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Urban forage vendors

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LOCATION

- Roadsides
- Livestock and other markets
- Moving around in urban areas





LITTLE UNDERSTOOD GROUP

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- A photograph of a man sitting on a large pile of harvested green grass. He is wearing a blue and yellow plaid shirt and brown pants. He is looking directly at the camera. The background shows a dirt path, some trees, and a small structure made of sticks and mud. The scene is outdoors in a rural area.





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VENDORS: FILL AN IMPORTANT ROLE

- Ownership of livestock common in urban areas (80% overall) – continuous and temporal
- Move forage from rural to urban areas
- Hundreds at minimum in Sahelian cities?



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QUANTITIES AND TYPES

- Mainly forage from natural range, crop residues: cowpea and groundnuts
- Some improved forage
- From traders bringing in hay to small vendors bringing in by bike



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QUALITY AND PRICE

- Great diversity, from low quality natural fodder to high-quality crop residues
- Price-quality relationship - some work conducted, e.g., Ayantunde and Grings
- Cowpea and groundnut hulms more expensive
- Large seasonal variability in price



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WHAT OPPORTUNITIES FOR RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT?

- Research: Much to do
- Development efforts
 - Great potential for income generation for rural and urban populations vs. unregulated nature, diversity and large numbers



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