
Introduction

Improved animal health is becoming increasingly important worldwide, because of its effect on farm economy, animal welfare and food safety. The precondition for monitoring, elaboration and implementation of measures to improve animal health and reduce the use of antimicrobials are reliable health data. The main difficulty in setting up such systems is that many different parties are involved and need to cooperate. Precondition of success is the benefit of the parties involved. Systems set up in cooperation with the legal bodies as well as different parties offer the possibility to use synergies and be of higher effectiveness. The aim of the International Committee for Animal Recording (ICAR) is to promote the development and improvement of the activities of performance recording and the evaluation of farm livestock. As an international, non-profit body ICAR can serve as a platform to share information and knowledge. The main emphasis within this conference was on aspects of logistics of data recording as well as motivation and benefit of different parties and the community.

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