

ABSTRACT**WATER BUFFALO BREEDING IN AFYONKARAHİSAR PROVINCE;
SAMPLE OF KÜÇÜKÇOBANLI VILLAGE**

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The purpose of this research is to find out the routines of the Water Buffalo Businesses in the province of Afyonkarahisar and also to gather information about how, when and where they needed these routines. For this purpose, Küçükçobanlı village; which is 4 km away from the city center and hosts a significant portion of the population of water buffalos in the province, was chosen as an example. This village was chosen; because it was considered to give an Overview of the status of the water buffalo breeding in the province of Afyonkarahisar; since it has enough material to take it as an example and exemplary for other surrounding settlements in the province. First of all, business owners, who are breeding water buffalo in the village, were identified and surveys were conducted with these breeders by personal interviews. In addition, observations were made and statistics made by TUIK were used. EXCEL program is used to analyze the data gathered. As a result of the interviews with the breeders, we saw that they still have and implement some old routines from the past experiences whereas they changed some of the routines as a result of the developing life conditions, economy and technology to in order to comply with the time and to adapt immediately. It was observed that for milk production, they were primarily feeding cows; while they were feeding water buffalos for traditional water buffalo cream production. It was found out that, Water Buffalo cream, water buffalo yoghurt, water buffalo cream Turkish delight, water buffalo cream sugar and water buffalo meat used in the fermented sausage are the most important sources of income of the water buffalo businesses in the province of Afyonkarahisar.

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