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I guess with the selection of Service Chiefs, our troublemakers have moved on from evicting each other over the farmer-herdsmen clash to another topic. I run a ranch @owonikokofarms & it has both a farm & livestock section. So have some interesting insights #NigeriaCattleProblem



1-/ First, let us agree that avoiding Beef or its byproducts is like avoiding air. It is everywhere from your food to household items. It is called CASH COW for a reason. Even the film for food wrapping use Fatty Acids. Hence you should care about #NigeriaCattleProblem

Smart countries build smart livestock value chain. It is a critical ingredient for building smart voter base as well. The milk, meat and byproducts are necessary products in connecting the brain neurons of a child (future voter) https://t.co/Zc73LVIogK

3-/ As usual, with the #NigeriaCattleProblem we've been problem finders not solution makers. The crisis of next week will be different from last week's. After skirmishes, we will move on for future replay. Funny is that even smart people don't understand the problem.

4-/ The focus often is on the Farmer-Herdsman clash and the avoidable deaths, blood and tears that underline that conflict. The farmer-herdsmen clash is just a symptom of #NigeriaCattleProblem

5-/ The problem is a lack of infrastructure for livestock industry like other "saner climes" we refer to. Why build infrastructure for livestock industry? Some may ask? The question is why not? Why neglect your food chain and economic well-being?

6-/ Nigeria consumes 25,000 heads of cattle everyday. Age is between 7-9 years. Taking low end, it means we need to have stock of close to 63 million animals feeding largely cheaply to replace our daily consumption. Ranched animal costs 250-500 naira a day. #NigeriaCattleProblem



7-/ Simply, if this "magic wand" called ranching were the only adopted solution, animals that cost between 120k to 180k today in open market will go for 800k to 1 million naira. So clearly, this "ranching" solution is not sustainable #NigeriaCattleProblem

8-/ Insisting it as the only solution to a massive broken value chain problem is like saying we should build more petrol stations to solve fuel scarcity problem. Of course you need more supply (breeding in Grazing Reserves) and you need more oil processed (ranching) & Logistics.

9-/ Every Nigerian will benefit from cheap grazing, and resultant robust livestock industry if well managed. A ranched animal for 5-7 years will cost at least 800k to 1 million naira each. The smart system is to graze cheaply then send to ranch to finish #NigeriaCattleProblem

10-/ Grazing Reserves are infrastructure globally. You need vast lands and water regulated by government to accommodate 63 million heads of cattle. Do the hard stuff, build the grazing reserve infrastructure for livestock industry. The way you build roads for transport industry.

11-/You need vast grazing reserves to store and grow the 63 million replacement heads of cattle each time you consume 25,000 heads of cattle a day. You need ranches with slaughterhouse to also finish them. So you need both not one of them #NigeriaCattleProblem

12-/ The demagogues will make noise about it being a private business & clash destroying property. But so is the transport business. We don't ask transporters to build their own roads & they will destroy your property too if roads were not built for them #NigeriaCattleProblem

13-/ The Bureau of Land Management in the Department of Interior manage almost 1 million square km of this infrastructure for the US. That is why the average American pays 60% less for better meat than the Nigerian and consume 30 times more as a result. #NigeriaCattleProblem

Bureau of Land Management

Agency within the United States Department of the Interior

The **Bureau of Land Management** (**BLM**) is an agency within the United States Department of the Interior responsible for administering federal lands. Headquartered in Grand Junction, Colorado and with oversight over 247.3 million acres (1,001,000 km^2), it governs one eighth of the country's landmass.[2]

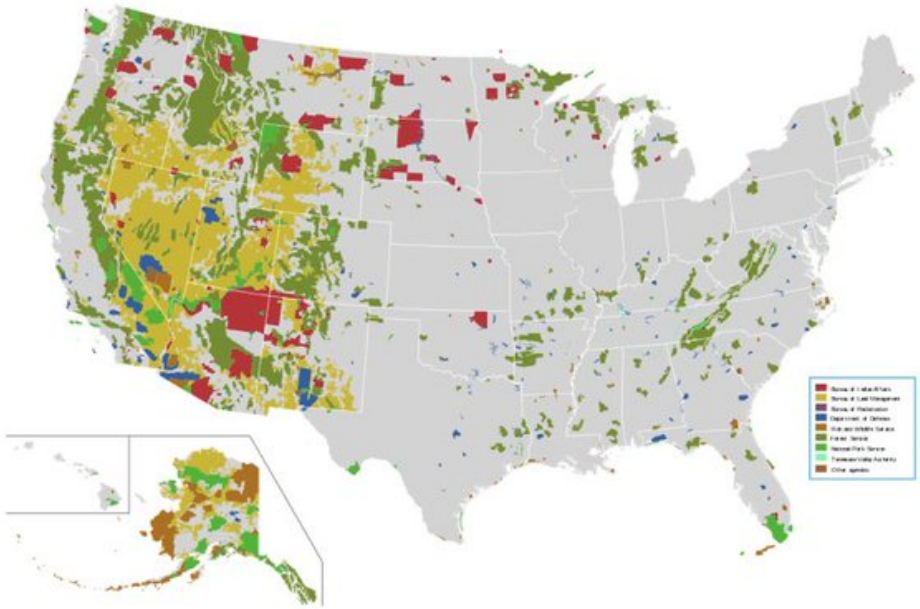
Quick Facts: Agency overview, Formed ...



Horses crossing a plain near the Simpson Park Wilderness Study Area in central Nevada, managed by the Battle Mountain BLM Field Office

14-/ Grazing Service is a major unit of the BLM. This is a capitalist country o. The land they manage is bigger than the size of Nigeria. This is why livestock is more important to the US than oil despite being the biggest oil producer in the world. #NigeriaCattleProblem

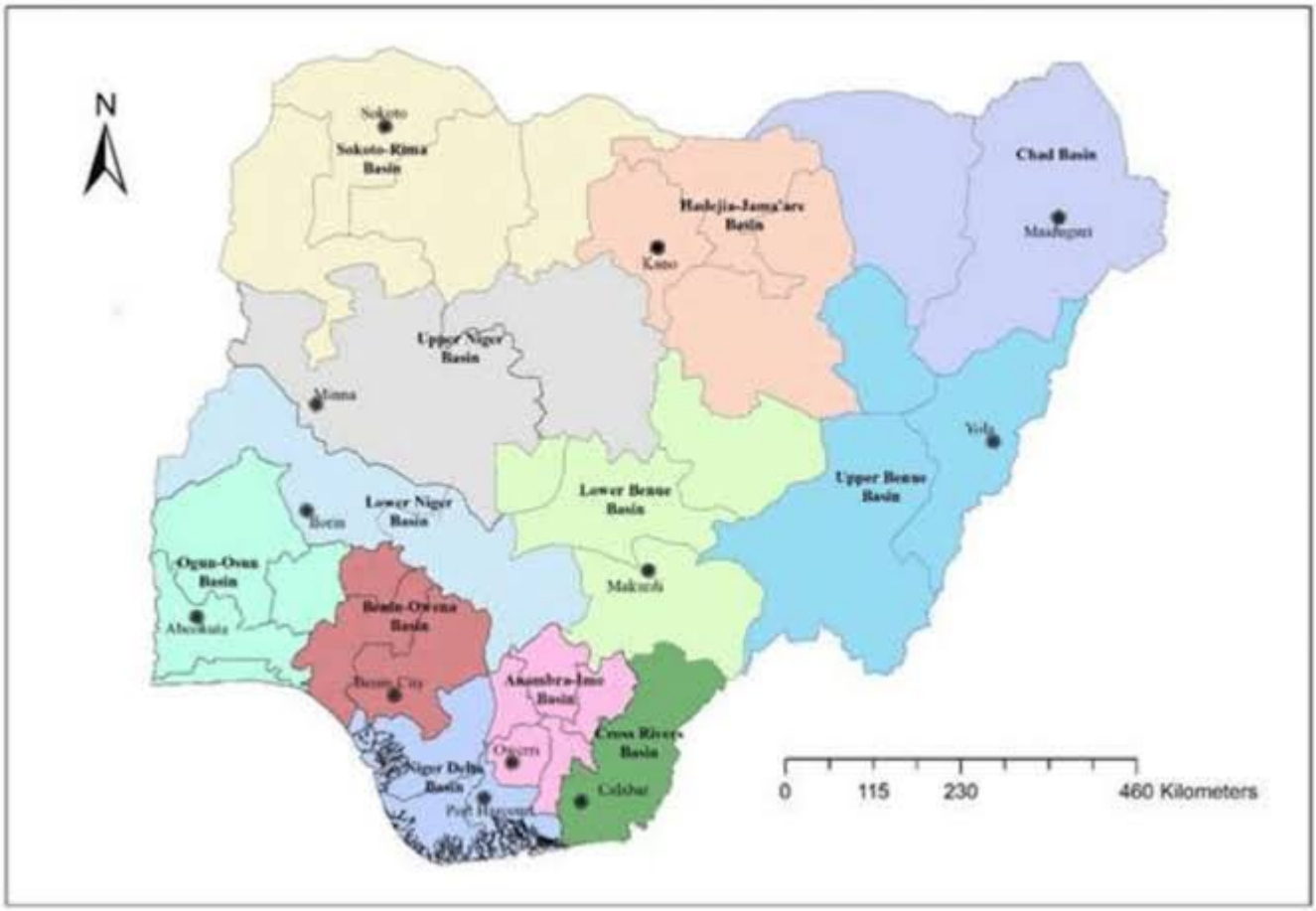
President Harry S. Truman created the BLM in 1946 by combining two existing agencies: the General Land Office and the Grazing Service.[3] The agency manages the federal government's nearly 700 million acres (2,800,000 km^2) of subsurface mineral estate located beneath federal, state and private lands severed from their surface rights by the Homestead Act of 1862.[3] Most BLM public lands are located in these 12 western states: Alaska, Arizona, California, Colorado, Idaho, Montana, Nevada, New Mexico, Oregon, Utah, Washington and Wyoming.[4]



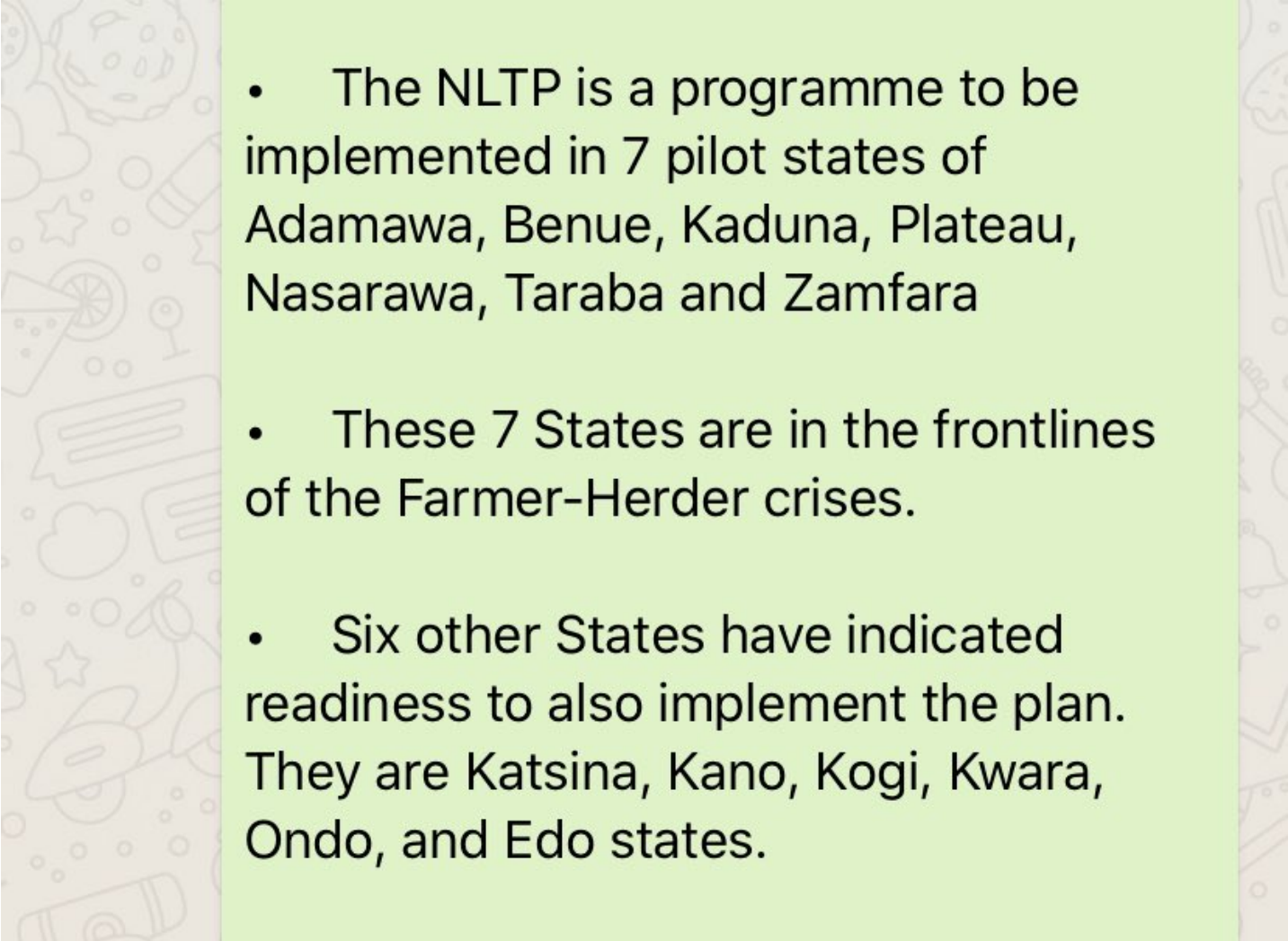
This map shows land owned by different federal government agencies. The yellow represents the Bureau of Land Management's holdings.

The mission of the BLM is "to sustain the health, diversity, and productivity of the public lands for

15-/ Nigeria has an equivalent agency (cies) under the @FMWRNigeria called the River Basin Authorities. They have about 4.3 million acres of land with Federal C of O under management. Water bodies in addition and across the country. But @NGRPresident been blackmailed to silence.



16-/ The biggest noisemakers in 2019 during the Ruga palaver were from states not even involved. But they blackmailed the rest of the country to submission. These were the NLTP pilot states in any case under a State Led Program led by the @ProfOsinbajo NEC #NigeriaCattleProblem



17-/ The worst thing to happen to Nigeria's cattle industry is that @OfficialPDPNig Governor Ortom that decided to use the spilled blood of Farmer-Herder clash to win re-election despite looting his state. He is the only one of the 7 pilot states that decided to play politics ■■■■

18-/@InsideKaduna_ the only state with a Governor- @elrufai -in Nigeria in my opinion, is moving forward with their own plan. Trust Mallam, he doesn't care for noisemakers. When Kaduna figures it out with $$ subsidized by @cenbank may be some of our daft Governors will get brain

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4. The milk farm will accommodate 1000 farmers split into clusters and evenly distributed across 5 districts. Each farmer will receive 14 primarily milk producing cows. A common pasture and grazing area of about 1000Ha will also be provided.



19-/ And if my long winded thread is too difficult to comprehend, here is screen grab summary. You can share with your tribalism parents and grandparents that eat meat and abuse Fulani for a living. I come in Peace. Lets tackle #NigeriaCattleProblem

1. Agreeing that even you and I benefit from cheap grazing. A ranched animal for 5-7 years will cost at least 800k to 1 million naira each.

2. To this end, if meat and milk are important for our food chain then just like transport and power, the government must provide the infrastructure to enable that industry

3. That requires us dropping the name calling and ethnic/religious demagoguery. And stop attributing the solution to some dark land grab or ethnic imposition agenda

4. Developing the infrastructure will thus benefit everyone. Allow the nomads work within the vast grazing lands as they do in North America, Australia and Europe.

5. All these, While preserving a way of life of a minority ethnic group which we all love to demonize now because minority rights means nothing here. Might is right.

6. You need those grazing reserves to also have a breeding industry to reverse the 95% live cattle importation we do in Nigeria. Creating 1-3 million jobs in the process

20-/ And for those that have longer attention spans, here is an article I wrote during Ruga Palaver predicting we will do foolish things with foolish Governors and end up back here again. The more things change...lets fix #NigeriaCattleProblem https://t.co/IunK3XjjEQ