

The change over time of the tool set of a sheepfold in Naskalat (Eastern Carpathians, Romania)

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In this study I present the tool population of a sheepfold in Csík, and provide an insight into the lifestyle of shepherd during the summer grazing period.

In addition to the inventory and functional description of tools I observed the relationship between the tools and the person on site and studied the user's personal narrations about their tools. I use comparative methods to show the significant changes that happened in the tool population of shepherding from the beginning of the 20st century to present.

Regarding the total tool population, one can observe a mixture of traditional and industrial elements which are used simultaneously by the shepherds. Consumerism is only partly assumed by the shepherds and often tools receive secondary and tertiary functions, according to the reuse slope model known from the literature.