

Livestock Feed: Process Case Study

Complementary feed provision and destocking in Niger

In Niger in late 2004, pasture growth was poor, rainfall low, and a crisis appeared imminent. Jeunesse en Mission Entraide et Développement (JEMED) supported an assessment of pasture throughout central Niger by community teams. It then established a scheme to help interested families market their animals. JEMED provided transport so that representatives of participating households could take animals (one or two cattle or several small ruminants per family) to the border with Nigeria for sale, since a reasonable price could still be obtained there. The scheme was linked to a supplementary feeding initiative, whereby participants agreed to purchase grain or fodder to support their remaining livestock.

By the time the programme was completed, a total of 4,849 small stock and 462 large ruminants had been sold, while 317,199 kg of grain had been purchased as well as wheat bran and sorghum stalks.

Source: Jeff Woodke, personal communication, 2008.