DEDICATION

This work is dedicated to:

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- The soul of my late brother (Mohamed), May the Almighty Allah include him in His Mercy,
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ABSTRACT

This study aimed at studying the socio-economic characteristics of dairy producers, analyzing the characters of dairy breeds herds and investigating costs, returns and profits gained from dairy production in Hillat Kuku Area. Non-probability sampling technique was used to collect data from 60 milk producers in the study area, by means of a well set questionnaire. Descriptive statistics and partial budget techniques were used to reach to the stated objectives.

The results revealed that; most of the farmers had low educational level, high experience in dairy production and depended solely on dairy production for their living. The herd structure composed of 22% male and 78% female. Herd structure of female groups reflected very poor and an inefficient manner of herd composition, hence negatively reflected in the production costs. Herd characters of the hybrid breeds (hybrid Kenana-Frisian, and/or Butana-Frisian) which are mainly used in the study area reflected an improvement in this sector in terms of milk production 8, lactation period, calving interval and age at first calving. On the other hand, animal feeding and labors were the most costly items of dairy production. Results also revealed that dairy industry has positive and encouraging profit to invest in.

Mixed-farming, extensive extension program to enlighten producers about the optimal herd structure and adoption of technology should be used to improve this sector.

الخلاصة

هدفت هذه الدراسة لدراسة الخصائص الا قتصادية والاجتماعية لمنتجى الالبان, و تحليل تركيبة , وخصائص قطيع الالبان وتحليل التكاليف والعوائد والارباح في منطقة حلة كوكو. استخدمت االعينة غير العشوائية في الحصول علي البيانات من 60 منتج البان بمنطقة الدراسةو ذلك عن طريق الاستبانة. استخدم اسلوب التحليل الاحصائى الوصفى و الميزانية الجزئية للوصول لاهداف المذكورة.

أظهرت النتائج أن معظم المزارعين تلقوا تعليم بسيط ولهم خبرة عالية في إنتاج الألبان ويعتمدون على تربية الابقار كمهنة رئيسة في معيشتهم. يتكون القطيع من (22%) ذكور و (78%) إناث. تعكس تركية قطيع الاناث الضعف و عدم الكفاءة الامر الذي ينعكس سلباً علي تكاليف الانتاج. عكست تركيبة القطيع الهجين (كنانة + فرزين او بطانة + فرزين) المستخدمة عادة في منطقة الدراسة تحسن في هذا القطاع في ما يتعلق بانتاج الالبان و فترة الحليب و فترة بين الولادتين و العمر عند اول ولدة للبقرة. من جهة اخري فقد شكلت تكلفة التغذية أعلي بند تكاليف حيث ساهم مساهمة م قدرة في التكاليف الكية. تمثلت التكاليف الاخري تنازلياً في العمالة، الادوات والمعدات،الخدمات العلاجية والو قائية،حجر الملح.

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Abbreviations

AOAD: Arab Organization for Agricultural Development

CBS: Central Bureau of statistics

FAO: Food and Agricultural Organization

GDP: Gross Domestic Product

HAC: High Advisory committee

MAR: Ministry of Agricultural and Natural Resource

SD: Sudanese Pound

SPSS: Statistical Package for Science social

TDN: Total Dry Nutrient