

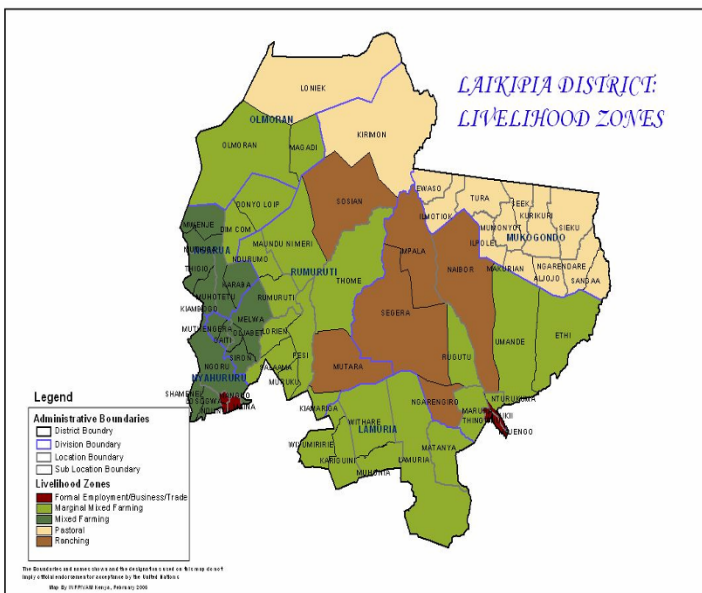


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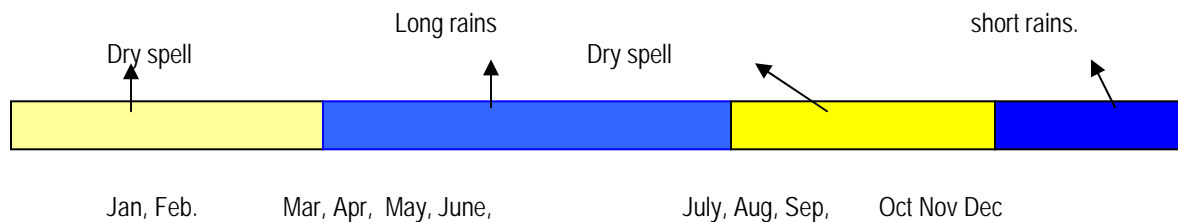
LAIKIPIA DISTRICT

WARNING STAGES



Livelihood Zone	Warning stage	Trend
Pastoral All Species	Alert	Improving
Agro Pastoral	Alert	Improving
Mixed Farming	Alert	Worsening
Marginal Mixed Farming	Alert	Worsening

SEASONAL CALENDER



Situation Overview

- The month of May remained relatively dry with insignificant rainfall amounts.
- The veterinary department got some PPR vaccines, though the risk is still high since the vaccines may only cover a quarter of the stock in the District. The veterinary department is still working out the logistics to cover the entire area.
- Cases of sheep and goat pox were reported in parts of the Central Division; Endana and Kimakandura and parts of Mukogodo.
- Drought stress is being felt in Mukogodo and parts of Olmorán, especially with food shortage.
- Due to the looming dry spell, livestock in Mukogodo have started moving to the Central Division of Laikipia East District.
- The clashes in Laikipia West have remained calm as the administration is working on reconciliation with victims of the clashes.
- New clashes between the pastoralists and ranchers have started in Mukandura, the administration and security personnel have intervened, though property has been destroyed and several people are in custody over the issue.

Recommendation to the district DSG.

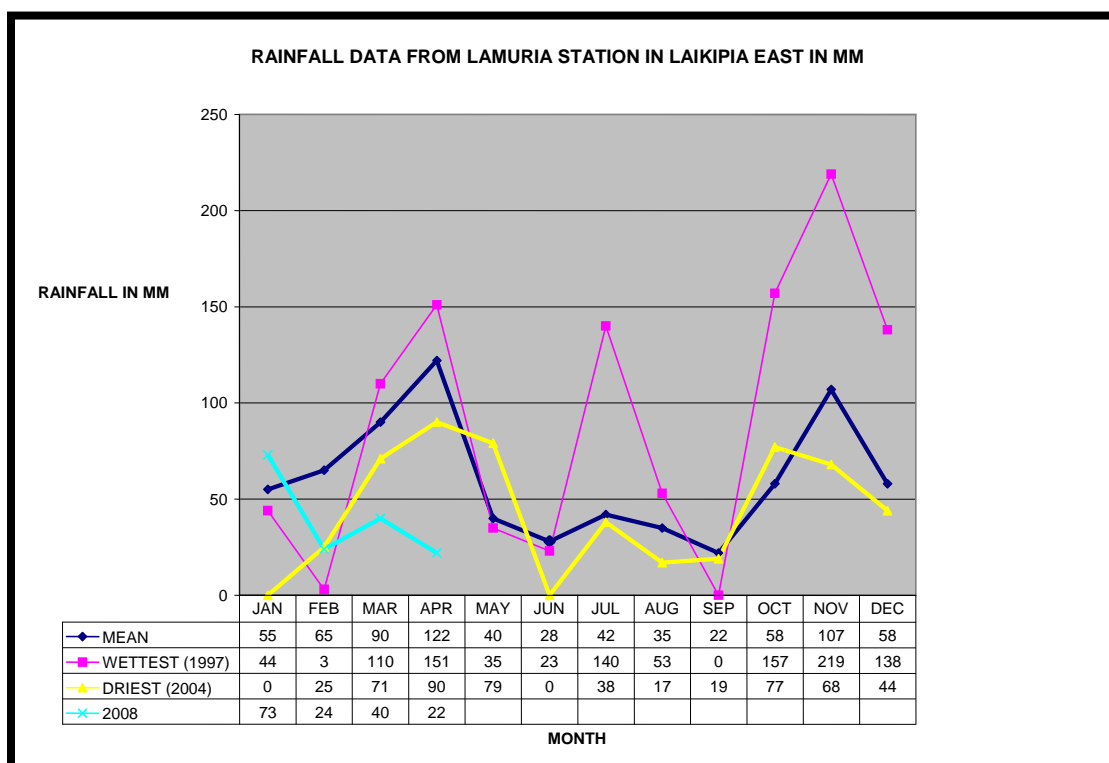
- The new conflict in the Mukandura, Laikipia East District and Laikipia West needs intervention before it escalates to a worse situation.
- The Veterinary department should roll out quick control of the sheep and goat pox cases reported.
- Repair of various boreholes and hand pumps is required to curb the water problem.

Recommendation to the KFSSG.

- The veterinary department needs to provide more PPR vaccines; the amount available is inadequate for the three districts.
- Relief food is required for the pastoral and marginal agricultures farmers.

1. Environmental indicators

1.1 Rainfall



RAINFALL DATA PROVIDED BY EWASO NYIRO BASIN AUTHORITY (DATA FOR MAY IS NOT AVAILABE YET)

1.2 Natural vegetation (Browse and pasture).

- Pastures are now depleting as a result of the failure of the rains and this has affected livestock in Mukogodo and parts of Rumuruti. Pastoralists from Mukogodo have started moving their livestock to greener pastures in Central Division, Laikipia East District.

1.3 Water Availability

- Water levels are low in most of the pans and dams, following the dry spell in April and May, 2008.
- Several boreholes and hand pumps require to be repaired, as the dry spell might continue. These boreholes are in Lamuria and Mukogodo

2. Rural Economy Indicators.

2.1 Livestock production.

2.1.1 Livestock body condition.

- Due to the ongoing dry spell the livestock body condition lies between fair and poor.
- In Mukogodo most pastrolists have started moving to Laikipia East for pasture.

2.1.2 Livestock diseases.

- PPR is currently the major livestock disease threatening over 500,000 herds of shoats in the district.
- A few cases of sheep and goat pox have been reported in Central Division and Daiga of Laikipia East District .i.e in Endana, Mukandura and Ethi the livestock have not been vaccinated.

2.2 Crop production.

2.2.1 Condition of various crops.

- Crops are experiencing moisture stress, due to the failure of the rains especially in Lamuria and Rumuruti. This might affect the food security in Laikipia East and Laikipia West District whose main livelihood rely on agriculture.

2.2.2 Pests and disease.

- No cases of disease or pest reported.
- No crops were harvested.

2.2.3 Implication on food security.

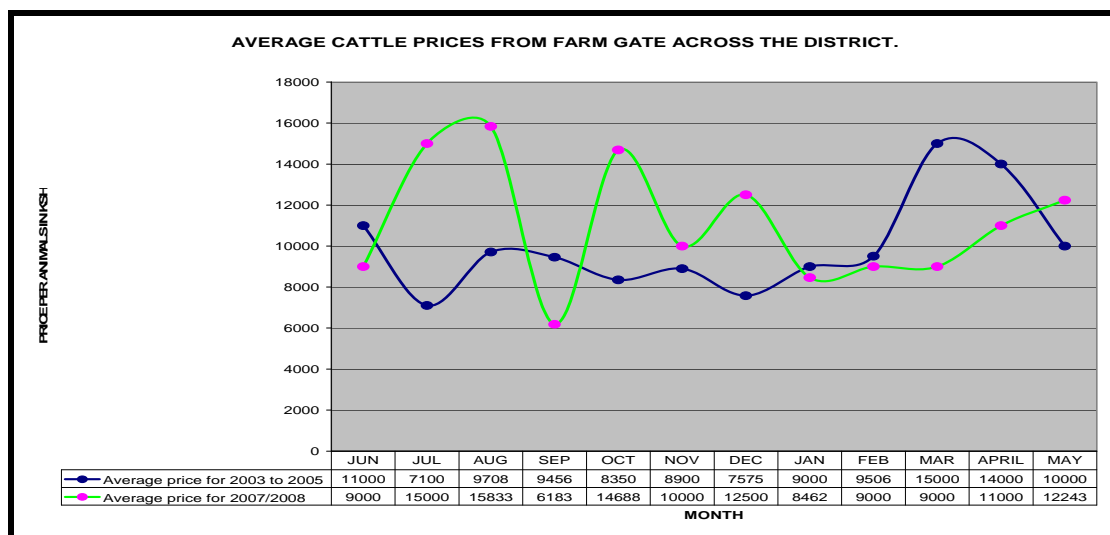
- Both livestock and crop production are expected to perform poorly in terms of yields in the districts, given the current trends. All livelihood zones in the district are therefore vulnerable to food insecurity.

3.0 Access to Food.

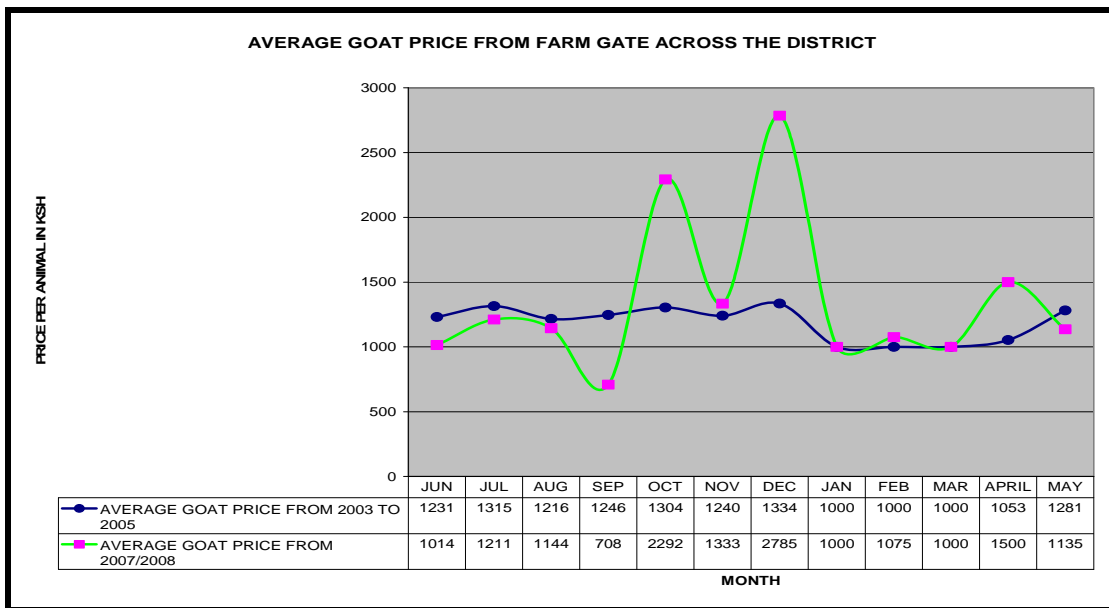
3.1 Livestock marketing

- Livestock markets are operational, no cases of closure.

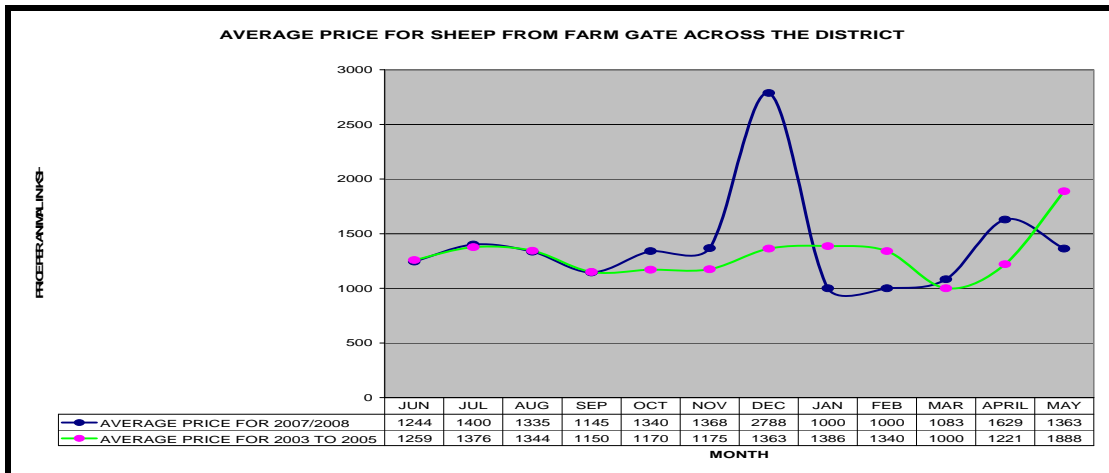
3.1.1 Cattle prices.



3.1.2. Goat prices

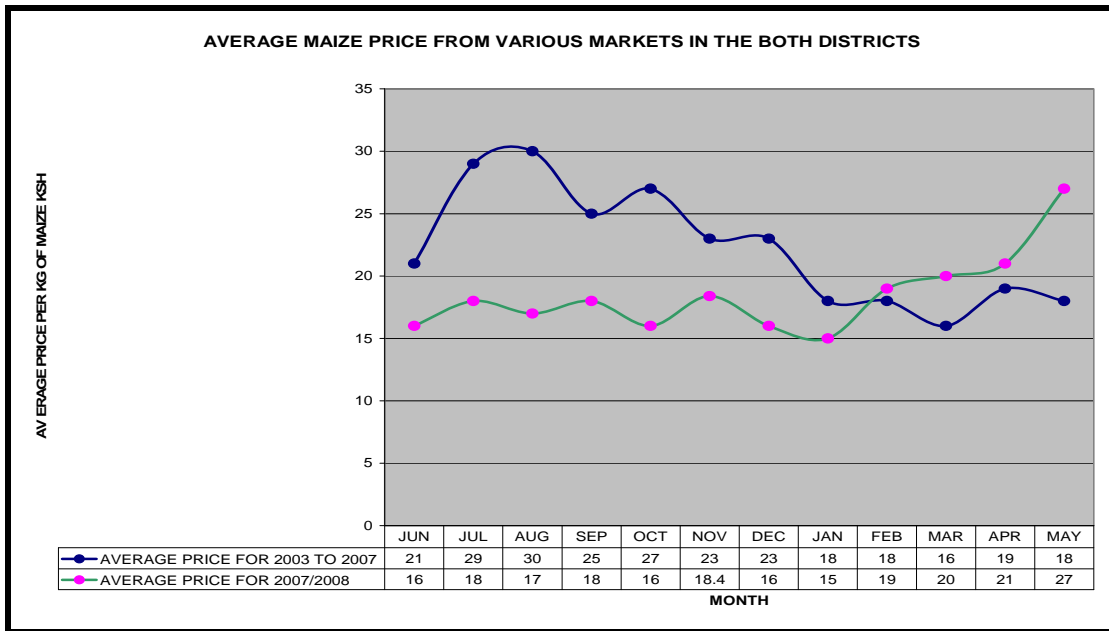


3.1.3. Sheep prices.



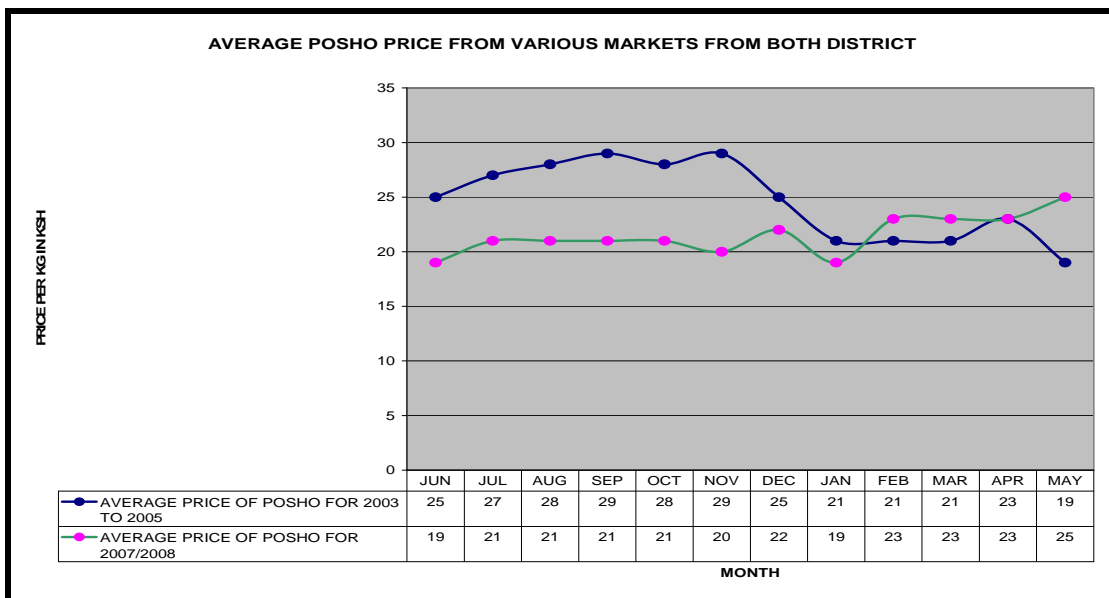
3.2.1 Food prices

3.2.2 Maize



- Maize stocks are reducing in the District and therefore causing the hiking prices, this is due to underproduction, as the last harvest was in September 2007.

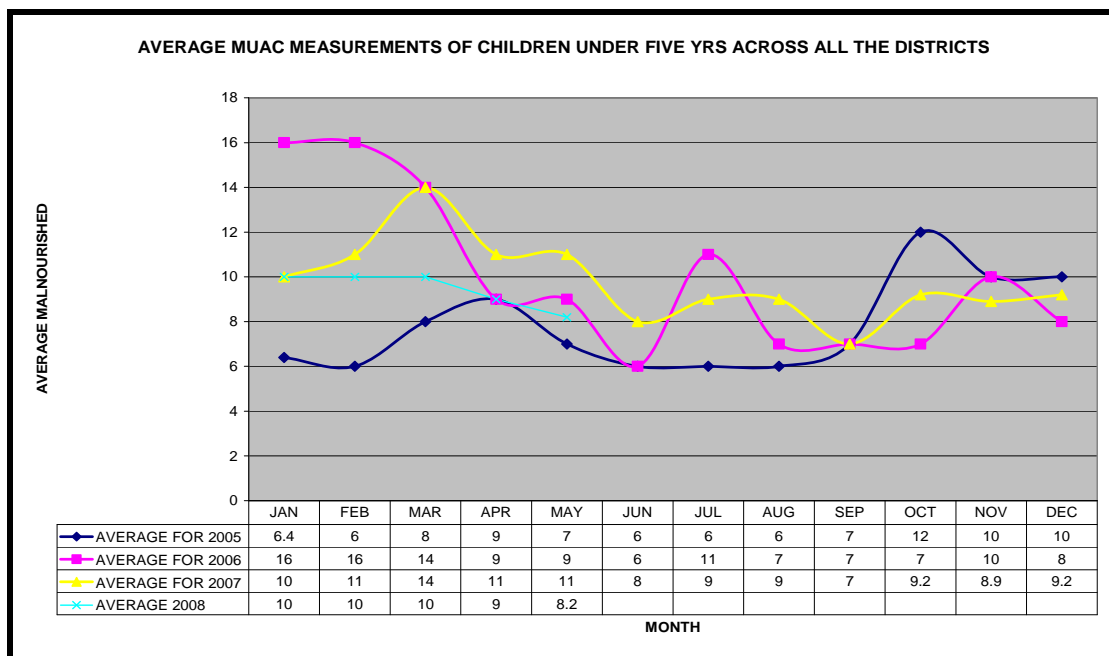
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4.0 Human welfare indicators

4.1 Nutrition status of the sampled children in the District sample areas.

- The Graph below shows nutritional status in terms of their Mid Upper Arm Circumference in Millimeters (MUAC) of the Children 12-59 months.



4.2 Health

- No major disease out break were reported.

4.3 Food aid

- No food distribution, except to clash victims and a few cases in the District Commissioner's relief food.

4.4 Insecurity/Human wildlife conflict

- No major cases of wildlife conflict.

4.5 Migration/Human displacement

- Pastrolists moving from Mukogodo to Central Division of Laikipia East in search of pasture.

5.0 Coping strategies

- Sales of livestock and livestock products, sales of food stocks from last harvest.

6.0 Recommendations.

- Conflict resolution in Laikipia East District (Mukandura) and Laikipia West.
- Veterinary department should carry out quick control of the sheep and goat pox cases reported.
- Repair of various boreholes and hand pumps to curb the water problems.