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# Transformation of Stockbreeding in Hulunbuir 1732-2020

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Covering an area roughly the size of South Korea, the elevated grasslands of Hulunbuir are, in the words of the Qing general Zhuerhai, the perfect pasture. Since the mid-Qing dynasty, this region has been continuously and productively grazed, producing rich supplies of horses, sheep and cattle.

This talk traces three centuries of stockbreeding in Hulunbuir, focusing on how the unique and valuable products of this rich region reached consumers in China and abroad. It propose five phases of development, during each of which the flow of animals and animal products out of Hulunbuir followed distinct directions and patterns. It builds on initial fieldwork conducted by the author in and around the city of Hailaer to show how these changes were reflected in the lives and practices of the region's producers.

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