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To  
The Editor,  
Sir,

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I request that the following message may kindly be published in your esteemed daily:

**KHARIF FORAGE DAY at TNAU**

Department of Forage Crops, Centre for Plant Breeding and Genetics, Tamil Nadu Agricultural University, Coimbatore has organized an observance of Kharif forage day on 9<sup>th</sup> September 2022.

Dr. Ravikesavan, Director Centre for Plant Breeding and Genetics welcomed the gathering. Dr. M.K. Kala Rani, Director Crop Management Studies, Dr. M. Shanthi, Director Centre for Plant Protection Studies, and Dr. R. Perumalsamy, Joint Director of Animal Husbandry, Coimbatore delivered the Felicitation addresses.

Honourable Vice Chancellor of Tamil Nadu Agricultural University Dr. V. Geethalakshmi, inaugurated the auspicious function and in her inaugural address emphasized the importance of green fodder in livestock productivity and livelihood of rural population. Moreover, in her speech she also highlighted that the number of cattle is around 5360 lakhs and 206 lakh liters of milk is produced by Tamilnadu cattle growers in which 90% of milk produced is by small, marginal and landless farmers. Currently milk production is 4% and it can be increased upto 7% by providing nutritional fodder to the milching cows.

This workshop will pave a way for the line departments, private milk producers and animal growers to achieve the targeted growth. University officials, officials from Animal husbandry, officials from Aavin and Hutsun participated in the function.

About 60 milk producers and cattle growers of different parts of Tamilnadu have benefited out of the awareness programme on improved varieties of fodder crops, their cultivation and preservation techniques. Apart from this, students have also participated in the function and got sensitized about the significance of green fodder in livestock productivity.

Farmers and students were exposed with the nutritional forage cafeteria established at department of forage crops. Dr. K. N. Ganesan Professor and Head delivered the vote of Thanks. Scientists of the Department of forage crops made all the arrangements for the successful conduct of the Kharif forage day.

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