Appendix A. Main characteristics of the farming activities in the two counties of Villarino and Patagones representing our study area in central Argentina.

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|  | Villarino | Patagones |
| County size (km2) | 10 051 | 13 579 |
| Number of ranches | 882 | 627 |
| Mean ranch size (km2) | 11.4 | 21.7 |
| Number of sheep heads | 46 683 | 248 261 |
| Sheep heads/km2 | 4.6 | 18.3 |
| Sheep heads/ranch | 52.9 | 396 |
| Number of cattle heads | 355 663 | 255 711 |
| Cattle heads/km2 | 35.4 | 18.8 |
| Cattle heads/ranch | 403.2 | 407.8 |  |