

Need/issue: Grassland and grazing management

Aim: Improve grazing routes, remember points of interest in the grazing routes, remember best grazing grounds for next year, cooperate with other farmers grazing in the same region.

How to implement:

- GPS technology can be utilised through commercial animal tracking equipment or a smartphone on the farmer accompanying the animals.
- The routes can be transferred to online maps and combined with different flocks.



Description:

- Documenting and logging grazing routes and spots can be an important tool to improve both the herds productivity as well as the sustainable management of the grazelands.
- In areas grazed by several flocks sometimes it is very difficult to communicate a common management of grazing areas.
- Modern, low cost and easily accessible equipment can be used to visualize and manage grazing routes and areas.























Expected benefits:

Better grazing management, improved grazing areas, multi-flock management and cooperation.

Each farmer can pinpoint locations of interest on their route, such as water sources, resting areas, possible dangers and areas with good vegetation.

Prerequisites and/or limits:

The farmer's basic understanding of the technology used could be a limit but can be easily taught.

A smartphone with GPS technology is required, which is common even on the cheapest ones.

Topic:

Health

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Nutrition

Management

Level of solution:

Knowledge

X

Practical

Country: Greece

Dairy or/and meat sheep: Meat and dairy sheep

Category of Animal (ewe, replacement, lamb):

Source of information:

https://academic.oup.com/tas/article/2/1/81/4824982

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