



The Management Of Buffalo Breeding In Hungary

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In This Presentation...

The authors presented the management of buffalo breeding and the main features of keeping and feeding conditions of Hungarian buffalo populations.



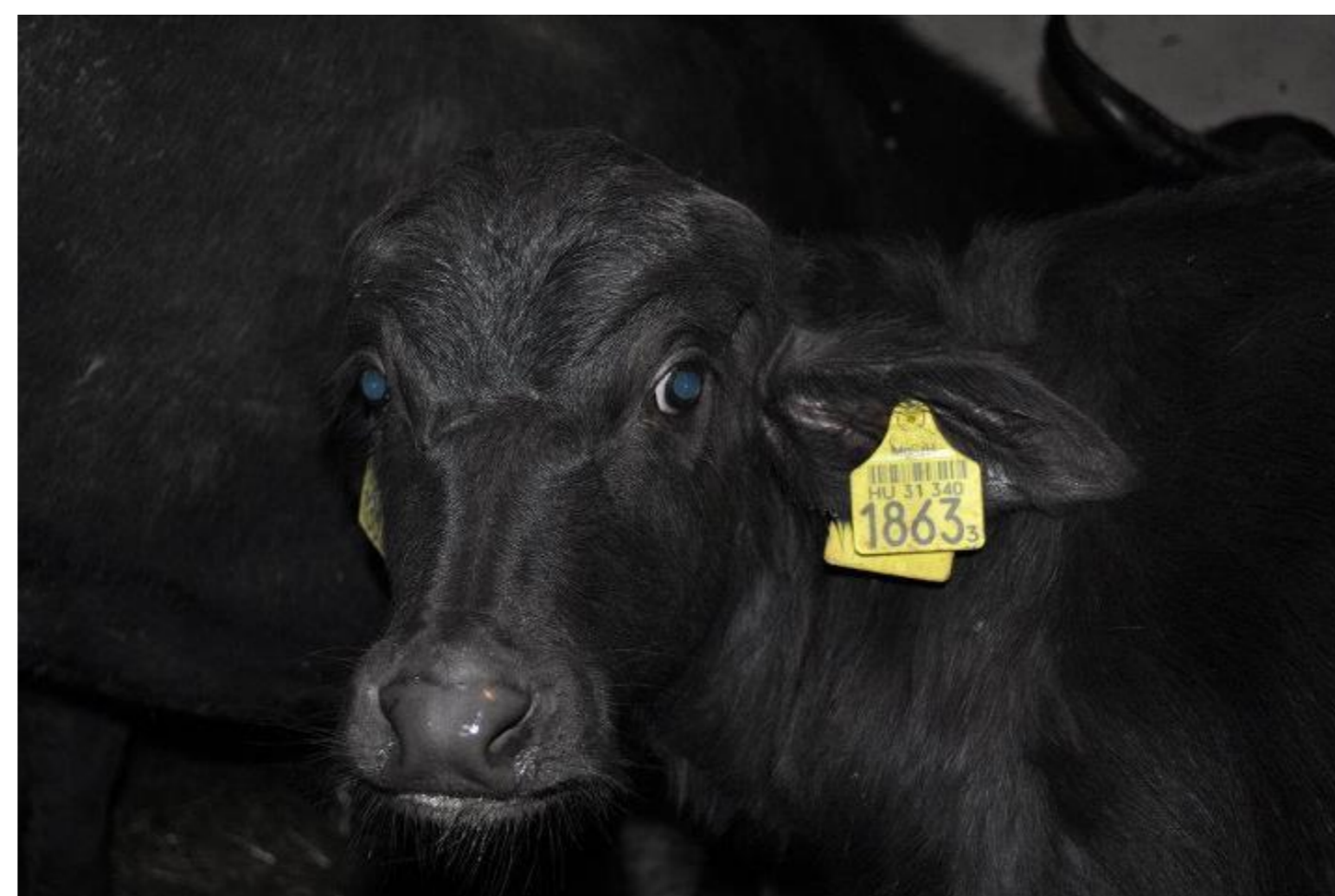
Some Words About Buffalo



My Observation

was made on 3 different farms:

1. Kápolnapuszta (National Park, about 150 heads with calves)
2. Virágoskút (dairy farm, only this is the one milking stock in Hungary, 72 heads)
3. Elekmajor (bred for meat purpose, about 70 heads)



... Conditions On The Farms

- The animals are kept on the pasture the most part of the year*
- The buffalo is well adapted to extreme weather conditions (for example: Virágoskút dry hot summer)*
- In winter supplementary feed (alfalfa hay, grass hay, oat hulls) is required to provide for the animals*
- The milking stock were given grass, grass-hay, alfalfa-hay and concentrate*

Results...



... Some Facts About Buffaloes

- The length of productive life of buffalo is 10-15 years in Hungary, the main culling causes can be tracked back to reproductive and locomotion problems*
- The behaviour and temperament of buffaloes affect the habitat and keeping conditions, the temperament of dairy herd seems to be calmer than that of non-dairy animals.*
- The wallowing is a typical behaviour form of buffalo in wet, marshy area*
- The price of buffalo milk and meat are twice as much as the price of cow milk*

Conclusion

- These findings suggest that the buffalo breeding has some advantages in Hungary.*

