

Training Programme on “Organic Livestock Production Certification” for Auditors of Rajasthan State Seed and Organic Production Certification Agency (ROCA) concluded on 22nd, June, 2018

A five day's training programme on **“Organic Livestock Production Certification”** organized by the Joint Directorate of Extension Education, IVRI, Izatnagar during 18.6.2018 to 22.6.2018.

And sponsored by the Rajasthan State Seed and Organic Production Certification Agency (ROCA), Rajasthan for Auditors of ROCA concluded today (22nd June, 2018). On the occasion of the Concluding function of the training programme, Dr. Mahesh Chander, JDEE (Act.) and Course Director of the course enlightened the participants about the organic movement world over. He emphasized the need to develop new capacities for the new demands generated by the system. Addressing the auditors of the ROCA, he stressed on the need for enhancing their competencies in livestock certification. He said that although the officers are involved in organic crop certification, but with regards to livestock they need to build their capacities. This training programme was the first step towards their competency building. He motivated the auditors to implement the ideas and knowledge learnt during these five days training.

Initially Dr Rupasi Tiwari, Course coordinator of the training programme appraised about the five day rigorous customized training schedule, which was very much versatile and was changed to suit the needs of the trainees. The major topics included overview on organic animal husbandry, essentials for an organic farm,



organic milk and meat production standards, indigenous cattle, parasite management, herbal drugs, options for surgical interventions in an organic farm, livestock diseases, farm waste management, hygiene management of livestock sheds, organic poultry standards. Apart from the lectures, the trainees were given opportunity to conduct audit of a dairy farm of a progressive farmer. They were also taken to visit IVRI Campus Mukteswar and for a visit of a biodynamic farm and organic expert Ms. Vinita Shah and her farm at Supi in Mukteswar. Apart from these topics the training also addressed the technologies and services of the institute and ICT tools available for dairy management. The five day training programme also included exposure visits to various units of the institute such as the Vermicompost unit, KVK, Dairy Farm, Polyclinic and Museum.

A total of 12 Auditors of Rajasthan Organic Certification Agency attended the training programme. The trainees were very much satisfied by the training and opined to attend such type of many more specialized training to improve their skills and knowledge for livestock certification in future.





