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THE BUSINESS OF ANIMAL HUSBANDRY



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Animal Husbandry in Nigeria - An Overview



400 million **94 million** **280 million**

Nigeria's population will grow swiftly and transform extensively in the next three decades. Between 2015 and 2050 the population will double to almost 400 million and the number people living in urban areas will triple from the current 94 million to 280 million.

Meeting the increased demand for animal source foods will involve rapid growth in herd size and productivity, often associated with intensification. In certain scenarios, the poultry population may increase up to 900 million birds from 180 million today, while the cattle population may double up to 37 million heads.

253, 117, 577 Percent

GDP per capita will almost triple up to around 7 137 USD PPP. As a result of these changes, the demand for livestock products will rise exponentially: projections suggest that poultry meat, beef and milk consumption will grow by 253, 117 and 577 percent, respectively (FAO GPS, 2018).

The structure of the sector might also change tremendously: for example, the share of cattle in intensive systems changes from 1 percent today up to 33 percent in some scenarios, which involves significant increases in average productivity.

The livestock industry will radically transform to respond to the increasing demand.

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Developmental opportunities

The huge rise of demand for animal source foods presents great business opportunities for farmers and other value chain actors and can support broader societal development through employment generation and poverty reduction, food security and nutritional benefits

Negative trade balance

The impressive population growth and income increase that the country is foreseen to experience will result in such high demand for animal food that even with significant improvement of livestock productivity, some level of import may be needed for certain livestock commodities in the future.

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As always, demand drives supply, even in the commercial livestock farming industry.

The kind of animals reared in Nigeria for consumption, based on the demand for them, include Cow, Goat, Cattle, Pig, and several others while poultry birds includes chicken, turkey and duck. Fish, with an emphasis on the catfish breed, is also another livestock bred for its meat in Nigeria.

Today, we take a brief but closer look at each animal bred for consumption in Nigeria. To know more about them and to see how we can help you to train you or to start anyone of them.



Thank you