



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

3.4 Pillar 4. Feed Stability

The stability pillar refers to the ability of the ruminant feed system to withstand shocks and stresses without disrupting feed availability, access, or utilisation. Once the pillars' issues are understood, the next question is whether the whole ruminant feed and nutrition security is stable. A stable system should ensure the ruminants are and will always be feed- secure, including during future forecasts. Stability problems of specific interest include those that have or will impact feed and nutrition security in the short, medium, and long term. Adverse effects of climatic change, unfavourable economic factors, Undeveloped feed markets, weak institutions, unfavourable policy, the legal and regulatory environment, social and political factors can all be a source of instability.