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THE DEVELOPMENT OF PASTORAL FARMING AMONG THE KARAKALPAKS

The study is dedicated to the development of traditional Karakalpak farming from the end of the XIX century up to present days. The herd structure depended on the natural climatic conditions. The author concludes that the most significant role was played by cattle, which not only ensured food, but could also be used in the economy as a draft force. The second important species in the Karakalpak economy was the sheep. The Karakalpaks bred limited numbers of camels and horses. In the first third of the XX century, significant transformations took place in the traditional way of life as a result of political and socio-economic reasons, which affected the farming among the Karakalpaks. During the XX century, the priorities in the composition of the herd did not change. In modern Karakalpakstan, the experience of traditional farming remains relevant.

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