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Sustainability of Dairy Production Systems

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Dairy production systems are highly diverse between and within countries and regions. These production systems can be categorized by different variables, such as confinement or grazing outdoors, high output or low output, conventional or organic, and extensive or intensive. Dairy farmers are facing a number of challenges today. Demands for a lower environmental impact, more animal welfare, and less intensive production need to be balanced with the pressures from market liberalization and the achievement of adequate income for producers. Given the social, economic, and environmental performance of dairy production in the different countries and regions, the shift towards more sustainable systems is a key challenge. In this regard, both sectoral and territorial perspectives are relevant to develop integrated solutions for a future-proof dairy production. This requires farmers to assess their resource dependencies and vulnerabilities, to explore market opportunities, and to identify roles to be played by other partners in the dairy value chains. More details at:

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