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"Changing Pattern of Milk Production and Processing in Alleviating Poverty: A Case Study on Rural Dairy Farmers in Different Milk Marketing Agencies in Bangladesh"

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Abstract

Dairy sector in Bangladesh is mainly governed by the informal milk market. Most of the smallholder rural farmers produce milk for self-consumption and the surplus milk is sold either to the middle men or in the local market. The number of NGOs and private agencies is attracted to milk business based on the successful model of Bangladesh Milk Producers' Co-operative Union Ltd (BMPCUL) also known as Milk Vita. This study was carried to grasp the pattern of formal milk market expansion in Bangladesh in 2001 and 2017. It further aims to assess the contribution of different milk processing agencies in alleviating rural poverty. The Field survey was conducted at the household level in Sirajganj and Jessore districts to collect the primary data in 2001 and 2017. It is revealed that the farmers under cooperative dairy have free access to dairy services and have received the higher price for their products as compared to the dairy farmers under private agencies. However, the growth of milk production and market expansion of private milk processing agencies are found much faster than the BMPCUL. The main reasons for such growth and expansion of private agencies might be business motives, quick decision-making process, and the establishment of a smaller scale of processing centers in different locations.

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