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### **Farming Systems in Chief Mukwikile's Area, Chinsali South, Northern Province** ILRI (aka ILCA and ILRAD)

Forages: The Science of Grassland Agriculture, 7th Edition, Volume II will extensively evaluate the current knowledge and information on forage agriculture. Chapters written by leading researchers and authorities in grassland agriculture are aggregated under section themes, each one representing a major topic within grassland science and agriculture. This 7th edition will include two new additional chapters covering all aspects of forage physiology in three separate chapters, instead of one in previous editions. Chapters will be updated throughout to include new information that has developed since the last edition. This new edition of the classic reference serves as a comprehensive supplement to An Introduction to Grassland Agriculture, Volume I. *Crop and Livestock System Study in Caprivi in the Pilot Areas of Chinchimani and Kabbe* Intl Food Policy Res Inst

With all of the environmental and social problems confronting our food systems today, it is apparent that none of the strategies we have relied on in the past—higher-yielding varieties, increased irrigation, inorganic fertilizers, pest damage reduction—can be counted on to come to the rescue. In fact, these solutions are now part of the problem. It is becoming quite clear that the only way to keep the food crisis from escalating is to promote the conversion processes that will move agriculture to sustainability. Under the editorial guidance of agroecology experts Martha Rosemeyer and the internationally renowned Dr. Stephen R. Gliessman, *The Conversion to Sustainable Agriculture: Principles,*

*Processes, and Practices* establishes a framework for how this conversion can be accomplished and presents case studies from around the world that illustrate how the process is already underway. The book provides a four-stage transition process for achieving sustainability and an in-depth analysis of the global efforts to make farms more energy-efficient and environmentally friendly. An international team of chapter contributors explores ways to lessen dependency on fossil fuels and pesticides, and examines each step in the conversion process. They also describe the process of monitoring change toward sustainable agriculture while integrating social and economic analysis within scientific practices. Serving as both a core textbook for students and a comprehensive reference for agricultural practitioners, this volume is a valuable resource for the change that is needed in our food system now and in the future.

### Wartime Farming on the Northern Great Plains Sare

Communal grazing lands are important sources of feed in developing countries. The uncontrolled and free grazing system prevalent in many developing countries has caused severe degradation of the grazing lands. Several alternative management options have been recommended to solve the degradation of common property resources, including state ownership, imposition and enforcement of use rules and regulations by external organisations such as the government, private ownership and community resource management. This paper examines the nature and determinants of collective action for grazing land management in the highlands of Tigray, northern Ethiopia.

*Comparative Livestock Systems and Technologies on Ranches in the Northern Plains Region of the United States* ILRI (aka ILCA and ILRAD)

In 1870 several hundred settlers arrived at a patch of land at the confluence of the South Platte and Cache la Poudre Rivers in Colorado Territory. Their planned agricultural community, which they named Greeley, was centered around small landholdings, shared irrigation, and a variety of market crops. One hundred years later, Greeley was the home of the world's largest concentrated cattle-feeding operation, with the resources of an entire region directed toward manufacturing beef. How did that transformation happen? *Cattle Beet Capital* is animated by that question. Expanding outward from Greeley to all of northern Colorado, *Cattle Beet Capital* shows how the beet sugar industry came to dominate the region in the early twentieth century through a reciprocal relationship with its growers that supported a healthy and sustainable agriculture while simultaneously exploiting tens of thousands of migrant laborers. Michael Weeks shows how the state provided much of the scaffolding for the industry in the form of tariffs and research that synchronized with the agendas of industry and large farmers. The transformations that led to commercial feedlots began during the 1930s as farmers replaced crop rotations and seasonal livestock operations with densely packed cattle pens, mono-cropped corn, and the products pouring out of agro-industrial labs and factories. Using the lens of the northern Colorado region, *Cattle Beet Capital* illuminates the historical processes that made our modern food systems.

### **Maize as Food, Feed, and Fertiliser in Intensifying Crop-livestock Systems in East and Southern Africa** ILRI (aka ILCA and ILRAD)

*Managing Healthy Livestock Production and Consumption* is a highly interdisciplinary resource based on scientific and empirical evidence. It is illustrated with best practices of low-input livestock

systems from different continents and offers predictive modelling alternatives for a more resilient future. By addressing gaps of knowledge and presenting scientific perspective studies of livestock's impact on the environment and the global food supply up to 2050, this book is useful for those advocating for sustainable food systems. Existing evidence of the effects of livestock production on food quality and nutrition is reviewed. Livestock production and consumption is a highly diverse topic where current publications only include/focus a single aspect of the issues, for example, greenhouse gas emissions or health impacts, leading to unilateral decisions such as refraining from meat consumption. However, animals are necessary to soil fertility and ecosystems balance and a more realistic resource is necessary for researchers, scientists, and policy makers. This book clarifies perceptions by presenting sound scientific evidence across livestock landscapes for the scientific community to better appreciate the ecological web of life and the social web of community related to livestock production. An edited work written by globally diverse scientists and practitioners, including field workers, technicians, and policy makers, this is a valuable resource for researchers, teachers, and development agents working in the area of sustainable livestock production and consumption of animal source foods. National, international organizations, policy makers, and donors interested in sustainable development of the livestock sector will also find the information here practical and applicable. Describes the public-health impacts of sustainable diets and livestock products Presents the impacts of livestock production on the environment and food supply Explores future scenarios (up to 2050) of low input livestock systems Includes current case studies of low input livestock systems that offer potential for scaling-up and replication for sustainable livestock futures

*Managing Healthy Livestock Production and Consumption*  
Springer Science & Business Media

"This report presents a description of six important crop-based dryland farming systems in the northern cropping region of NSW. The northern cropping region has been described in terms of physical and financial characteristics. The trend in farming practices with respect to tillage, crop rotations and the role of pastures and livestock in recent decades is also described. From discussions with farmer groups and research and advisory staff,

six farming systems were identified which differ in crop rotations and in the role of pastures and livestock because of soil and rainfall characteristics. These farming systems have been described in detail and representative farm models have been developed. These models are based on assumptions about the size of a typical farm and other resources such as labour, overhead costs, assets and liabilities and the nature of the cropping rotation used"--Executive summary.

*Agricultural Intensification and Efficiency in the West African Savannahs* National Academies Press

In the last 20 years, there has been a remarkable emergence of innovations and technological advances that are generating promising changes and opportunities for sustainable agriculture, yet at the same time the agricultural sector worldwide faces numerous daunting challenges. Not only is the agricultural sector expected to produce adequate food, fiber, and feed, and contribute to biofuels to meet the needs of a rising global population, it is expected to do so under increasingly scarce natural resources and climate change. Growing awareness of the unintended impacts associated with some agricultural production practices has led to heightened societal expectations for improved environmental, community, labor, and animal welfare standards in agriculture. *Toward Sustainable Agricultural Systems in the 21st Century* assesses the scientific evidence for the strengths and weaknesses of different production, marketing, and policy approaches for improving and reducing the costs and unintended consequences of agricultural production. It discusses the principles underlying farming systems and practices that could improve the sustainability. It also explores how those lessons learned could be applied to agriculture in different regional and international settings, with an emphasis on sub-Saharan Africa. By focusing on a systems approach to improving the sustainability of U.S. agriculture, this book can have a profound impact on the development and implementation of sustainable farming systems. *Toward Sustainable Agricultural Systems in the 21st Century* serves as a valuable resource for policy makers, farmers, experts in food production and agribusiness, and federal regulatory agencies.

*Farming Systems in the Tropics* MacMillan Education, Limited  
Biological and physiological systems: animal sciences. Plant-animal interactions in northern temperate sown grasslands and

semi-natural vegetation. Exploitation of the systems approach in technical design of agricultural enterprises. Application of systems theory to farm planning and control: modelling resource allocation. Optimising the mixture of enterprises in a farming system. Farming systems research-extension. Food policy and food security planning: institutional approaches to modelling grain markets and food security in Sub-Saharan Africa. A systems view of commercial supply and marketing links. Agroecosystems. Understanding and managing changes in agriculture. Agricultural sector modelling for policy development. Of agricultural systems and systems agriculture: systems methodologies in agricultural education. Extension education: Top(s) Down, Bottom(s) Up and Other Things.

*Livestock Systems and Animal Health* ILRI (aka ILCA and ILRAD)  
Toward a new institutional model of farmer participation in research on natural resource management and germplasm improvement; Developing a natural resource management technology for a specific agroenvironment: Mucuna-maize rotation on the hillsides of northern honduras; Land use systems and dynamics in Pucallpa, Peru; Strategic systems research for the Latin American Savannas; Developing improved pasture systems for forest margins; Adapting participatory research methods for developing integrated crop management for cassava-based systems Northeast Brazil; Soil conservation strategies that take into account farmer perspectives; Developing sustainable cassava production systems with farmers in Asia; Developing forage technologies with smallholders in East Kalimantan, Indonesia; Farmer's independent experimentation with green manure and/or cover crops: A component of participatory research for improving Ugandan Farming Systems; Designing sustainable, commercial, farmer seed production systems in Africa: Case studies From Uganda; Institutional Innovation as an entry for system-level technological change; Participatory systems research toward the future.

**Toward Sustainable Agricultural Systems in the 21st Century** ILRI (aka ILCA and ILRAD)

Cover crops slow erosion, improve soil, smother weeds, enhance nutrient and moisture availability, help control many pests and bring a host of other benefits to your farm. At the same time, they can reduce costs, increase profits and even create new sources of income. You'll reap dividends on your cover crop investments for

years, since their benefits accumulate over the long term. This book will help you find which ones are right for you. Captures farmer and other research results from the past ten years. The authors verified the info. from the 2nd ed., added new results and updated farmer profiles and research data, and added 2 chap. Includes maps and charts, detailed narratives about individual cover crop species, and chap. about aspects of cover cropping. *Green Manure/Cover Crop Systems of Smallholder Farmers* CRC Press

This practical textbook examines how individual species of domestic livestock can be integrated into the whole concept of sustainable agriculture in the tropics. A wide range of different case studies from tropical countries provide practical models for livestock husbandry

Livestock Production Extension IITA

This review describes a range of physical and socio-economic scientific methods and field activities that will be implemented in a proposed research project to develop a better understanding of the extent and patterns of flooding and the potential of flood-recession agriculture. These activities will allow the hydrological characteristics of the river to be matched to crop-livestock systems of flood recession agriculture that are well suited to the study communities and their organizational and institutional frameworks in order to support sustainable growth of such systems. This detailed study will provide recommendations on the technical, economic, institutional and policy measures needed to achieve sustainable intensification of flood recession agriculture in northern Ghana, while complementing efforts undertaken to promote other types of water management systems. Options for out-scaling of flood recession agriculture beyond the study area to other suitable areas will also be explored. The expectation is that the proposed project will improve food security by enhancing knowledge on effective flood recession practices, enhance rural incomes through expanded dry-season farming with new opportunities for rural employment, and improve adaptation to climate change by building more resilient farming communities. To achieve these expected outcomes, proactive policies that

clearly identify flood recession agriculture as an alternative farming practice and provide institutional mandates to irrigation support services to promote it through training, demonstration, and outreach programs will be equally valuable.

Building Soils for Better Crops Academic Press

In the 1980s and 1990s, green manure/cover crop (GMCC) systems became a popular agricultural technology in research and development efforts for smallholder tropical and subtropical farmers. However, few syntheses of these experiences have been conducted. This volume of case studies contributes to bridging this gap by reviewing field-level experiences with these systems. Twelve case studies are included. Eleven of them describe experiences from Latin America (4 cases), Africa (6 cases) and Asia (1 case) and the twelfth case reports on the development of a GMCC systems database. Two concluding chapters, 'Learning from the Case Studies' and 'Future Perspectives', build upon the cases. The systems described are diverse. Some systems have been spontaneously adopted by farmers, while others have been introduced to the farmers through diffusion efforts. Some of the cases reviewed describe small, localized efforts while others report on large-scale, well-known ones, such as the combination of GMCCs and conservation tillage in Santa Catarina, Brazil, the maize-Mucuna system in northern Honduras, and the improved fallow systems in Eastern Zambia. Most experiences include both development and research aspects and to the extent possible the cases integrate these two. Discussion of the strengths and shortcomings of the systems and efforts is frank, and the goal is to learn from these experiences to benefit future efforts. It is expected that both researchers and development practitioners and students of tropical farming systems and soil management will find this volume of case studies useful.

*Farm Management in Mixed Crop-livestock Systems in the Northern Highlands of Ethiopia* DIANE Publishing

Some general characteristics of farming in a tropical environment; Shifting cultivation systems; Fallow systems; Ley systems; Systems with permanent upland cultivation; Systems with arable irrigation farming; Systems with perennial crops; Grazing systems; General tendencies in the development of tropical farm

systems.

The Conversion to Sustainable Agriculture ILRI (aka ILCA and ILRAD)

In this booklet the provision of livestock production extension is assessed with reference to case studies. Existing systems are reviewed and their impact evaluated. Finally, the roles of different institutions and methodologies are evaluated, and lessons for the future are discussed.

*Mixed Crop-livestock Farming Systems for the Inland Northwest, US* ILRI (aka ILCA and ILRAD)

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*Collective Action for Grazing Land Management in Mixed Crop-livestock Systems in the Highlands of Northern Ethiopia* U of Nebraska Press

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Livestock Production Systems IITA

While a good grasp of the many separate aspects of agriculture is important, it is equally essential for all those involved in agriculture to understand the functioning of the farming system as a whole and how it can be best managed. It is necessary to re-assess and understand rain-fed farming systems around the world and to find ways to improve the selection, design and operation of such systems for long term productivity, profitability and sustainability. The components of the system must operate together efficiently; yet many of the relationships and interactions are not clearly understood. Appreciation of these matters and how they are affected by external influences or inputs are important for decision making and for achieving desirable outcomes for the farm as a whole. This book analyses common rain-fed farming systems and defines the principles and practices important to their effective functioning and management.

Adoption and Impact of Dry-season Dual-purpose Cowpea in the Semiarid Zone of Nigeria ILRI (aka ILCA and ILRAD)

Alternative Crop-pasture Systems for Grade "A" Dairy Farms in Northern Virginia Springer Science & Business Media