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Sustainable Agricultural Livelihood Restoration, Rehabilitation and Resilience in Kenya

Guidelines on Sustainable Ruminant Feeds and Nutrition Security for Kenya

CHAPTER 2 DRIVERS OF FEED AND NUTRITION INSECURITY

Drivers of feed and nutrition insecurity are the triggers contributing to livestock feed scarcity. Feed and nutrition insecurity in Kenya has persisted overtime mainly due to natural causes, economic situation and human activities. An interaction of these factors has led to unsustainable feed availability thus leading to high livestock mortalities. The drivers include climatic seasonality especially rainfall and drought, pests and diseases, unavailability and high costs of inputs, Overstocking, feed resource losses, land degradation, insecurity and conflicts, invasive plant species, Migration, land fragmentation and poor feed planning and budgeting. Their effects are highlighted below.