

INITIATING SUSTAINABLE CATTLE INDUSTRY IN NIGERIA: THE SAUDI ARABIAN EXPERIENCE AND IMPLICATIONS FOR NIGERIA ECONOMY

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ABSTRACT

One of the vexed and perhaps the most discussed issues in Nigeria today apart from poverty, and economic recession is insecurity. For the past 17 years Nigeria has seen or know no peace owing to insecurity challenges plaguing the nation. It is either the Niger Delta militants are reeking havoc on oil pipelines, or Boko Haram from North-east, or the pro-Biafran agitators from South-east, or the crude method in which Fulani cattle herdsman slaughter, maimed, sacked villages in some states in Nigeria. The rampaging Fulani herdsman are causing a lot of havoc in Nigeria leading to insecurity of lives in some states of the federation. The paper discovers that the Fulani cattle herdsman are armed with sophisticated weapons, with this, use their animals to destroy farmlands in some communities in Nigeria, and the reaction of the farmers pitied them into warfare. The cattle herdsman on the other hand accused the locals of cattle rustling and killing of their men. In the process, there was tension and conflict, the result showed that the Fulani herdsman had killed, maimed, raped, kidnapped, abducted many locals. The main killing fields are Taraba, Plateau, Nasarawa, Benue, Gombe, Ekiti, Delta, Edo, Abia, Imo among others. The paper recommends modern ranching in Nigeria, and the adopting of Saudi Arabian method of importing fodder for the animals. This work is theoretical, using mainly the secondary sources and complement with historical analysis as its methodology.