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Camel Keepers' in Ethiopia at a Glance

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Camel's milk could hit UK shelves

Camel's milk could become the latest super food to hit the shelves of health food shops and upmarket retailers.



Camel's milk is thought of as nectar in many Arab countries

The United Nations is calling for the milk, which is rich in vitamins B and C and has 10 times more iron than cow's milk, to be sold to the West.

Camel's milk, which is slightly saltier than traditional milk, is drunk widely across the Arab world and is well suited to cheese production.

Harrods and Fortnum & Mason are said to be interested in the product.

As well as its high mineral and vitamin content, research has suggested that antibodies in camel's milk can help fight diseases like cancer, HIV/Aids Alzheimer's and hepatitis C.

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UN Food and Agriculture Organisation

And work is on-going to see whether it can have a role in reducing the effects of diabetes and heart disease.

The UN's food arm, the Food and Agriculture Organisation (FAO), wants producers in countries from Mauritania to Kazakhstan to start selling camel's milk to the West.

It hopes donors and investors will help develop the market.

'Humps in production'

Meat and dairy expert at the FAO Anthony Bennett said: "The potential is massive. Milk is money."

He said there were 200 million potential customers in the Arab world and tens of millions more in Europe, the Americas and Africa.

He suggested the market could be worth at least £5.6 billion although improvements are needed along the supply chain.

"No one's suggesting intensive camel dairy farming, but just with improved feed, husbandry and veterinary care daily yields could rise to 20 litres," he added.

And since fresh camel milk fetches roughly a dollar a litre on African markets it would mean serious money for the

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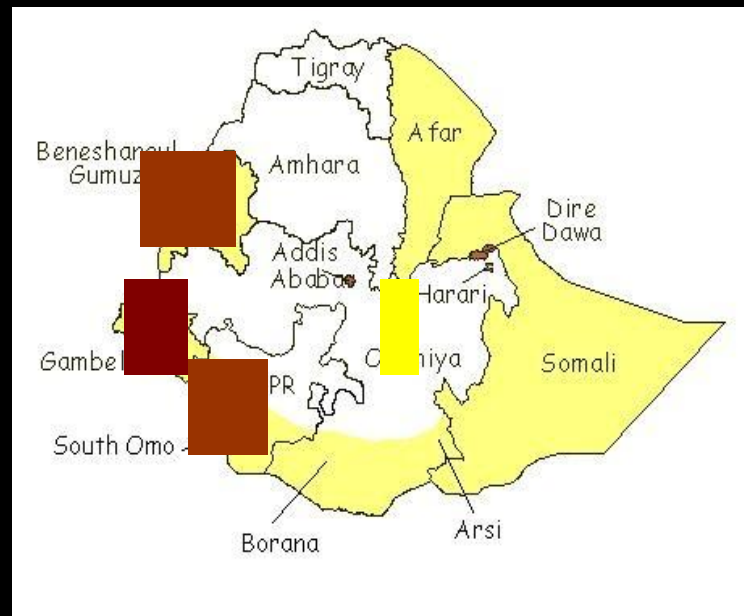
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PASTORAL MAP OF ETHIOPIA

Camel Keepers'

- 🏠 Pastoralists owned camels in Ethiopia
- 🏠 Pastoralism is a way of life and livelihood system for more than 10 million pastoralist in Ethiopia
- 🏠 The population of camels is estimated to 3 millions
- 🏠 Mainly consists pastoralist asset
- 🏠 **ALL PURPOSE ANIMAL:**used for milk, transportation, meat, spiritual and social purpose, and draught



Camels in Afar (Ethiopia)



Summary of camel death in 2005/2006 outbreak in Oromia Region

S/n	District	Camel population	Death reported	Treatment given
1	Fentale	91,482	400	11,326
2	Mieso	19,525	44	-----
3	Gola Oda	65,647	200	807
4	Meyu Muluke	3,705	25	339
5	Chinaqsen	-----	6	-----



A camel calf that lost its mother during milking in Boset, 2005



Dead camel slaughtered for examination



Intestinal hemorrhage

NOTE: The cause of death not yet known

Key policy gaps

- q Lack of vaccination and inadequate health care
- q Inadequate implementation instruments/tools (Article 40:5)(PADEP)
- q Use of aggregated data for development performance evaluation



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