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Mauritania's experience in the commercialization and valorization of camel milk production

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Mauritania, with its geographical position, is a Sahelian country whose climatic and socio-economic conditions make it a dromedary breeding country par excellence. The camelin population is estimated at 1.4 million heads for a population close to 3 million inhabitants. Dromedaries play an important role in the Mauritanian economy through their supply of meat and milk, transport and other services. With the urbanization and the population growth in the country are accompanied by an increase in demand for milk and dairy products. In recent years, we have seen the development of camelin breeding near large cities and urban centers. This developed peri-urban camelin system is for the marketing of milk which is highly prized by Mauritians. During the night, consumers go to the outlets to buy fresh camel milk sold on site. These points of sale are easily identifiable and are generally located on the roads of urban centers. In large cities such as Nouakchott and its periphery, there is a large estimated number of 2000 to 2,500 head of dromedaries, particularly for dairy production. In dromedaries, two milking per day are practiced after stimulation of the camel by the camel. The daily production is of the order of 8 to 10 liters at the rate of 4 to 5 liters / milking. Dairy females raised in these urban centers are selected and selected from the best dairy in pastoral areas. Some breeders prefer to sell directly to consumers for economic reasons (high price). However, large-scale livestock producers and cooperatives supply dairy farms that were established in the 1990s. These industrial companies supply the national market with a range of dairy products of camelin origin. The cameline sector in Mauritania, as a whole, suffers from a real lack of organization and the conditions of breeding are fragile. But the start-up of the Camelin Livestock Development Center in Mauritania, with the support and support of FAO, will constitute a new framework and a strategic vision to enhance the value of the sector.

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