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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

3.2.3 Strategic Issue 3. Limited economic access to feeds

This part covers the major factors contributing to limited economic access to feed resources

- i. Farmers with limited financial resources may struggle to afford high-quality commercial feeds and in large quantities because of the high cost of imported feed ingredients and transportation costs
- ii. Limited Access to market information and research makes it difficult for farmers to decide what feed to purchase, the alternative feeds available, and the current market prices. Limited market information can make it difficult for farmers to negotiate fair prices.
- iii. Unscrupulous business practices have a significant impact on feed access. Such businesses include fraudulent practices in the sale of inputs and unethical behaviour by middlemen in the sale of feed, which negatively impact farmers' profitability.
- iv. Competition for food and feed between animals and humans