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- Continuous reviewing of policy to ensure relevance to changing times, and local and international environments.
- Problems necessitating policy formulation including that smallholder livestock producers continue to be disadvantaged in the provision of services, acquirement of input supplies and access to competitive markets due to lack of relevant timely information, appropriate community structures and services
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