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Sustainable Agricultural Livelihood Restoration, Rehabilitation and Resilience in Kenya

Guidelines on Sustainable Ruminant Feeds and Nutrition Security for Kenya

CHAPTER 3 KEY PILLARS AND ISSUES ON RUMINANT FEED AND NUTRITION SECURITY

3.1 Pillar 1: Feed availability

Feeds for ruminants are primarily from natural pastures, fresh and conserved grass/fodders, processed materials, farm by-products, and concentrates. Feed availability means sufficient quantities of appropriate quality for livestock feeding from domestic production and imports. The pillar addresses whether the feed is actually or potentially physically present for purchase or acquisition for consumption. It encompasses feed production, reserves, imports, markets, and transportation. The following are the critical issues under the feed availability pillar and their causal factors.