

LIVESTOCK ACTIVITIES IN TARABA STATE

- (1) Provision of suitable grazing and stock water for settlement of graziers or nomads through the management and provision of infrastructure in nine gazetted grazing reserves in the State Located at Sunkani, Mayo-Kam, Didango, Dingding, Gankwe-Assen, Jibu, Mallum, kirim and Yonko.
- (2) Maintenance of three Dairy Farms Located at Jalingo, Nguroje and Gembu to serve as centres of excellence from where private farmers can learn, and provision of outstanding animals for crossbreeding to improve milk production.
- (3) Provision of supplementary feeds mainly cotton seed cake to cattle rearers during the dry season.
- (4) The department has only 4 degree holders, 28 HND holders and 48 OND holders.

Nutritional problems for Livestock in Taraba State

- (1) Although Taraba State is graciously blessed with three major rivers- Benue, Taraba and Donga whose banks are suitable for grazing, the animals however, depend solely on natural grassland or pasture which availability is seasonal. Lush green pasture are available only during the Rainy season (April-October), while throughout the dry season (Nov-March), there is lack of adequate nutritive pasture.
- (2) There are no well established Rangeland or pasture and /or Fodder Banks presently in the State to meet the nutritional needs of animals in the State.
- (3) Frequent and massive bush burning during the dry season in the State have contributed negatively to the availability of feeds for animals in the State during the dry season with the consequent frequent farmers- graziers conflicts in the State.

AGRIC SERVICES DEPARTMENT

- A. i) Total land mass = 6 million Ha
- ii) Total cultivable land in the State is roughly 4.3 million Ha
- iii) About 1.5 million Ha out of this total is put under cultivation.

B. Yield/Ha for industrial/cash tree crops

- (i) Oil palm - 2.7-3.1 tonnes/Ha
- (ii) Cocoa - 3.2 tonnes/Ha
- (iii) Rubber - 0.0025 tonnes/Ha
- (iv) Tea - 3.2 tonnes/Ha
- (v) Coffee - 1.2 tonnes/Ha
- (vi) Mangoes - 2.1 tonnes/Ha
- (vii) Citrus - 5.6 tonnes/Ha
- (viii) Cashew - 5.6 tonnes/Ha
- (9) Rice - 1.3 tonnes /Ha
- (10) Cassava - 25 tonnes/Ha
- (11) Sweet potatoes - 1.7 tonnes/Ha
- (12) Irish potatoes - 0.5 tonnes/Ha
- (13) Cocoyam - 7.6 tonnes/Ha
- (14) Yam - 25 tonnes/Ha
- (15) Carrots - 0.005 tonnes/Ha
- (16) Ginger - 0.001 tonnes/Ha
- (17) Cowpea - 1.9 tonnes/Ha
- (18) Soya bean - 8.9 tonnes/Ha
- (19) Ground nut - 1.8 tonnes/Ha
- (20) Cotton - 1.3 tonnes/Ha
- (21) Sesame - 2.6 tonnes/Ha

C. Budgetary provision for ongoing projects in the Department (2008-2010)

S/NO	PROJECT TITLE	2008	2009	2010
1.	Fertilizer procurement and Distribution	₦1 Billion	500 million	500 m
2.	Tree crops Development	₦50m	₦10m	₦15
3.	Pest control Services	₦18m	₦10m	₦25m

4.	Soil Survey and conservation	₦10m	₦10m	₦15m
5.	Farm centres	-	₦80m	₦160m
6.	Agric Show	₦5.6m	₦5.5m	₦10m

In 2009, the State Government was involved in the Fertilizer Voucher Distribution System. A total of 80,000 farmers benefited from this scheme. Each farmer was entitled to four bags of fertilizers each (2 NPK, 2 Urea). The 80,000 farmers formed only 1/3 of the total farmers in the State. To make-up for the remaining 2/3 farmers not covered in the voucher system, 8 trucks or 4800 bags of assorted fertilizers was allocated to each of the 16 LGAs plus Yangtu Special Development Area for distribution to farmers. These fertilizer were the left overs of the 2008 Federal Government's allocation to Taraba State.

VETERINARY ACTIVITIES IN THE STATE.

1. No. of Veterinary Doctors in the State employment - 61 (Ministry, COA,ADP)

2. No. of Veterinary Doctors in training – 8

3. Veterinary activities in the State.

- Vaccination of Livestock and Poultry against major diseases of economic importance eg CBPP (contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia), Anthrax Blackquarters, haemorrhagic septicemia, PPR (Kata), Newcastle disease, Gumboro, Fowl pox, fowl cholera, coccidiosis, fowl typhoid etc.

- The veterinary department also engaged in the vaccination of companion animals such as dogs and cats against zoonosis such as rabies, canine distemper, leptospirosis etc. The department also carries out veterinary public health activities in the area of meat inspection and hygiene thereby effecting control of zoonosis such Tuberculosis, Trichenosis, taeniasis etc and ensuring disease surveillance, control and prevention in the flocks.

The veterinary department is also saddled with the responsibility of curative and preventive treatment of animals against disease such as trypanosoniasis, Babesiosis, Anaplasnosis, Helminthiasis, Facioliasis etc in addition to control and

eradication of ectoparasitism in the State animal population. The department is also involved in extension activities in areas of animal disease control, prevention and eradication in the various Local Government areas in addition to coordinating the activities of stakeholders in the areas of livestock development initiatives in the State and collaborates with other States to effect animal disease control, prevention and eradication in the country, so as to enhance livestock production and productivity in the state and country at large.

TADP

No of Extension Agents – 110

Role of Extension Agents

- (i) Transfer of Proven technologies to farmers through:-
- (ii) Demonstration (method & Result demonstrations)
- (iii) Control of Visits (Training & Visits (T&V) approach)
- (iv) Conduct of Farm and Home Visits
- (v) Organization of farmers field days
- (vi) Any duty that may be assigned by the immediate officer (Block Extension supervisor)

APPROVED BUDGETARY PROVISIONS FOR THE PAST THREE YEARS.

HEAD	DETAILS OF EXPENDITURE	APPROPRIATION 2008	APPROPRIATION 2009	APPROPRIATION 2010
470	AGRICULTURE	1,206,000,000.00	800,000,000.00	
471	LIVESTOCK	75,000,000.00	36,000,000.00	
473	FISHERY	30,000,000.00	5,000,000.00	
	TOTAL	1,311,000,000.00	841,000,000.00	