

An Economic Study of the Production and Marketing of Rabbits in the New Land

The importance of developing & differentiating meat production sources in A. R. E are increasing recently where the problem of food supply considered an important side of the food safety issue of what the Egyptian market are facing from increasing the demand on meat and the disability of the local market to provide the Egyptian consumer needs. This study aims to stress the light on the most criteria's for the rabbits meat production & marketing at the new agricultural lands & that, for solving the meat shortage problem in Egypt, also studying & analyzing the special relations of the production & marketing also the influences to stand on the most important criteria's of both the production, marketing & then giving the recommendations of minimizing the production & marketing costs to provide the product of the rabbit meat with low prices & that, happened by field study & personal meetings with the rabbit's producers, distributors & the rabbit's market. The study contains six chapters, an introduction containing the study problem, its goals, the research method & the information sources. The first chapter is introducing the reference show for the special latest studies on the rabbit's production & marketing. The second chapter contains the rabbit production in Egypt from 1990 to 2004. The evaluation value of the animal production in the new & the old lands & totally for the region are successively 2247, 45985 & 48232 million Egyptian pounds by the year 2004 and it was clear that there is an increase in the value by the rate of 251.7, 1137.9 & 14213.5 million Egyptian pound corresponding about 3.5, 4.4 & 6.12 % successively through the study period from 1990 to 2004 and we were able to study the value & the quantity of the red, white & rabbit meat since it was noticed that the value of those types of meat was multiplied by about 4.8, 5.3 & 8.3 times successively for the year 2004 since that the year 1990 was the base year and the annual increase average for the value of the red meat reaches 43291.7 thousand Egyptian pound / year through the studying period & the relative change average reaches about 14.1%, while the annual average for the white meat value had increased reaching about 58127.8 thousand Egyptian pound / year & the annual increase average for rabbits meat reaches about 4243.4 Egyptian pound / year & the annual change average reaches about 18.2% through the study period. Also it was discovered that the quantity of the red, white & rabbits meat had multiplied by the value of 3.04, 1.84 & 3.8 times successively at the year 2004 compared by the year 1990. And we can notice that the relative change average for the Quantity of the red, white & rabbits meat were multiplied by about 6.71%, 7.85% & 9.79% successively through the study period, And by studying (all) the rabbits production farms and its productive power at the level of all the region governorate at the year 2004 Sharkia governorate comes at the 1st class by a rate of about 42% of the whole region after that Kalyobia comes at the 2nd class by a rate of 17.6% then Cairo at the 3rd class by the rate of 14.9% then Nubaria 4th class by the rate of 6.8% of the whole region & it also comes at the 1st class considering the new lands rabbits meat production & at last at the 5th class Port Said comes by the rate of 3.5% of the whole Egyptian production by the year 2004. And by studying the most important spreaded rabbits kinds in Egypt it was discovered the success of the desert rabbit race on the other local races at the offspring weight at the time of born, wean & the body weight after the weaning to the age of 12 week, the adult weight & the slaughtered character while the desert race performance alike the imported races like the Nueseland type & Californian type at the character of the born weight inside the mother at the birth & wean, also the growth rates after weaning to the sexual

maturity age & the death rates & nutritive change from the wean to the age of 12 weeks and its ability to high temperature sustainability. By studying the rabbit production systems the conclusion is that there is a differentiation between the rabbit's production systems related to the purpose, breeding system & the production. They are divided into three. 1. The traditional system & this system happens by a randomly, traditionally by leaving the fertilizing process long period & the production is in a non uniform way & the parturition average for one mother is in between 2 to 3 born / one reproductive season. 2. Semi intensive production system & this system happens by a uniform way the parturition average for one mother is in between 4 to 5 born / one reproductive season. 3. Intensive production system & this system is depending on the high investment, production can be uniform the parturition average for one mother is in between 7 to 9 born / one reproductive season. By studying the climatic conditions & its effect on the rabbit's production, high temperature which is considered one of the important & effective environmental factors in the rabbit projects production especially for the small breeder who haven't the ability to supply enough money needed to build the conditioned closed rooms, as it was concluded that the heat balance suited the rabbits is in between 38.6 & 40.1 Celsius degree. By studying the rabbit's feed sources the conclusion is that the rabbits are characterised by its high ability to benefit from the hard silage due to its digestive system nature which have the characters of both of the ruminant & the non-ruminant animals, and the developing rabbits needs between 100 to 110 gm. daily, while the daily feed consumption rate for the pregnant rabbits is 150 gm. & the daily feed consumption rate for the suckling mothers is 180 gm. It was concluded by most researchers all over the world from the latest studies that the breeders use non traditional silage sources due to materials abundant all the year round and its low prices. The 3rd chapter shows the sample taking method which including choosing the rabbits production farms at the new lands & nubaria zone had been chosen and there are three areas which are west nubaria, basatin (gardens) & bangar el sokar (sugar bean). The total sample had reached 125 farms distributed on three farm categories: 1. Big farms which are only 10 farms of the total sample. 2. Intermediate farms. 3. Small farms. A questionnaire form had been prepared then this study data had been collected through personal meeting with the farmers through the productive season 2004 — 2005. The 4th chapter including the economical & statistical estimation of the production & cost function at the farm sample depending on the measurements of the normal, repeat, correlation & regression models for the production function. At the field research samples at nubaria zone on the linear shape & the duplicated logarithmic shape also there is a comparison happens between these shapes. To choose the better for the economical & statistical known criteria for the whole sample. 1st: The statistical & economical analysis for the rabbits production information (data). It was clear that the most effective production factors on the rabbit production at the big farms through the productive season 2004 -2005. Therefore we can notice that increasing the veterinary drugs, number of trained labour by a unit value with the stability of the other effective factors on the production leads to increasing in the production while increasing the feeding quantity leads to decrease in the production therefore it is clear from this that the labour amount affects the rabbit production in the new land farms. Also we can notice that the most effective factor on the total production of the intermediate farms is that the increase of rabbits number, the feeding quantity & the labour leads to an increase in the production. This shows clearly the role of the labour quantity in an indication for the rabbits farms in the study sample. While for the small farms we could notice that the increase in the veterinary drugs & trained labour quantity lead to an increase in the production & this shows the important role of the labour, drugs percentage & vaccines as a determinant of the farm production at the sample. 2nd: The statistical & economical productive cost analysis for the sample farms. It was clear that the most effective productive elements on the different productive farm cost are: •feeding •human labour •veterinary care & vaccines •disinfectant drugs. By estimating total production cost functions we can notice that the meat quantity which can minimize the total production cost in the big farms is about 11.630 tons & it was clear that between ten farms in the sample there is only four of them having this level of production, the level which can maximize the profit is 24.236 one farm of the ten big farms can achieve this level. While in the intermediate farms we could notice that the level which minimize the total production cost is about 7.154 tons we can find eight farms can achieve this level out of fifty intermediate farms inside the sample, the level

which can maximize the profit is 10.672 tons / farm thirty farms out of fifty farms intermediate farm can achieve this level or more inside the sample. While in the small farms we can notice that the level which can minimize the cost is 0.787 tons only five farms out of sixty five farms can achieve this level & the level which can maximize the profit is 0.899 tons /farm and actually we can't find any farm in the sample achieve this level .The 5th chapter was specialized in studying the marketing activity performance for rabbits samples at the research through many point :1.The marketing ways2.Marketing difference3.Marketing costs4.Marketing performance5.Marketing problems & producers opinions to overcome it6.The suitable marketing way for rabbits marketing at the new landsAnd the study had concluded that the marketing differences had reached it's minimum level at the biggest farms as it is calculated by about 2.35 Egyptian pound / 1 kgm. While it had reached the maximum at the smallest farms which is (65 farms in the sample the majority are for new graduates) the market margin is calculated by about 4.55 Egyptian pound /1 kgm. While at the intermediate farms it was calculated by about 3.1 Egyptian pound /1 kgm .By calculating the marketing performance for the rabbits farms in the studying sample at Nubaria zone at the productive season 2004/2005 it reaches about 70.9% ,66% & 65.4% and that's for the big , moderate & small farms successively &it is clear that the marketing efficiency of the small farms is low.By introducing the marketing problems for the rabbits production farms at the new lands it was clear after collecting & classifying it according to their importance that :•The problem of increasing the silage prices has occupied the 1st place•Then the absence of the well trained workers•Then the problem of increasing the drugs & vaccines prices•Then the transportation problem•Then the marketing information shortage•Then the diffusion absence of the rabbits producers associations•Then the problem of marketing processes (collecting, sorting & packing)•Finally the problem of money supply•& many other problems like increasing the supply•Packing badness comes• at the last place of these problemsBy analyzing the opinions of the rabbit's farm producers at the research sample to improve the marketing process we concluded that it is collected at :•Increasing silage production factories.•Providing the prevention programs to prevent the diseases spread .•Providing training programs for the rabbit's breeder & worker.•forming associations for the rabbits producers•Controlling the market by putting suitable statutes.•Providing automatic slaughterhouses & refrigerators.•Constriction of rabbits meat production & manufacturing factories.•Encouraging the investment in the rabbit's meat sector & giving easy loans.•Working on increasing the marketing promotion.The 6th chapter including the feasibility study of a rabbit's productive farm containing 100 mothers.It includes also another feasibility study for a silage production factory by using non traditional feeding.