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THE RESOLUTION OF THE 42ND ANNUAL CONFERENCE OF THE NIGERIAN SOCIETY FOR ANIMAL PRODUCTION (NSAP) HELD AT LANDMARK UNIVERSITY, Omu-ARAN, KWARA STATE, NIGERIA FROM 26TH - 30TH MARCH, 2017

The Nigerian Society for Animal Production (NSAP) held her 42nd Annual Conference tagged “**Landmark 2017**” at Landmark University, Omu-Aran, Kwara State. The conference which was declared open by the Chancellor of the University, Dr. David O. Oyedepo, ably represented by the Vice-Chancellor, Prof. Aize Obayan had the theme “**EMERGING CHALLENGES FACING ANIMAL AGRICULTURE IN NIGERIA AND THE WAY FORWARD**”. The conference featured scientific paper presentations and exhibitions and was attended by over 600 participants drawn from the government, academia and the organized private sector.

Dignitaries that graced the opening ceremony of the conference were: The Governor of Kwara State, His Excellency Alhaji (Dr.) Abdulfatah Ahmed as the Special Guest of Honour (represented by the Kwara State Commissioner for Agriculture and Natural Resources, Honorable Adegoke Bamidele; Members of the Board of Trustees of NSAP; Fellows and Members of NSAP; The President and Registrar of the Nigerian Institute of Animal Science (NIAS), Prof. I. F Adu and Prof. E. A. Iyayi, respectively; The Olomu of Omu-Aran, Oba Charles Ibitoye; The Olofa of Offa, Oba Mufutau Gbadamosi. The keynote address was delivered by Prof. I. I. Dafwang while Prof. J. S. Omotola and Mr. Olabode Adetoyi delivered the plenary papers.

The Conference observed that:

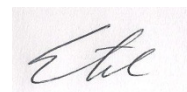
1. There is a dwindling interest in the consumption of some animal products such as beef, milk and eggs as a result of the ill advised negative human health implication in Nigeria.
2. Pastoralism is an age-long agricultural practice which is now threatened by changes in demography, economic activities, land use, developments and climate.
3. The challenges associated with livestock production have not been adequately addressed from the perspective of policies, research and practice. This has resulted in lack of synergy in some cases unavailability and poor utilization of resources in the livestock subsector.

The Conference therefore resolved that:

1. That government, its mandated agencies and other stakeholders should enlighten the public that animal products are safe, healthy and contribute to the growth and well-being of the populace. In addition, the school feeding programme of the Federal Government should include all animal products for the growth and mental development of the children.
2. That government should actively promote the growth of small, medium and large scale commercial ruminants (cattle, sheep and goat) production including ranches and pasture production ventures. In doing this issues related to land ownership by individuals, tax incentives to willing investors in ranches and carefully crafted conflict resolution mechanisms should be clearly enunciated to ensure sustainability of ruminant production.
3. The Livestock Production policies of government should be sustained and modified gradually to prevent policy summersaults which discourage investment in the subsector.
4. Conscious effort should be made by stakeholders in the livestock sub sector to seek out and utilise available policy and research output to advance the industry. In this regard, there is the need for government to deepen the knowledge production base of the livestock subsector through establishment of specie based research institute in conjunction with existing institutions in addition to the National Animal Production Research Institute (NAPRI), Shika Zaria.



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