

Can Private Veterinarians Survive in Uganda?

This chapter examines animal health priorities and patterns of consumption for livestock producers in two representative districts of southern Uganda and contrasts producer priorities with the priorities and work patterns of the veterinary service community. It concludes that no significant damage to livestock production in Uganda is likely to result from privatization, because producers and veterinarians have very similar priorities for animal health. However, full veterinarians will need to adapt their practices to the new realities of privatization if they are to survive in competition with paraprofessional animal health practitioners because producers will pay extra only for what practitioners actually do, not for their level of training.