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Subject: Cattle versus cow, bulls in household datasets

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Hi,

I've been looking at the most recent household (HR) datasets and noticed there are two questions related to cows. One question hv246a asks about "cattle owned" and the second hv246b asks about "cows, bulls owned". Both variables have different numbers. I've seen this occur in at least 15 of the 30 countries I've looked at, like Benin, Burkina Faso, and Cameroon. Other countries only asked hv246b "cows, bulls owned".

I looked at the original questionnaires and recode manual/maps and cannot figure out the difference in the two questions. Is there any insight from DHS or other users as to why both questions are asked and what the difference might be?

Thanks.

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