

THE IMPACT OF EXTENSION SERVICES ON THE PERFORMANCE OF THE PRODUCTIVE FAMILIES PROJECTS OF POULTRY IN THE GEZIRA STATE (SUDAN)

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Abstract: *A study was done to evaluate the impact of extension on the performance of the productive families of poultry in the Gezira State. It was found that the productive families were centered in and around Wad Medani town. About 70% of them were directed by mature males and 90% of them were highly educated. About 75% of the productive families were under advice and supervision of the extension veterinary services. They showed optimum performance in all aspects of the recommended technical management practices of poultry production. It was recommended that extension clubs or groups should be initiated and sustained to receive extension, secure loans and cooperate in production and marketing for the productive families in the Gezira State.*

INTRODUCTION

Poultry Production has become one of the biggest agricultural industries in Sudan. Elsheikh (1984) give types of poultry production in Sudan in five major categories were:-

1. Governmental farms, county farms and Animal Production Administration farms.
2. Large-scale productive farms having large capitals and they were centered in or around Khartoum State .
3. Medium- size poultry farms also allocated in and around Khartoum State.
4. Small farms having a capacity of 1000-5000 layer birds scattered all around the country regions.