FEAST: FEed ASsessment Tool

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The <u>FE</u>ed <u>AS</u>sessment <u>T</u>ool (FEAST) is a systematic method to assess local feed resource availability and use. It helps in the design of intervention strategies to optimize feed utilization and animal production.

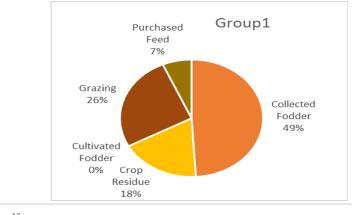


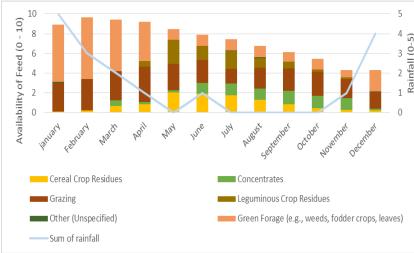
Maize residues – a common, yet lowquality feed source for goats

In the context of CLIM² project, FEAST will be used to identify feeding challenges within the project areas of Thyolo, Balaka and Chiradzulu districts, helping to develop appropriate interventions to improve the quality and boost production of livestock.

Notable FEAST outputs

- Short, structured report with supporting data on overall feed availability, quality and seasonality
- Indication of key livestock-related problems as seen by farmers





Examples of graphs from FEAST

Current status of FEAST in Malawi

Seven members of the CLIM² project and 19 government staff members were trained on FEAST at Larchevio Lodge in Blantyre from 6-10 November, 2017.



CLIM², government staff and farmers at a FEAST training

FEAST surveys will start after presenting proposal on 8 August 2018 at Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources.

These surveys will lead to development of interventions that will improve feed supply and utilization.

AVOID HAPHAZARD INTERVENTIONS - DO FEAST FIRST.

