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## Sustainable Agricultural Livelihood Restoration, Rehabilitation and Resilience in Kenya

### Guidelines on Sustainable Ruminant Feeds and Nutrition Security for Kenya

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## CHAPTER 2 DRIVERS OF FEED AND NUTRITION INSECURITY

### 2.3 Pests and diseases

With changing climate and ecological equilibrium, there has been emergence of new pests and diseases which have critically affected pasture performance, thus limiting the establishment and yield of pasture species. In the past two years, locust infestation destroyed approximately 3.4 million hectares of pasture and forage crops. The fall armyworm has been reported to attack rye grass while the red spider mites infest *Brachiaria* grass (Mulato II) (Photo 2.1). The net effect of these occurrences is reduction in the quantity and quality of feeds available for livestock.



Photo **Error! No text of specified style in document.**-1 Forage pests include locusts, red spider mites and fall armyworm