

THE TRACTION ANIMAL DATABASE FOR AFRICA

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The TRACTION ANIMAL database run by Paul Starkie of ILCA (now known as ILRI (International Livestock Research Institute) in Addis Ababa consists at present of 1341 references. This database is available either as printed booklet or in electronic format. Microfiche copies of each article are available at ILCA (ILRI).

The TRACTION ANIMAL database forms part of the ILRI bibliographic database, ILRIB which has been built with the regular input of data from two international sources, CABI and AGRIS of FAO, and from ILRI itself. See P.K. Sinha's description of this database elsewhere in these proceedings. The ILRI contribution primarily consists of information collected from the countries of sub-Saharan Africa.

It would be useful to have this database networked. The software used, however, called CDS-ISIS, is very difficult to work with. It would be better if another database program such as Reference Manager could be used, or if the RRS company could help CDS-ISIS to improve the software, making it more searchable.