The Feed Assessment Tool (FEAST)

Key messages

• Livestock feed intervention strategies are often ad hoc and not based on a full understanding of system constraints. Farmer buy-in is often lacking. Feed interventions therefore often fail

• FEAST provides a systematic and participatory approach to designing feed interventions

• FEAST can be used by researchers, extension services and NGOs to help them develop better feeding systems with farmers

Livestock-based solutions

• Poor feeding of livestock seriously limits productivity. FEAST helps by developing better ways of feeding livestock and thus improving their productivity and potential to generate income and provide better nutrition to family members and consumers

• FEAST provides guidance on new ways of feeding livestock leading to increased productivity, increased income and better nutrition for farming communities, livestock value chain actors and consumers.

Figure 1 - Example of output from FEAST application

Figure 3 - Farmers discussing constraints and solutions, Uttarakhand, India

Scale of the tool

• Household

• Landscape

• Value chain

Status of the tool

• Testing at wide scale

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