

Research & Extension Division

Mandate

- Formulate policies related to livestock research and extension;
- Function as technical authority to steer livestock research and extension programs;
- Coordinate, prioritize and set research agenda;
- Mobilize resources and build capacity to strengthen livestock research and extension; and
- Deliver research services with efficiency.

Functions of Research and Extension Division

- Develop policies and strategic plans for livestock research and extension;
- Prepare annual work plan and budget to meet relevant Key Result Areas;
- Scrutinize all research proposal for clearances;
- Organize national level coordination workshop, training, symposium and conferences related to livestock research;
- Conduct research for strengthening government policy so as to improve system efficiency;
- Prepare policy briefs and impact assessment reports related to research;
- Oversee functioning of Commodity and Disciplinary Research Centres and affiliated farms;
- Facilitate development of vital infrastructures and facilities needed for livestock research;
- Mobilize resources for financing research and extension programs;
- Promote collaboration with national and international

- research organizations;
- Produce high quality and specialised inputs; and
- Monitor and evaluate livestock research and extension programs.

Functions of Research Section

- Assist the division on development of research policies, strategies and plans;
- Prepare annual work plan and budget to meet the SKRAs;
- Coordinate with Commodity and Disciplinary Research Centres and affiliated farms to issue technical clearances for research proposals;
- Make technical analysis and encourage innovative research at Commodity and Disciplinary Research Centres and affiliated farms;
- Coordinate to prepare project proposals to mobilize fund for livestock research;
- Coordinate national and international trainings, workshops, seminars, and symposiums;
- Facilitate meetings to harmonize and standardize research agendas of assigned commodities;
- Support to build networks and linkages with relevant national and international research institutions;
- Develop and implement effective mechanism for monitoring and evaluation of research programs; and
- Produce periodic reports, highlights and publish Bhutan

Journal of Animal Science annually.

Functions of Extension Section

- Assist the division on development of extension policies, strategies and plans;
- Oversee dissemination of research technologies in close collaboration with Regional Livestock Development Centers;
- Prepare annual work plan and budget to meet the SKRAs;
- Coordinate to organize national and international workshops, trainings, seminars and symposiums;
- Facilitate innovative research technology packaging for its efficient dissemination;
- Monitor progress and produce periodic technical and financial reports, extension manuals and technology transfer guidelines;
- Assist the division to build up networks and linkages with relevant institutions; and
- Support and liaise with National Center for Animal Health to maintain e-library and scientific information repositories.