed in water. They can be classified as fresh water or marine animals .Animals that live in rivers, ponds ,lakes, streams etc. are called freshwater animals .the most well-known aquatic animals are fish, prawn, crayfish, lobster etc.
- (3) **ARBOREAL HABITAT:** The animals that live on the trees are called arboreal animals. A number of animals are tree dwelling (arboreal) like monkeys and squirrels.

#### FARM ANIMALS AND THEIR HABITATS

ANIMALS	EXAMPLES
1. Terrestrial	Cattles, sheep ,goat, pig, rabbit ,poultry, birds, etc.
2. Aquatic	Fish, crab, prawn, crayfish ,shrimp, lobster, etc.
3. Arboreal	Monkey, squirrels etc.

#### ASSIGNMENT

1. What are farm animals?
2. List and describe six types of farm animals
3. Name the habitat in which animals can be classified into.