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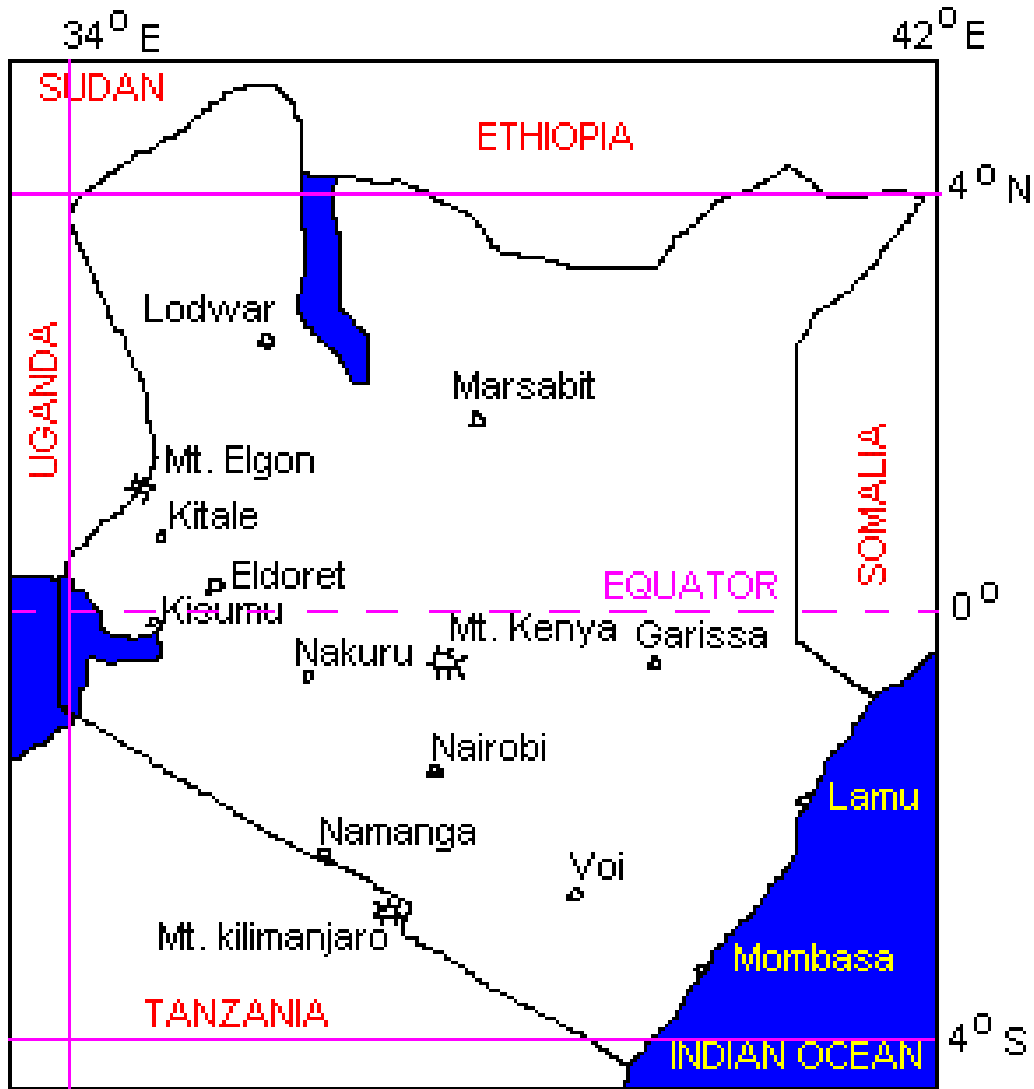
ANIMAL FEEDS INDUSTRY SUB-SECTOR

**SECTOR PROFILE AND OPPORTUNITIES FOR PRIVATE
INVESTMENT**

MINISTRY OF TRADE AND INDUSTRY

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MAP OF KENYA



1.0 INTRODUCTION

Livestock feeds are an important input in the application of improved techniques of production. With regard to commercial livestock production especially high quality stock e.g. grade dairy cows, commercial poultry, pig production, concentrate feeds determine the level of profitability of the enterprise. The quality of feeds has in the recent past been a major impediment to profitability of commercial livestock production. The reasons for this include the high cost of imported ingredients such as premixes, amino acids, vitamins and the low quality of feed ingredients.

Challenges

- i. Shortage and poor quality and high cost of ingredients as well as concentrates
- ii. Inadequate extension activity
- iii. Lack of appropriate credit facilities
- iv. Uneven distribution of livestock feeds and provender millers.
- v. Inadequate and inaccessibility to mineral supplementation.
- vi. Inadequate supply of clean water for the livestock.
- vii. Unavailability of local sources of vitamins, amino acids macro and micro-nutrients.
- viii. Inadequate research information
- ix. Frequent drought situations.
- x. Lack of appropriate technical know-how in water harvesting, storage and irrigation.
- xi. High transport costs.
- xii. Lack of market information.

Livestock Feeds Production Trends (in MT)

YEAR	CATTLE TYPES	POULTRY TYPES	PIG TYPES	OTHER TYPES	TOTAL
1989	67,538	116,888	19,417	7,212	211,055
1990	50,486	122,960	21,481	8,122	203,409
1991	60,000	144,000	24,000	12,000	240,000
1992	92,400	154,000	25,200	8,400	280,000

1993	80,502	106,386	32,816	5,466	225,170
1994	66,918	132,381	27,744	12,118	239,161
1995	94,993	105,446	23,525	7,300	276,204
1996	98,147	146,401	28,779	7,951	285,278
1997	102,640	177,236	29,217	8,819	316,912

Source: Animal Production Division Annual Reports

Trade and investment opportunities

- i. Identification and establishment of appropriate fodder trees in various agro-ecological zones.
- ii. Collection and analysis of the nutritive values of the naturally occurring fodder shrubs
- iii. Conservation, improvement through treatment with urea/molasses and utilisation of cereal stovers and straws.
- iv. Promotion of sorghum and millet where maize cannot do well as an energy substitute
- v. Increased availability of animal protein e.g. through collection of slaughter slab wastes as well as encouraging local entrepreneurs to process premixes locally.
- vi. Equipping extension officers with appropriate skills in feed supplementation packages.

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