



Animal Production Directorate

Mission

"To develop, promote and sustain poultry and livestock production for food security, employment creation and income generation through research, effective technical support, extension services, agro-business and industry, whilst ensuring that gender and environmental issues are adequately addressed."

Vision

"A well developed and efficient institution capable of formulating sound policies, providing effective technical support and promoting sustainable and profitable livestock and poultry industries for food security, nutritional adequacy and enhanced incomes."

Animal Production Directorate (APD) is one of the Technical Directorates of the Ministry of Food and Agriculture. The Directorate has additional mandate to oversee operations of seven National Livestock Breeding Stations located in various parts of the country.

Functions

- a. Ensure effective and efficient implementation of Government policies on livestock and poultry
- b. Promote the development of appropriate technologies on management, breeding, nutrition and housing of livestock
- c. Facilitates the production of superior breeding stock from the indigenous breeds
- d. Promote the development of the dairy industry in the country
- e. Control of animal feed quality both from local and imported sources
- f. Issuance of permits for animal feed and ingredients for animal feed
- g. Recommending issuance of permits and waivers for importation of animal production inputs
- h. Promote the use of crop residues and agro industrial by – products in feeding livestock and poultry
- i. Promote the improvement of the nutritive quality of rangelands by over- sowing with legumes to sustain ruminant production during the dry season
- j. Promote the establishment of intensive forage production by livestock farmers
- k. Promote the development of processing and marketing of livestock and poultry products
- l. Facilitate the provision of stock water in livestock producing arrears where water resources are scarce

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