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Livestock in the balance

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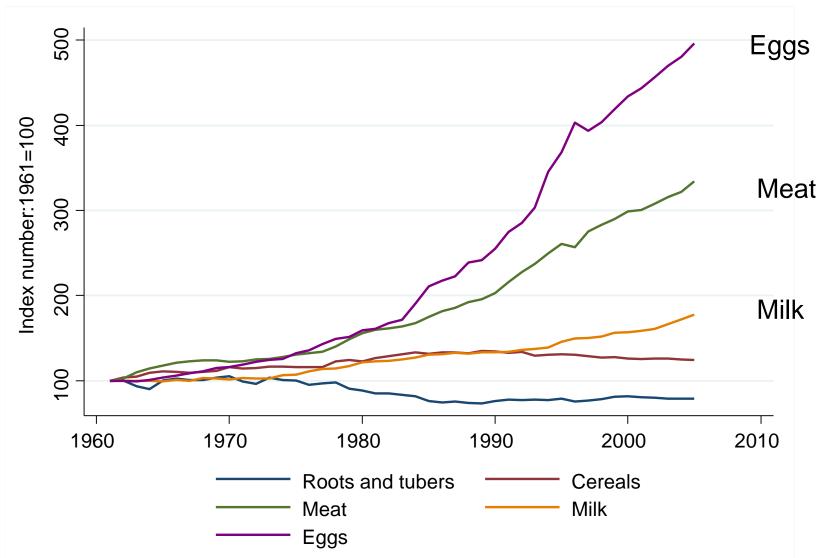


Importance of livestock

- · Large, growing, dynamic sector
- Public goods at risk
 - Livelihoods and food security
 - Natural resources and the environment
 - Animal diseases and human health
- Needs better policies, institutions and regulations
- Conflicts and trade-offs

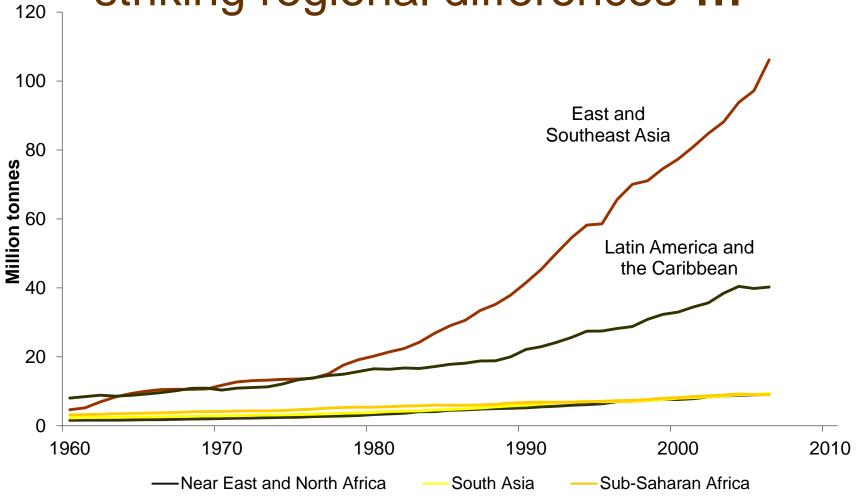


Consumption is growing rapidly in developing countries ...

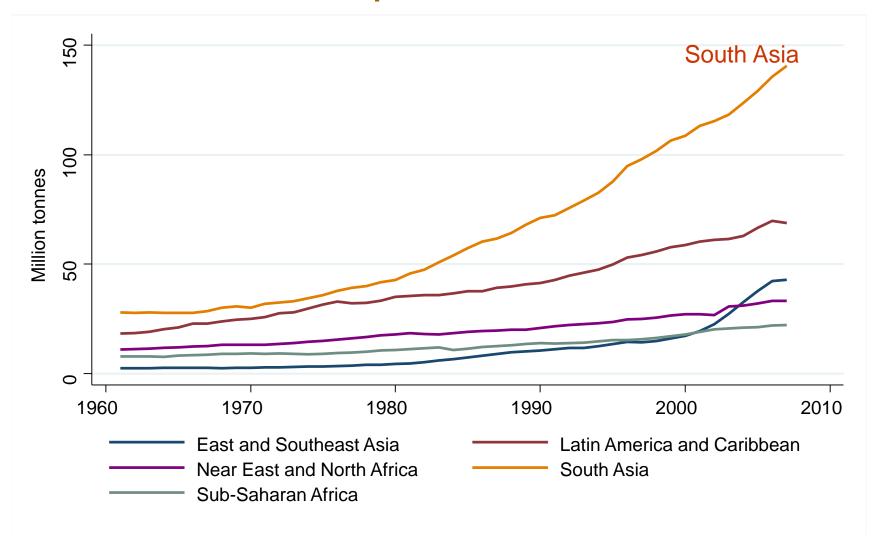


Per caput consumption of major food items in developing countries – kg per caput per year (index numbers 1961=100)

Meat production is growing, with striking regional differences ...



... but South Asia dominates growth in milk production



Livelihoods and food security

- Livelihoods
 - 1 billion people keep livestock
 - 60 percent of rural households
 - livestock have multiple functions
- Food supply
 - 15 percent of dietary energy
 - 25 percent of protein supply



Food Security: what can we do?

- Support smallholders with policy and institutional reform, capacity building, technological innovation and investment
- Recognize and protect the safetynet role played by livestock
- Ease the transition out of the sector





Natural resources and the environment

- 30 percent of all land
- 80 percent of agric. land
- 8 percent of global freshwater resources
- 18 percent of GHG emissions

Environment: what can we do?

- Correct market distortions and policy failures
 - regulatory frameworks
 - payment for environmental services
 - other market-based mechanisms and institutions
 - taxes and fees
- Technology to increase resource use efficiency
- Certification schemes, product labeling



ANIMAL DISEASES



Economic risks

- -productivity
- -markets
- -livelihoods

Human health

- -pandemic disease
- -endemic disease
- -food borne illness



Human well-being

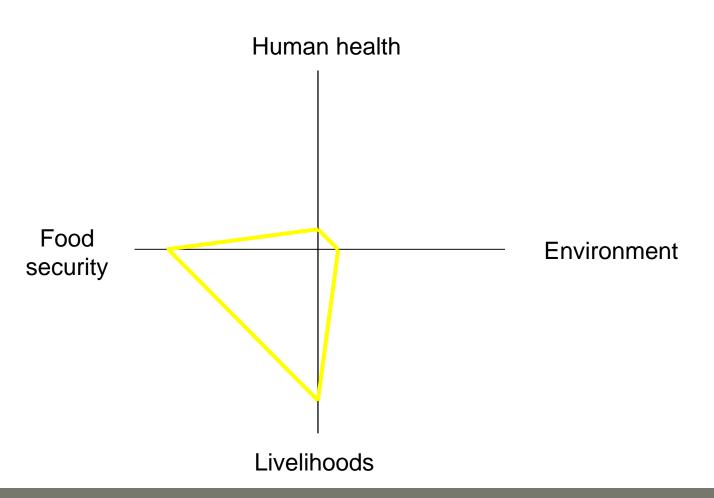
Animal and human health: what can we do?

- Manage the location of livestock
- Early warning systems
- Engage the poor
- Multi-disciplinary integration of approaches (eg. One Health)

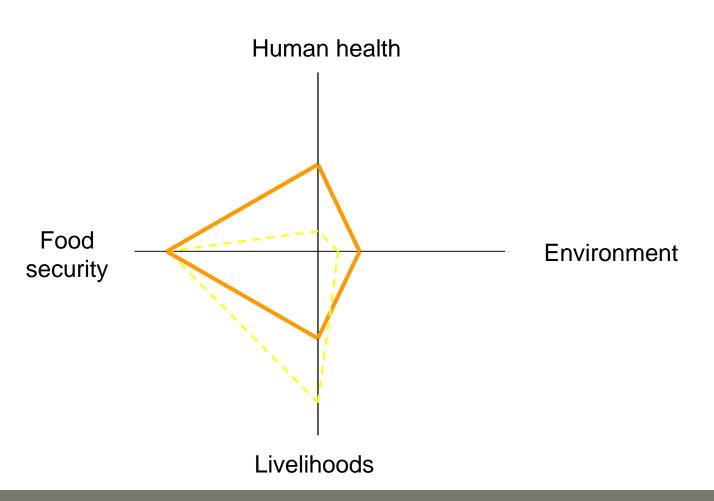


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- Food security
- Environment and natural resources
- Human health

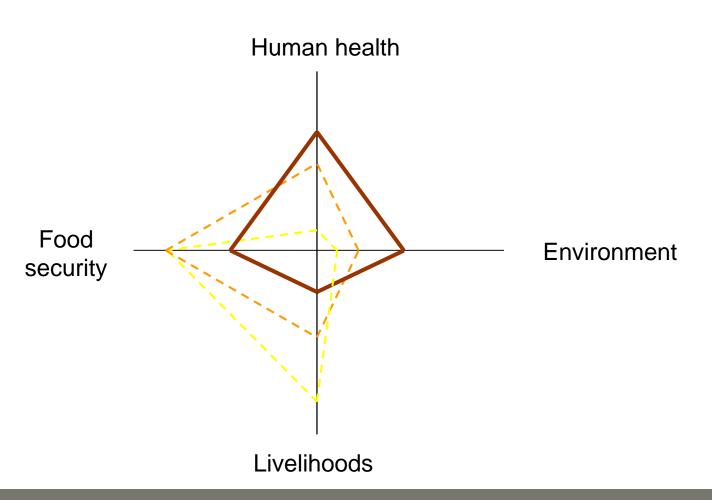




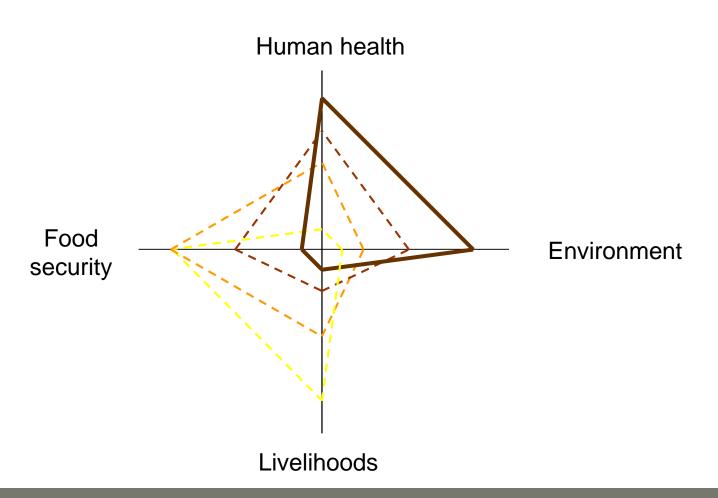




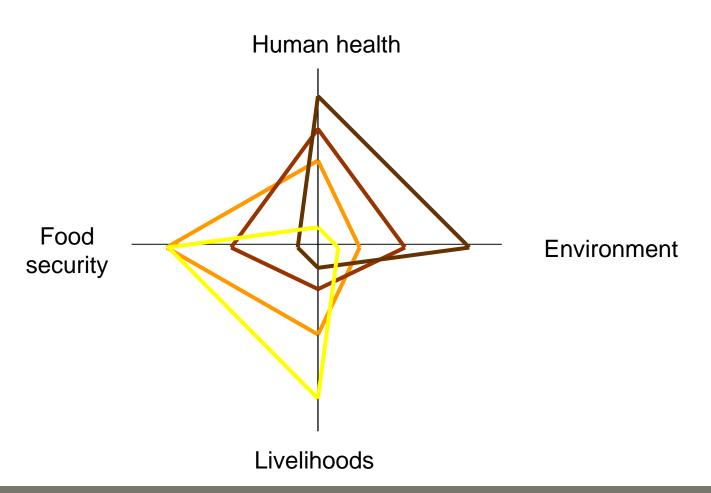










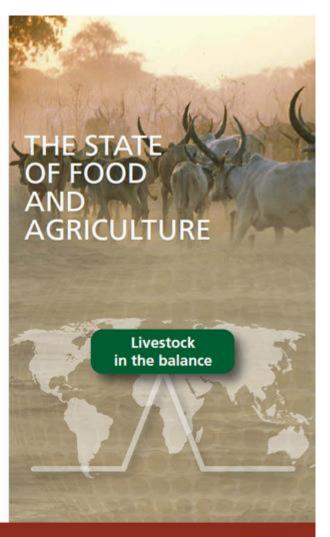




Why the impasse?

- Pace of change
- Political battlefield: conflicts and trade-offs
- Dichotomous nature of the livestock sector





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