

Lecture: A Global Perspective on Pastoralist Value, Mountain Ecosystems and Resources Management, Summer Field School (Online), Sept 24, 2021

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Key Points:

Introduces the global challenges of biodiversity and the goals of the UN FAO, including the International Year of Camelids of 2024.

How camel milk helped her son with autism, and how she tracked it down from desert Bedouins in the Middle East and flew it into America.

Her son's speech, walking, paying attention, and sharing affection improved overnight after one serving.

She became a camel milk expert by experimenting with the milk, spending time with camels and their keepers, travelling, and writing viral publications that helped start the camel milk industry.

She connects many people to help create and grow the camel milk network worldwide. She mentors parents, and advises scientists, companies, nomadic people and farmers.

Presents patient reports on children with autism who benefitted from camel milk, who stopped showing aggression, gained more language and social skills, and healed their skin and food intolerance symptoms. She presented a patient report on a case of Type Two diabetes successfully treated with fresh camel milk.

She explained how camelids are used for snakebite, immunotherapy, vaccine development and COVID-19 treatment development.

She outlines the value and wisdom of pastoralist and nomadic people, how they benefit the world by keeping camels and holding genetic resources and heritage wisdom, and how today's families can benefit from their ways. She outlines the camels' challenges and discusses donkey pastoralists' challenges as they and their milk and products are very similar to camel milk and products.

She explained how various endeavors in products, entertainment, tourism, food, and medical use can help sustain and grow pastoralists' income and stability. She called for increased science and funding with international support. She shares examples of beneficial technological advances such as new rangelands mapping projects and other advances in Mongolia.

She shared the accomplishments of the ICO under Sheikh Bin Hithleen and how the North American Members are helping people with their camels. One example was a poor family with

two autistic children, one a deaf girl, in Pakistan--Adams and ICO member Debra Sue Aven used Truman the camel to raise money for the girl's hearing aid and medical testing.

Camel keepers and other livestock pastoralists are good for the world and bring people together, hold keys to science for human health, provide food to poor people, and are good for the environment in climate-challenged times.

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