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ABSTRACT

Rabbit farming has evolved largely since the 70's, passing from a family farming (including around the cities) to a professional farming, all over the world. Rabbit farming is easily adaptable to many environments: from intensive indoor farming to very extensive outdoor or semi-indoor systems. Now, humanitarian organizations are aware of the several advantages of a rabbit production, that could improve the quality of life, particularly to offer meat of a high nutritional quality. Rabbit farming has several advantages to be produced around the cities. As a small herbivorous mammal, rabbit is easy to produce in a small area (garden), with very small money investments. Rabbit could be fed without competition with human food, by giving various types of plants, cuts, household vegetable wastes, etc. Thus, rabbit farming is already developed in urban communities, either at a small scale (family: 3 to 20 breeding does) or to a medium scale level (20 to 100 breeding does).

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