

Livestock Matter(s)

ILRI News Round-up



The **February issue of 'Livestock Matter(s)'** presents a round-up of livestock development news from ILRI and its partners.

Corporate news

[ILRI news blog gets a makeover](#)

In February, the ILRI news services moved to a new address - <http://news.ilri.org/> - and a new look.

[EADD project phase two launched](#)

The EADD project received a grant from the Bill & Melinda Gates Foundation to expand its operation in a second five-year phase to 2018.

[Consortium to tackle East Coast fever](#)

ILRI announced that a global consortium supported will develop a new ECF vaccine.

Project news

[Producing green fodder from wheat helps animals and people in India](#)

A research brief describes how a simple new technique using new varieties of cereals as dual purpose crops can provide nutritious green fodder to animals when it is most needed – with no detrimental impact on grain and straw yields.

[AgInvest Africa web tool launched to map and track agricultural interventions in Africa](#)

ReSAKSS-ECA based at ILRI recently launched a web portal on mapping and tracking of agriculture investments in Africa.

[Prevention of Classical Swine Fever – an impact narrative from Northeast India](#)

A research brief describes how 1.5 million pig rearing households can benefit from actions by the government that will produce adequate quantities of the CSF vaccine and launch a CSF control program.

[Ugandans and pork](#)

Africa's pig sector is growing rapidly, with the highest increases in pig populations occurring in Uganda, where the national pig population has grown to 3.2 million animals today.

[Using science to preserve culture](#)

Traditional culture and science often seem to be worlds apart, but for Rwanda's director general for animal resources, the two mix as naturally as salt and food.

ILRI in the media

[Nigeria, others to save \\$4.63bn annually by adopting cassava feed](#)

The use of cassava-based feeds for farm animals in Nigeria and other countries will bring several benefits, including a reduction of maize imports mostly used as feeds for livestock.

[Better livestock diets to combat climate change and improve food security](#)

The projected transition of livestock systems from pure grazing diets to diets supplemented by higher quality feeds will cut greenhouse gas emissions from land use change globally by as much as 23% by 2030, while improving food availability and farmers' income.

[Connectivity and emerging infectious diseases in Southeast Asia](#)

Experts sometimes describe Southeast Asia as a "hotspot" for emerging infectious diseases because several major outbreaks have started in this region. Scientists say the threat level for new diseases is high.

ILRI in CGIAR

[ILRI leads study on livestock identification and traceability system for IGAD](#)

A livestock identification and traceability system will soon be piloted in the Intergovernmental Agency on Development region, following discussions at a workshop in Addis Ababa.

[Egyptian aquaculture innovation platform plans for further growth in the sector](#)

Stakeholders from Egypt's aquaculture industry came together in Cairo recently to discuss future development of the sector.

[Uganda pig value chain partnership with private sector raises sector profile](#)

The Uganda Daily Monitor published an article on a two-day training organized by Pig Production and Marketing Ltd, to chart the way forward on how to develop the pig industry.

Recent publications

- [Village chicken production in the central and western highlands of Ethiopia: Characteristics and strategies for improvement](#)
- [Guidelines for the replication and improvement of the N'Dama cattle breeding program of The Gambia](#)
- [Review of sheep research and development projects in Ethiopia](#)
- [A monitoring and evaluation framework to assess the performance of innovation platforms in the context of livestock value chains](#)

ILRI under the lens

This month features ILRI management



Staff updates

In February, we welcomed these new staff:

- Daisy Kariuki, program accountant- Biosciences
- Monica Njuguna, laboratory procurement assistant - BecA-ILRI hub
- Jennifer Kinuthia, administrative assistant, capacity development
- Juliah Mbaya, administrative clerk
- Julius Githinji, research technician - Livelihoods, Gender and Impact
- Phelister Mujeu, lifeguard
- Naftaly Githaka, tick unit support officer
- Haron Mugo Ng'ang'a, ICT
- Nicholas Mwenda, ICT
- Diana Muia, ICT
- Mary Wangari, human resources assistant
- Joseph Njoroge, HR
- Clement Musyoka, research technician
- Aziz Karimov, scientist, value chains
- Todd Crane, scientist, climate adaptation
- Catherine Pfeifer, spatial analyst
- Edgar Twine, post-doctoral scientist, value chains
- Josephine Birungi, technology manager
- Melakamu Dershe, post-doctoral scientist, feeds
- Franklin Simtowe, monitoring and evaluation learning scientist
- John Goopy, scientist, mitigation of greenhouse gases
- Tunde Adegoke Amole, post-doctoral scientist, feeds

We said farewell to:

- Sylvester Ochieng Ogutu, research assistant
- Harrison Ikunga Rware, research technician
- Elizabeth Ogutu, Liaison Officer
- Alexandra Jorge, Forages genebank

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