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Performance of the small East African zebu and tyrolean grey zebu crosses in Uganda: an overview

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Abstract:

Livestock production contributes significantly to the economy of Uganda, generating income for farmers and boosting export revenues. The vast majority of livestock breeds, including the Small East African Zebu (SEAZ), are native to Uganda. The Small East African Zebu is highly endangered, despite its desirable quality of being resistant to diseases, parasites and other environmental stresses. In this paper, we give an overview of existing literature about SEAZ and Tyrolean Grey Zebu crosses. Literature was reviewed, and a thematic synthesis was made on these. The findings show that this breed is mainly found in the North, East and Central Uganda. It also emerges that farmers prefer the crossbred Tyrolean Grey Zebu (TGZ), due to their high milk production and fast growth rate. Comprehensive studies on the performance of these animals in different agroecological zones are needed to inform breeding programmes in Uganda.

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