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PART 1: Review Comments

	Reviewer's comment	Author's comment (if agreed with reviewer, correct the manuscript and highlight that part in the manuscript. It is mandatory that authors should write his/her feedback here)
<u>Compulsory</u> REVISION comments	<p>1. It is needed, author to improve English writing. There are grammar and syntax errors.</p> <p>2. I suggest introduction to be written again giving a clear statement what is the problem and what this study try to solve. Start with animal production systems in the wider area and say for similarities or differences for Nigeria's production systems. Then say for the importance of goat production and give evidence for their nutrition (grazing systems/ home fed) and the limiting factors. You have to highlight that the absence of forage is a critical factor and woody fodder plants can be an alternative. Explore the advantages and disadvantages of them and ways of their use (directly grazing in the field or cutting carry). Then report the existing knowledge, identify the knowledge gaps and based on them define the objectives of the study.</p> <p>3. In the methods, it is not necessary to describe a standard method widely used. You have do that when you modify a method or when use a new method not known in the readers.</p> <p>4. If you adopt the suggestion for rewriting the introduction then you have to organize again the presentation of the results and discussion section, and conclusions as well. You have to connect the 2 different objectives of the study. From the survey to go in the studied plants, you have to explain why you chose these plants, what was the scientific basis (are they the most abundant? Are they the most</p>	<p>Noted</p> <p>Thank you</p> <p>Done</p>



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	<p>promising in terms of forage production and nutritive value? Are they complementary? Sth els?). In the discussion, you have to explore more the literature on the plant secondary compounds. You have to say that the dose of SCs is the critical factor and all plants contain some amounts of SCs. Also say something about the combination of PSCs. For example, what are the benefits for animals when eat plants that contain tannins and saponins?</p>	
<u>Minor</u> REVISION comments	<p>In the page 3/ lines 108 – 109 you report the gender of goat raisers. Why is important to report the gender? These farms are not family farms, which means that all family members deal with them? Do you mean that men or women deal exclusively with the farm while the wife/or husband work somewhere else or you mean singles? I cannot understand that.</p>	<p>Sometimes widows keep goats commercially and a wife may decide to do that to add to the family income where the husband may not be interested</p>
<u>Optional/General</u> comments		