

Appendix 1. The basic demographic information of the interviewed herders compared with associated data from the Inner Mongolia Statistical Yearbook.

Variables	Categories	Number of respondents (%)	Data from statistical yearbook (%)
Gender	Female	31%	49%
	Male	69%	51%
Age	<18	2%	16%
	18-34	26%	28%
	35-59	67%	44%
	>60	5%	12%
Nationality	Mongolian	71%	67%
	Han	29%	32%
Education	Primary school	28%	30%
	Secondary school	60%	59%
	College and university	12%	11%