

BI-MONTHLY PASTORAL SURVEILLANCE BULLETIN IN THE SAHEL

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The current period is characterized by a significant improvement in pastoral conditions across the region, with generally adequate availability of pastures and water points, supporting good animal body condition. However, disparities persist, particularly in areas where vegetation cover remains low or where excess water resources pose flooding risks. Markets are generally accessible, but livestock prices continue to rise, while cereal prices vary by location, influencing terms of trade that remain unfavorable for herders in several areas. From a health perspective, a few outbreaks of animal and human diseases require heightened vigilance. Security remains fragile in certain zones, with recurring cases of livestock theft and additional pressures on pastoral ressources linked to hosting displaced or refugee populations.

BURKINA FASO

Slight decrease in cereal prices

Deterioration of terms of trade

Persistent livestock theft in

Average livestock

cross-border areas

concentration

for herders



IVORY COAST

Excess hydrology in the Tchologo

Overall good animal health with

Fragile security with recurrent

Increased pressure in areas hosting

Markets accessible but strong price

disparities between departments

satisfactory body condition

livestock theft

refugee populations



MALI

Progressive restoration of pastoral

Low vegetation cover in the north Good body condition of small and

Very unfavorable terms of

Easing of social relations among

Lack of support for the pastoral

MAURITANIA



NIGER

Very good availability of pasture

Very good availability of surface

Improved security situation and

reduction in livestock theft cases

Terms of trade (goat for cereal)

water for animal watering

Increase in livestock prices

Decrease in cereal prices

favorable to herders



SENEGAL



Good availability of pastoral Favorable availability of pastoral resources resources resources

large ruminants

tradeLivestock theft

herders

Confirmed cases of Rift Valley fever and diphtheria in several Wilayas

Flooding in riverine localities Onset of the rainy season with good distribution of rainfall

Improved watering conditions and pasture resources

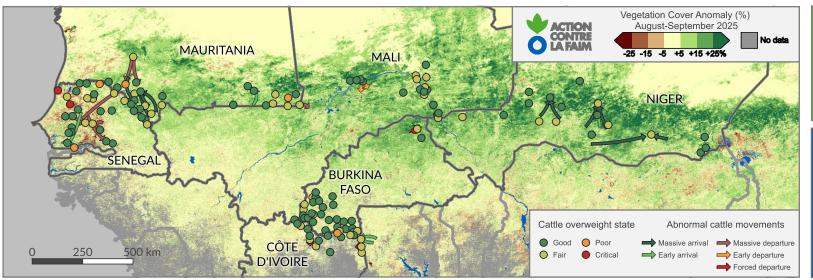
Satisfactory animal body condition Continuous arrival of refugees in Hodh Chargui

Good level of pond filling

Pasture and water resources satisfactory in the center and south. but deficient in the north

Localized animal diseases (PPR, diarrhea, skin conditions. enterotoxemia) requiring strengthened health monitoring

Significant increase in the price of male cattle



Field data comes from a network of collectors known as pastoral surveillance sentinels who respond weekly to a pastoral resources, livestock conditions, animal health and body condition, market prices, and the presence of conflicts or insecurity.

The satellite data used in this bulletin are sourced from the RAPP project (Rangeland and Pasture Productivity), initiated by GEOGLAM (Group on Earth Observations and its Global Agricultural Monitoring). The information generated from observations from the MODIS satellite sensor (NASA) pertains to the anomaly of land cover fraction in both green vegetation (active photosynthesis) and dry vegetation (nonactive photosynthesis) compared to the average calculated since 2001.

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