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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

FAO	Food Agriculture organisation
GDP	Gross Domestic Product
AGDP	Agriculture Gross domestic product
MT	Metric ton
Kg	Kilogram
Etc	Etcetera

KCALME_nKg⁻¹ kilo calories metabolisable energy per kilogram

ABSTRACT

The study was conducted in Kawempe division, Kampala District and it focused on intensive chicken farmers performing on farm mixing practices. The general objective focused to determine the impact of on-farm feed mixing on intensive chicken farming in Kawempe Division. The specific objectives were to establish common on-farm feed resources used by poultry farmers to make rations, to assess the cost effectiveness of on-farm mixed feed on intensive chicken farming and to determine on-farm feed mixing challenges faced by poultry farmers in Kawempe division.

A semi-structured questionnaire was administered to farmers after a pre tested and the adjustments were made. The farmers sampled were purposively selected. Data was collected from farmers in wards where on- farm feed mixing was being practiced.

Major findings were 36% of farmers s contacted used maize bran, 9% maize bran and fish meal, Sunflower 5.3%, 8% cotton seed cake, 6.7Rice bran and others 17.3

60% of the ingredients (cotton seedcake, maize bran, Rice bran, and others) were obtained from retailers, 22.7% from Grinding mills while as 15% whole sale, 1.3% others, and 1% from factory. 58.7% respondents said that ingredients were expensive followed by moderately expensive (25.3%), very expensive (12%) and 4% revealed that the ingredients were not expensive. 66% respondents revealed that the spoilage of the feeds was less frequent as compared to 17%, not at all 8%, and 9% who said that the feeds get spoilt frequently, not at all and very frequently respectively, Poultry farmers in Kawempe division processed there feeds to have control of the nutritional quality of their rations for intensive chicken farming and during the study period, 60 % of respondents contacted process their feeds very often, 28% often and 9% not at all.

If on farm feed mixing to be put on benefit, great effort is required to produce well-balanced on farm mixed ration. The use of locally available feed resources should be considered a high priority thus reducing the costs of purchasing the ingredients and increasing the profitability of the enterprise.

CHAPTER ONE: INTRODUCTION

1.0. Introduction

The world population of poultry was estimated at 16.2 billion, 71.6 % occur in developing countries. It was also estimated that in Uganda there are has only 1068 million households and around 80-90% are involved in poultry keeping (Kitalyi, 1998)and (Gueye, 1998).In Uganda, Livestock production, is one component of agriculture and it contributes 17% of Gross Domestic Product (GDP), representing about 9% of total Gross Domestic Product (Byarugaba,2007.,Busuulwa,2009). Uganda produces 67, 718,544 metric tons of chicken meat and 57,861,747 Metric tons of hen eggs (Guèye, 2005). 70% of the poultry products are from village and this has ensured a 20% animal protein intake (kitalyi., 1998) The high percentage of households keeping poultry have ensured demand for commercial and on farm mixed feeds. In Uganda,70% small-scale feed mills are totally not mechanized but it is assumed to be major issue for commercial poultry producers (Omiti&Okute, 2010).This indicates that all farmers cannot afford commercial poultry production and around 60-70% costs spent only on feeds forcing most farmers to buy ingredients and mix them personally. Poultry production is categorized into commercial and free-range but the only difference exists mainly in terms of number, kinds of birds, bio-security and management practice also intensive, semi-intensive and extensive system of poultry production which is based on specialized breeds and constitutes less than 20% of the total poultry and is mainly found in urban areas like Kawempe division, where there is constant market for eggs and chicken meat (Gueye,2000., Alemu., 2003; Gausi, *et al.*, 2004) that give hope for of on farm mixed feed . In Uganda the poultry farmers use compounded and homemade feed from oil seeds cakes variety, soybean, groundnut, Sunflower and cotton seedcake.. In Kampala city and Kawempe Division inclusive poultry farming is now legalized and formal as 70% of eggs eaten from the city ensuring need and market for animal feeds (Kimeze,2005) constantly in Kampala .

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