

CORRELATES ANALYTICS OF POULTRY ENTREPRENEURIAL CAPACITY DEVELOPMENT AMONG YOUNG ADULTS IN AKWA IBOM STATE, NIGERIA

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ABSTRACT

This study evaluated if entrepreneurial instinct and self-efficacy of young adult within the school system associate with poultry entrepreneurial capacity development in their course of human capital formation in poultry science through agricultural science programme in Akwa Ibom State. Multi-stage sampling procedure was used to collect data from three hundred (300) senior secondary two students across each of the three senatorial districts of Akwa Ibom State. Both descriptive statistics and inferential statistics were used to ascertain the study outcomes. Results showed that 51.3% of the respondents possessed high knowledge of poultry science enterprise. There was a negative relationship between entrepreneurial interest and technical knowledge in poultry farming, which implied that the entrepreneurial interest was not increasing in the dimension with technical knowledge, nevertheless the relationship was not statistically significant. Also, similar result was observed even though there was a positive relationship between self-efficacy and Technical knowledge in Poultry Farming. There was a positive relationship between self-efficacy and technical knowledge in poultry farming. Analysis on variation in technical knowledge in poultry farming by sex revealed that males were more knowledgeable than females and the variation was statistically significant. Overall results indicated that any attempt to enhance the knowledge, skills and experience of young people in agricultural production will have an immediate positive impact on food security. Therefore, for continued adoption of practiced oriented animal agriculture, regular conferences, seminars, workshops, symposia and exhibitions should be organized for teachers in animal agriculture.

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