

Turning *garaanwa* beans into animal feed and money is easy...

*There is little livestock feed or it is expensive. Garaanwa (prosopis) is everywhere, and is 'free'!
Processing garaanwa beans is simple – and the economic benefits are enormous.
All it takes is a hammer mill, a market, a little knowledge, and some time...*

Collect



Collect only clean, undamaged, golden-yellow beans, best if picked directly from trees. Garden rakes are useful for 'pulling' beans into heaps. Then fill buckets or sacks by hand – but make sure there is no soils or stones as they will reduce the quality of the flour.

Dry



Dry beans in the sun before storing or milling. Spread them out on plastic sheet, rooftops or on concrete floors - but not on the ground, as they can get infected and make animals sick. Once dry, beans can be stored for more than a year in covered sheds, if needed.

Mill



Mill only clean and 'snap-dry' beans, and better to mill in the afternoon especially in coastal areas. If there is any (morning) moisture in the beans, milling machines will quickly 'clog up'. Once milled, put the flour straight into sacks, weigh and seal/sew the bags closed.

Mix



Mix the flour with other fodder before giving to your animals. Animals, like people, cannot live on only one single food, and garaanwa is sweet, so too much will damage animals' teeth. Mix no more than half garaanwa flour with cut grass or any other available fodder.

Sell. Now you can make money from garaanwa. And remember that the nutritional content, measured as the amount of protein, energy, vitamins and minerals, is at least as good as millet, sorghum, maize or wheat flour. Talk about that when agreeing a price!