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Masnun Sacrifice

The Prophet (saw) and his companions (raa) are known to have sacrificed a camel, cow, ram, goat and sheep etc.

For Example:

1. The Prophet (saw) sacrificed a hundred camels at the farewell Pilgrimage. [*Sahih al-Bukhari*: 1709]
2. He (saw) sacrificed a cow on behalf on his wives at the farewell Pilgrimage. [*Sahih al-Bukhari*: 1709]
3. Anas (ra) said:

كَانَ النَّبِيُّ صَلَّى اللَّهُ عَلَيْهِ وَسَلَّمَ يُضَحِّي بِكَبْشَيْنِ وَأَنَا أُضَحِّي بِكَبْشَيْنِ

The Prophet (saw) slaughtered two rams and I also slaughtered two rams.
[*Sahih al-Bukhari* :5553]

4. The companions (raa) slaughtered a goat on behalf of their household in the time of the Prophet (saw). [*Sunan Ibn Majah*: 3147]
5. The Prophet (saw) said:

لَا تَذْبَحُوا إِلَّا مُسِنَّةً إِلَّا أَنْ يَعْسُرَ عَلَيْكُمْ فَتَذْبَحُوا جَذَعَةً مِنَ الضَّأْنِ

‘Do not take for sacrifice but the *Musannah* (the animal who is past one year of age). However, if you do not find such an animal, slaughter the younger sheep, *Juz'ah* (one-year-old). [*Sahih Muslim*: 5194]

6. Abu Umamah (ra) says:

كُنَّا نُسَمِّنُ الْأُضْحِيَّةَ بِالْمَدِينَةِ وَكَانَ الْمُسْلِمُونَ يُسَمِّنُونَ

We used to fatten our sacrificial animals at Madīnah and the (other) Muslims also fattened theirs.” [S}ah}ih} al-Bukhārī]

Summary:

The Prophet (saw) is known to have slaughtered all these animals. However, there are different opinions as to which sacrifice is the best. The majority considers the sacrifice of a camel to be the best, then a cow, then a ram, then a goat. Indeed, the animal which would benefit the poor and needy most would be best. [Nil al-Awt ar Sharh Muntaqi al-Akhbar]