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Quantifying Alternative Food Potential of Agricultural Residue in Rural Communities of Sub-Saharan Africa

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Abstract: African countries have been severely affected by food insecurity such that 54% of the population (73 million people) are acutely food insecure, in crisis or worse. Recent work has found technical potential for feeding humanity during global catastrophes using leaves as stop-gap alternative foods. To determine the potential for adopting agricultural residue (especially crop leaves) as food in food-insecure areas, this study provides a new methodology to quantify the calories available from agricultural residue as alternative foods at the community scale. A case study is performed on thirteen communities in Nigeria to compare national level values to those available in rural communities. Two residue utilization cases were considered, including a pessimistic and an optimistic case for human-edible calories gained. Here, we show that between 3.0 and 13.8 million Gcal are available in Nigeria per year from harvesting agricultural residue as alternative food. This is enough to feed between 3.9 and 18.1 million people per year, covering from 10 to 48% of Nigeria's current estimated total food deficit.

Keywords: alternative food; agricultural waste; sub-Saharan Africa; global catastrophic risk; existential risk



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1. Introduction

There is a risk of global hunger due to a confluence of regional catastrophes attributed to rising cases of conflicts, civil unrest, weather extremes and adverse climate, crop pests (e.g., desert locusts) and economic shocks, all of which were further exacerbated by the global coronavirus (COVID-19) pandemic [1,2]. Since 2015, the number of people battling acute hunger has been steadily rising, and it was estimated that in 2019 this figure had reached 135 million people (who were in crisis or worse, having reached IPC/CH Phase 3 or above), according to the Integrated Food Security Phase Classification (IPC) and the Cadre Harmonisé (CH), which estimate the populations of people in need of food, nutrition and livelihood assistance [2]. Some studies have attributed micronutrient deficiencies to difficulties learning; decreased academic productivity; some health issues, including chronic physical conditions such as asthma; and some mental health issues, such as anxiety, depression and substance use disorders, to the incidence of hunger [3–5]. Hunger has also been pegged as a global problem associated with suicide attempts [6]. Therefore, addressing this problem could translate to improvements in mental health worldwide, especially for adolescents [6,7].

In addition to these current problems, there is a risk of hunger caused by global catastrophic risks (GCRs). There are a number of catastrophes that could cause an abrupt 10% reduction in global food supply. These include abrupt regional climate change (~10 °C drop in one decade, which has happened in the past) [8]; multiple breadbasket failures due to coincident extreme weather on multiple continents [9]; super-resistant crop pests that are

resistant to pesticides; super-resistant pathogens that are resistant to pesticides; superweeds that outcompete crops; bacteria that outcompete beneficial plant bacteria; gamma ray bursts; large volcanic eruption such as that of Mount Tambora that caused the year without a summer in 1816 and famine in parts of Europe [10]; a large asteroid/comet [11]; and an abrupt loss of pollinating bees [12]. Particularly concerning would be regional nuclear war, causing the burning of cities and smoke to remain in the stratosphere for years. A nuclear war, such as one between India and Pakistan, for example, could put between 1 [13] and 2 billion people at risk of starvation [14]. Additionally, although not abrupt, extreme climate change over a century of 5 °C or 10 °C could have a similar impact. Furthermore, an extreme pandemic that disrupts trade could kill hundreds of millions [15]. More extreme events would be sun blocking catastrophes, including an asteroid/comet that is very large (similar to the one that caused the extinction of the dinosaurs); a super volcanic eruption such as that of Toba 74,000 years ago, which some people think nearly caused the extinction of humans [16]; and full-scale nuclear war between Russia, the US, and/or China [17]. Sun blocking catastrophes would kill around 90% of people without resilient foods [18].

Thus, food insecurity is a major global issue affecting all countries. However, ten countries in the world constituted 65% (88 million people) of the worst cases in 2019. Among these, African countries have been severely affected such that 73 million people were acutely food-insecure, in crisis or even worse, with 54% of this population belonging to the latter categories [2]. Nigeria emerged as one of the African countries in this group, and falls within the IPC/CH Phase 4 classification correlating to the emergency phase, which requires the dissemination of urgent actions to save lives and livelihoods. Insurgency and insecurity, especially in northern Nigeria, have led to the massive internal displacement of populations, the destruction or closure of basic social services, the disruption of productive activities and markets, etc. [2].

The acute food insecurity situation in Nigeria primarily falls on three regions: Zamfara, Yobe and Borno [2]. Zamfara and Yobe have areas in phases two and three of food insecurity: stressed and in crisis, respectively. Borno, the country's most northeastern state, is presently the most food insecure, having areas in phase four, emergency, as well as in phases two and three. These trends are reflected by HungerMap Live: the weekly snapshot for 12 February 2021 indicates that there are 62.6 million people with insufficient food consumption [19]. Specific impacts on children (under 5 years old) include chronic malnutrition, which affects 36.8% of children, and acute malnutrition, which affects 6.8% [19].

The dialogue addressing global food security emphasizes bulk production and the consumption of sufficient amounts of calories to curb hunger and ensure survival rather than nutrition for well-being and development [20]. Regardless, there is a call for strategies to tackle the increasing food shortages commensurate to the rising world population [21]. The current strategies of providing food security are not viable with current food production practices [21–23]. Therefore, alternative strategies are required to optimize these limited resources and valorize resource efficiency in food production. These potential strategies have given rise to several investigations on alternative sources of food including plant-based meat or meat analogues [24], food production from insects [25], plant-based superfoods [26], etc. Additional resilient strategies include methane (natural gas)-consuming single cell protein (SCP) [27], hydrogen-consuming SCP [28], transforming cellulose into sugar [29], low-cost greenhouses [30], and seaweed and rabbits that can consume cellulose [31]. Almost universally, the majority of humans' calorie intake comes from seeds (grains and pulses) [32]. Edible leaves, however, have been known to possess more nutritional value than seeds in terms of protein quality, vitamins, minerals and omega 6/omega 3 fatty acid ratios [33].

There are three ways of extracting calories from leaves other than by directly eating them. One of the challenges is extracting the high fiber content. The lowest infrastructure method is chewing leaves and spitting out the solids [34]. The next method is making leaf tea by boiling the leaves/needles [35]. Finally, there is the method of grinding the leaves, pressing the liquid out, boiling the liquid, and then skimming off the protein rich coagulate (leaf protein concentrate (LPC)) [36]. A large advantage of the latter technique

is that many of the toxins remain in the liquid. A previous study found that the forests near the hungry populations determine the potential to make food from tree leaves at the national scale [37]. Agricultural residues could be fed directly to ruminants, but it is better to extract human-edible calories first and then give them to ruminants or industrial processes that can turn cellulose into sugar.

Though some agricultural catastrophes would destroy some industry/infrastructure, the destruction would not be global [38]. Therefore, most transportation and industrial capability would remain. However, there are scenarios that would disrupt transportation/electricity/industry globally. These include a severe solar storm; multiple detonations of nuclear weapons at a high altitude, causing electromagnetic pulses (EMPs); a coordinated cyberattack; and an extreme pandemic causing the desertion of critical industries [39]. These scenarios would create many difficulties for humans that would stop them from meeting their needs, including shelter, water and transportation [40]. For food, solutions need to be considered at the household level. Some promising candidates include cold-tolerant plants, mushrooms and LPC [39]. If international trade is lost, along with electricity/industry, many countries would not be able to feed themselves by conventional means [41].

Therefore, a case may be made for exploring the potential of adopting agricultural residue, and crop leaves in particular, as food. This study provides a new methodology to quantify the calories available from residue as a resilient food at the community scale that could be used to expand these estimates and reduce hunger now. A case study is performed on thirteen communities in Nigeria to compare national level values to those available in rural communities. The results are presented and discussed in the context of applying the new method in sub-Saharan Africa and of how it can be generalized to relieve both current hunger and future hunger caused by a GCR event anywhere in the world.

2. Materials and Methods

2.1. Nigeria

Half of the Nigerian population resides in rural areas (51%) [42]. Among the rural population, only 36% has electricity access, which is well below the 55% electricity access for the urban population in Nigeria [43]. Nigeria's rural areas chiefly depend on agriculture for sustenance, which still drives the Nigerian economy, with farming and fishing making up nearly half (47%) of Nigeria's gross domestic product (GDP) [44]. Nigeria has 0.219 hectares and a GDP of \$2130 per capita. In the event of the loss of industry and international trade, an estimated 76 million would die, which accounts for roughly 40% of the population.

This study will determine how many additional calories would be made available by harvesting food from agricultural residue. Thirteen rural communities in Nigeria were evaluated and are shown in Figure 1.

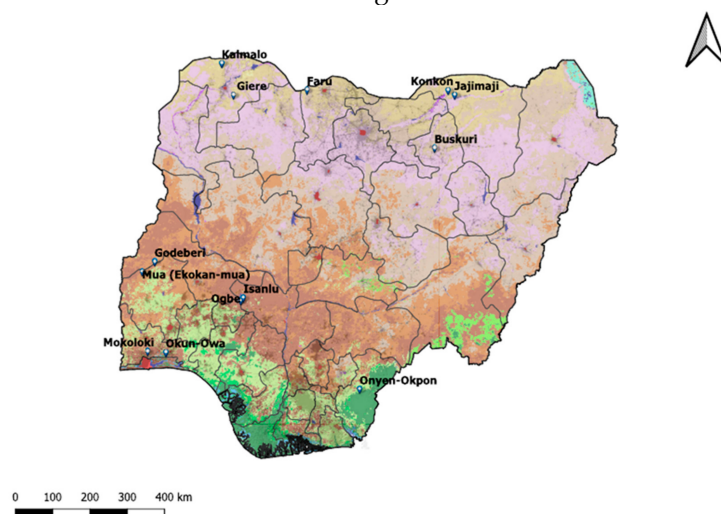


Figure 1. Case study communities geographically dispersed across Nigeria.

2.2. Algorithm

The approach for estimating the agriculture crop residues entailed estimating the net primary production of the plant matter in the target communities. Then, the residue to crop ratio and the availability factor of the residue for energy production was applied to deduce the amount of available agricultural crop residues. Only harvested crop production areas in use are considered; however, future work could be performed to consider the impact of the utilization of additional areas. Forest areas, protected areas and other unfarmed arable land were excluded zones from the assessment. These analyses were facilitated by the Global Atlas for Renewable Energy and Global Agro-Ecological Zones (GAEZ) model developed by the Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and the International Institute for Applied Systems Analysis (IIASA) [45]. The analysis resulted from estimating the residue generated within a typical temporal cycle of 1 year for a given geographic area. The available residue (R_{bio}) in t/year for a rural community was estimated as follows:

$$R_{bio} = \sum_i R_i r_i a_i, \quad (1)$$

where R_i is the annual production of a crop, i , in t/year. This was obtained as a product of the harvested land in 1000 ha [45] and the average productivity per yield in t/ha/year [46]. r_i is the residue-to-product ratio of a crop, i [47]. The residue availability fraction, a_i , was 95% for rice, 90% for millet, 30% for maize (corn), 35% for soybean and 100% for cassava [48], while that of other crop residues was 60% [49]. The crop types and residue are shown in detail in Appendix A.

2.3. Classifying Uses and Potential Edibility of Agricultural Residues

As a first step, the different crops grown in the communities listed in Table A1 are broken up into their different residue types, such as stalks and husks. These crop types and their residues were then analyzed using the following steps:

1. These individual residue types are then compared to databases/online libraries (Feedipedia [50] and Dairy Knowledge [51]) to assess their usage as forage and their nutritional value and to identify potential processing steps. The crop residues were broken into three streams: (a) known edible, (b) known edible with LPC [52] and (c) forage [50].
2. Calculations were performed to determine the calories available for human consumption as LPC for each crop residue for category (b) based on a range of the yield of the LPC process as a percentage of the initial dry mass. Left over mass from the creation of LPC that could be further utilized is returned as forage (c), from which a meat yield from animals fed the forage is calculated (discussed in Section 2.4).
3. Hypothetical yield consumption for (a) and (b) and (c) are summed for each crop residue to obtain additional direct food, and comparisons are performed between calories available and current hunger and between estimated mortality and estimate lives saved in the current situation and in a GCR. Finally, estimates of additional calories for people currently and in a GCR are outlined for future work.

To determine the number of calories gained from agricultural residues, several conversions must be undertaken. First, the digestible energy (DE) (gained from Feedipedia [50]) is converted into metabolizable energy (ME). For decades, ME has been calculated from DE using a factor of 0.82 [53]. Recent research shows that factors above 0.9 can be achieved with high-concentrate diets [54]; however, here, it is conservatively assumed that agricultural residues deviate from the ideal factor, and we proceed with the lower established factor of 0.82. In the next step, the Feed Conversion Rate (FCR), also commonly referred to as feed efficiency or dry matter intake efficiency, is determined for cattle, pigs and goats. The FCR describes the ratio of feed (dry mass) to bodyweight gain (kg/kg). The FCR for an animal can vary significantly depending on many factors. For instance, activity level (confined vs. free range), diet (especially protein content) and thermal environment (climate) can all

impact FCR [55,56]. The FCR is dependent on the ME (diet) of the fed diet, and to allow for a kg-to-kg comparison between the weight of the agricultural residues and the weight gain in the animal, the FCR has to be adjusted. This is achieved in a third step by factoring in ME (agricultural residue)/ME (diet). In the fourth step, the carcass rate (CR, in %) is factored in to approximate the amount of meat gained. CR reports the percentage yield of live animal weight to dressed carcass weight, where the dressed carcass represents the total weight of the sellable product. It is important to note that dressed weight is, thus, dependent on how the carcass is dressed, which can differ significantly globally depending on the market for given cuts. Caloric values (kcal/g) for meat from each animal were determined using macronutrient composition (protein, fat and carbohydrate) for standard meat cuts (beef, pork, lamb and goat) [57] before applying generic Atwater caloric values for macronutrients (Table A3) [58]. Thus, human consumable calories in the form of meat (E_{meat}) for a given animal fed a given amount of residues can be calculated by Equation (2), where (E_{meat}) is the energy value of the meat product (kcal/g), R_{bio} is as defined in Equation (1), ME_{diet} is metabolizable energy in the reported FCR diet, R_{me} is the metabolizable energy in the residue and m_{cal} is the energy density of the meat, as presented in Table 1.

$$E_{meat} = \frac{R_{bio} \times ME_{diet} \times CR \times m_{cal}}{FCR \times R_{me}} \quad (2)$$

Table 1. Inputs for computing calories from agricultural residues.

Livestock	FCR [kg/kg]	FCR [kg/kg]	FCR	ME_{diet} [MJ/kg diet]	CR [%]	CR [%]	CR	Caloric ¹ Value of Meat-Mcal [kcal/g]
	Low	High	Reference		Low	High	Reference	
Cattle	8.89	9.48	[59]	10.52	50	56	[60]	2.44
Pigs	3.5	6.5	[61]	10.91	64.7	69.3	[61]	2.63
Sheep	3.1	5.1	[62]	11.59	50.2	56.6	[62]	2.84
Goats	3.8	10.9	[63]	7.66	40	50.2	[63]	1.03

¹ See Table A3 for macronutrient compositions of standard meats for each animal type.

In addition, the Leaf for Life database [52] is searched for the specific crop species for which a known edible LPC has been reported.

2.4. Determine Leaf Protein Concentrate Yields

The method utilized for extraction of LPC from agricultural residues was accomplished in the following steps. Agricultural residues were harvested, and a known mass of fresh leaves was dried at 66 °C (152 °F) for approximately 16 h until weight no longer decreased (control), and dry mass was determined with a digital scale. The same known mass of fresh leaves was blended in a food processor with additional water until a fine pulp and green liquid was obtained. The liquid was separated from pulp and captured by passing through a finely woven polyester bag under compression. LPC fiber mass (FM) was retained and dried at 66 °C for approximately 16 h until weight no longer decreased, and dry mass was determined with a digital scale. The dry yield of CR was calculated using the following equation:

$$Y_{FM} = \frac{m_{FM}}{m_T} \quad (3)$$

where m_{FM} and m_T are the dry mass of the LPC FM and the total dry mass of the control, respectively. The extracted liquid was quickly heated on a stove top until a rolling boil was achieved to yield a coagulated green (and light green) mass and a brown/green liquid. The coagulated mass was skimmed off the top of the liquid and placed on parchment paper and dried at 66 °C for ~16 h until the weight no longer decreased (control), and dry

mass was determined with a scale. Finally, the dry yield of LPC was calculated using the following equation:

$$Y_{LPC} = \frac{m_{LPC}}{m_T} \quad (4)$$

where m_{LPC} and m_T are the dry mass of the LPC and the total dry mass of the control, respectively.

3. Results

The results of the edibility from the agricultural residue review are shown in Table 2 using Leaf for Life data and Feedipedia. For the agricultural residue from Table 1, which could be either directly eaten or used as forage, the calories available and the gross energy for dry mass (MJ/kg) are shown in Table 2. The proportion of the gross energy able to be extracted is dependent on the residue type and the digestive capabilities of the animals, as well as other factors such as the treatment of residues (chemical and physical).

Table 2. Calories from agricultural residues with sources [50,51].

Crop Type	Residue Type	Known Edible	Residue Produced in Tons/Year in Nigeria	Gross Energy for Dry Mass [MJ/kg]
Cassava	Stalk	Cassava stems (with starch content between 22 and 39% by dry mass): simple water-based technique (stem starch extraction), including milling, washing and sedimentation. Cassava foliage (for fodder for livestock): fed fresh and dried; sun-drying with chopping and wilting (cassava leaf meal); ensiled in pit silos (as silage); mixed with starchy cassava tubers to make nutritious food; LPC.	1250 (only community data available)	19.7
Coffee (Coffee/Cocoa/Tea)	Husk	Coffee pulp as a feedstuff: drying by solar dehydration, forced hot air-drying or a combination of both; ensiling with sugar cane molasses or mixed grasses, sorghum or corn. Coffee husk (livestock feed): ensiling and mixing them with energy rich feeds (e.g., cereal straws).	342 (only community data available)	19.5
Groundnut	Haulm	Peanut crop residues as livestock feed or fodder (as a supplement or as a sole feed): fed fresh, dried or ensiled.	4.83 million	17.8
Groundnut	Husk	Groundnut husk as livestock feed: milling and adding molasses and one percent urea to this ground product may improve its palatability.	1.00 million	19.8
Maize	Stover	Stover as livestock feed: green feeding green maize stover tops; grazing; cut-and-carry after drying by stacking or baling in the field or at the farm; silage has to be chopped, moistened, well compacted and sealed (with various degrees of processing and feed supplements). These processes include physical treatments (grinding and extrusion), chemical treatments (urea, NaOH, CaO, ammonia and sulfuric acid) and biological treatments with microorganisms (fungi and bacteria) or mushrooms, such as <i>Pleurotus ostreatus</i> .	6.6 million	18.2
Maize	Cob	Cob as livestock fodder: by supplementation, processing or both. Supplementation with green forage or browse plants, or readily available source of carbohydrates and nitrogen such as cassava tops or peels by grinding and/or pelleting; treating maize cobs with alkali NaOH and urea.	0.90 million	18.5
Maize	Husk	Maize green forage: fed fresh; ensiling; grazing.	0.66 million	18.2
Millet	Husk/straw	Millet husks as livestock feed: hard-hulled and finely grounded. Millet green forage: grazed directly by the animals or used in cut-and-carry feeding systems.	2540 (only community data available)	17.7
Sorghum	Straw	Sorghum straw (forage) as livestock feed: grazed (young or as a deferred fodder), cut fresh (green chop), made into hay or ensiled	5.60 million	18.1

Table 2. Cont.

Crop Type	Residue Type	Known Edible	Residue Produced in Tons/Year in Nigeria	Gross Energy for Dry Mass [MJ/kg]
Oil Palm	Oil palm fronds	Oil palm fronds as livestock feed: physical and/or mechanical processing such as chopped and fed either fresh or dried; ground; pelleted or ensiled in combination with other ingredients as total mixed rations. Other processes include pre-digestion of fiber via chemical and biological treatment and stimulation of rumen microbes by supplementation with energy and protein-rich ingredients. and supplementation with essential minerals.	0.14 million	16.7
Oil Palm	Palm press fiber	Palm press fiber as livestock feed: dried and pelleted. Processes by supplementation with a protein source; chemical treatment (urea, ammonia and NaOH) and by manipulating the ration to optimize rumen fermentation.	0.09 million	23.5
Rice	Straw	Rice straw as livestock feed: By mechanical, chemical, heat and pressure treatments/processing. Mechanical treatments: Chopping and grinding. Chemical treatments: (NaOH, ammonia and urea). Heat and pressure treatments: Steam pressure and association of steam pressure and ammonia.	8.12 million	15.5
Rice	Husk	Rice hulls as livestock feed: ground and included as a roughage concentrate in feeds; ammoniation under pressure and toasting; pelleted.	1.28 million	16.3
Soybean	Straw	Soybean forage as livestock feed: grazed, ensiled or dried to make hay	0.65 million	19

Following the method shown above for a wide range of crop residues, the yields for LPC are taken as a range of 4–14%. A standard caloric value of 3.89 kcal/g was calculated for LPC by using the mean proximate composition (protein, fat and carbohydrate) of eight reported LPC varieties [64] (see Appendix A, Table A3). The potential calories from LPC obtained from agricultural residues were then determined using these values (Table 3). Several residues, roughly those lacking green color and, thus, having a low concentration of chloroplasts, are ill suited for processing into LPC due to their low protein content. As such, maize cobs, palm fiber press, rice husk and coffee husk were excluded from LPC calculations (Table 3).

Table 3. Calories and LPC FM from agricultural residues using LPC.

Crop Type	Residue Type	Available Tons/Year in Nigeria	Available Residue [Tons/Year]		LPC Production [Gcal/Year] at LPC% Yield [DM/DM]		LPC FM Ruminant Digestible Energy [Gcal/Year]	
			Upper	Lower	14%	4%	Upper	Lower
Cassava	Stalk	1250	1190	836	645	130	12,900	10,500
Coffee (Coffee/Cocoa/Tea)	Husk	342	0	0	0	0	0	0
Groundnut	Haulm	4,830,000	4,590,000	3,240,000	2,500,000	503,000	34,200,000	29,500,000
Groundnut	Husk	1,000,000	0	0	0	0	1,000,000	1,830,000
Maize	Stover	6,600,000	6,270,000	4,420,000	3,410,000	688,000	49,900,000	42,600,000
Maize	Cob	901,000	0	0	0	0	5,180,000	4,670,000
Maize	Husk	660,000	627,000	442,000	341,000	68,800	5,870,000	4,880,000
Millet	Straw	2540	2410	1700	1310	264	17,200	15,000
Sorghum	Straw	5,600,000	5,320,000	3,750,000	2,900,000	584,000	45,500,000	38,400,000
Oil Palm	Oil palm Fronds	141,000	134,000	94,300	72,800	14,700	604,000	584,000
Rice	Straw	8,120,000	7,710,000	5,440,000	4,200,000	846,000	37,400,000	35,500,000
Rice	Husk	1,280,000	0	0	0	0	1,650,000	2,600,000
Soybean	Straw	652,000	619,000	437,000	337,000	67,900	4,370,000	3,810,000

LPC FM and calories remaining in liquid fraction from LPC production can be combined and fed to ruminants in order to maximize energy utilization (Table 3). To account for such reutilization within the model, the metabolizable energy density (MJ/kg) of residues were decreased proportionally to the human metabolizable energy extracted in the form of LPC. Apart from decreased energy value, the nutritional makeup of LPC FM is assumed to be equivalent to virgin residues, implying that animal performance is the same per kcal of LPC FM as virgin residues.

Using the agricultural residues as forage, the digestible energy for ruminants (cattle, sheep and goats) and pigs is shown in Table 4. Using Equation (2) and the relevant values from Table 1, the gained/produced meat are calculated and shown in Table 5. Meat produced from LPCFM is calculated in an analogous way, utilizing the LPCFM ruminant digestible energy values from Table 3, to calculate meat produced by ruminants from LPCFM in Table 6.

Table 4. Digestible energy (DE) from agricultural residues used as forage (ND is no data).

Crop Type	Residue Type	Available Tons/Year in Nigeria	Digestible Energy (DE) of Ruminants; MJ/kg	Digestible Energy (DE) of Growing Pig; MJ/kg
Cassava	Stalk	1250 (only community data available)	13.2	12.5
Coffee (Coffee/Cocoa/Tea)	Husk	342 (only community data available)	ND	6.5
Groundnut	Haulm	4.83 million	9.8	6.6
Groundnut	Husk	1.00 million	3.4	6.4
Maize	Stover	6.6 million	11.7	ND
Maize	Cob	0.901 million	9.4	ND
Maize	Husk	0.66 million	11.7	ND
Millet	Straw	2540 (only community data available)	9.5	1.1
Sorghum	Straw	5.60 million	10.9	ND
Oil Palm	Oil palm fronds	0.141 million	6.9	ND
Rice	Straw	8.12 million	7.2	5.4
Rice	Husk	1.28 million	3.7	ND
Soybean	Straw	0.652 million	9.4	ND

Table 5. Potential meat produced from virgin residues (Gcal is 1 billion calories).

Crop Type (Residue)	Cattle Upper Gcal/Year	Cattle Lower Gcal/Year	Sheep Upper Gcal/Year	Sheep Lower Gcal/Year	Goat Upper Gcal/Year	Goat Lower Gcal/Year	Pigs Upper Gcal/Year	Pigs Lower Gcal/Year
Cassava Haulm	180	114	552	210	219	42	672	238
Coffee Coffee/Cocoa/Tea	0	0	0	0	0	0	96	34
Groundnut Haulm	530,000	334,000	1,620,000	617,000	644,000	126,000	1,390,000	491,000
Groundnut Hulls	37,600	23,700	115,000	43,700	45,700	8950	279,000	98,800
Maize Stover	770,000	485,000	2,360,000	896,000	936,000	183,000	0	0
Maize Cobs	86,400	54,400	264,000	100,000	105,000	20,600	0	0
Maize Husk	88,000	55,400	269,000	102,000	107,000	21,000	0	0
Millet Straw	271	171	830	316	330	64	121	43
Sorghum Straw	685,000	431,000	2,100,000	797,000	833,000	163,000	0	0
Oil Palm Fronds	11,100	7020	34,100	13,000	13,600	2650	0	0
Rice Straw	654,000	412,000	2,000,000	761,000	795,000	156,000	1,900,000	675,000
Rice Hulls	53,300	33,600	163,000	62,000	64,800	12,700	0	0
Soybean Haulm	67,900	42,800	208,000	79,000	82,600	16,200	0	0

Table 6. Potential meat gained from ruminants fed LPC FM.

Crop Type (Residue)	LPC FM Ruminant Digestible Energy Upper Gcal/Year	LPC FM Ruminant Digestible Energy Lower Gcal/Year	LPC FM Cattle Upper Gcal/Year	LPC FM Cattle Lower Gcal/Year	LPC FM Sheep Upper Gcal/Year	LPC FM Sheep Lower Gcal/Year	LPC FM Goat Upper Gcal/Year	LPC FM Goat Lower Gcal/Year
Cassava (Haulm)	12,900	10,500	141	106	411	333	171	40
Coffee	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
(Coffee/Cocoa/Tea)								
Groundnut (Haulm)	34,500,000	29,600,000	377,000	306,000	1,100,000	940,000	459,000	116,000
Groundnut (Hulls)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maize (Stover)	50,300,000	42,700,000	561,000	447,000	1,600,000	1,360,000	682,000	169,000
Maize (Cobs)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Maize (Husk)	5,910,000	4,890,000	67,100	51,700	188,000	155,000	81,600	19,500
Millet (Straw)	17,400	15,000	191	156	553	478	232	59
Sorghum (Straw)	45,900,000	38,500,000	508,000	399,000	1,460,000	1,220,000	617,000	151,000
Oil Palm (Fronds)	613,000	586,000	6690	6220	19,500	18,600	8130	2350
Rice (Straw)	37,900,000	35,600,000	397,000	366,000	1,210,000	1,130,000	483,000	138,000
Rice (Hulls)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	0
Soybean (Haulm)	4,410,000	3,820,000	47,300	39,000	140,000	121,000	57,500	14,800

Residue Utilization Case

Two residue utilization cases were considered, including a pessimistic and an optimistic case for human-edible calories gained (see Tables 7 and 8). The optimistic case utilizes the highest of the upper bound yield for the residue conversion (food production) method for each residue. The pessimistic case utilizes the highest of the lower bound residue conversion yield for each residue type.

Table 7. Optimistic residue utilization case by residue type and production method. Optimistic Case by Residue and Production Method (Including Residue Usage Factor and Food Losses) [Gcal] Residue Utilization 95%; Food Wastage 13%.

Residue	LPC	Cattle (Virgin Residue)	Cattle (LPC FM)	Sheep (Virgin Residue)	Sheep (LPC FM)	Goats (Virgin Residue)	Goats (LPC FM)	Pigs
Cassava (Stalk)	561	0	0	0	375	0	0	0
Coffee/Cocoa/Tea (Husk)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	84
Groundnut (Haulm)	2,170,000	0	0	0	1,000,000	0	0	0
Groundnut (Husk)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	242,000
Maize (Stover)	2,970,000	0	0	0	1,490,000	0	0	0
Maize (Cob)	0	0	0	230,000	0	0	0	0
Maize (Husk)	297,000	0	0	0	179,000	0	0	0
Millet (Straw)	1140	0	0	0	508	0	0	0
Sorghum (Straw)	2,520,000	0	0	0	1,350,000	0	0	0
Oil Palm (Fronds)	63,300	0	0	0	17,800	0	0	0
Rice (Straw)	3,650,000	0	0	0	1,060,000	0	0	0
Rice (Husk)	0	0	0	142,000	0	0	0	0
Soybean (Straw)	293,000	0	0	0	126,000	0	0	0
Total Calories per category [Gcal]	12,000,000	0	0	372,000	5,230,000	0	0	243,000

The residue availability factor discussed in Section 2 describes the fraction of the residues, which can be gathered and made available for use to generate energy, providing a hypothetical upper limit for the extractable residues. The survey results demonstrate several residue utilization cases that would further decrease residue availability, such as in burning (on field), fuel, construction, among other uses, and these cases could be used with ~60% of total residue for cereals and ~6% for legumes [64]. To account for uses in which residue energy is removed from the system, a residue utilization factor was applied to both cases. For the optimistic case, a residue utilization of 0.95 is estimated as, in the event of a

severe catastrophe, residue utilization for food production would be prioritized in order to feed as many people as possible, implying a factor close to one. For the pessimistic case, a utilization factor of 0.67 is used, which is equivalent to the average of cereal and legume residues that exit the farm systems (~33%) in Kano State, Nigeria, as previously reported [65]. The model diagram demonstrating the pathway by which one residue type could be utilized to produce calories is presented in Figure 2.

Table 8. Pessimistic residue utilization case by residue and production method. Pessimistic Case by Residue and Production Method (Including Residue Usage Factor and Food Losses) [Gcal] Residue Utilization 67%; Food Wastage 30%.

Calories	LPC	Cattle (Virgin Residue)	Cattle (LPC FM)	Sheep (Virgin Residue)	Sheep (LPC FM)	Goats (Virgin Residue)	Goats (LPC FM)	Pigs
Cassava (Stalk)	91	0	0	0	138	0	0	0
Coffee/Cocoa/Tea (Husk)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	24
Groundnut (Haulm)	352,000	0	0	0	396,000	0	0	0
Groundnut (Husk)	0	0	0	0	0	0	0	69,100
Maize (Stover)	482,000	0	0	0	579,000	0	0	0
Maize (Cob)	0	0	0	70,300	0	0	0	0
Maize (Husk)	48,200	0	0	0	66,800	0	0	0
Millet (Straw)	185	0	0	0	202	0	0	0
Sorghum (Straw)	409,000	0	0	0	517,000	0	0	0
Oil Palm (Fronds)	10,300	0	0	0	8,040	0	0	0
Rice (Straw)	592,000	0	0	0	473,000	0	0	0
Rice (Husk)	0	0	0	43,400	0	0	0	0
Soybean (Straw)	47,500	0	0	0	50,500	0	0	0
Total	1,940,000	0	0	114,000	2,090,000	0	0	69,200
Calories per category [Gcal]								

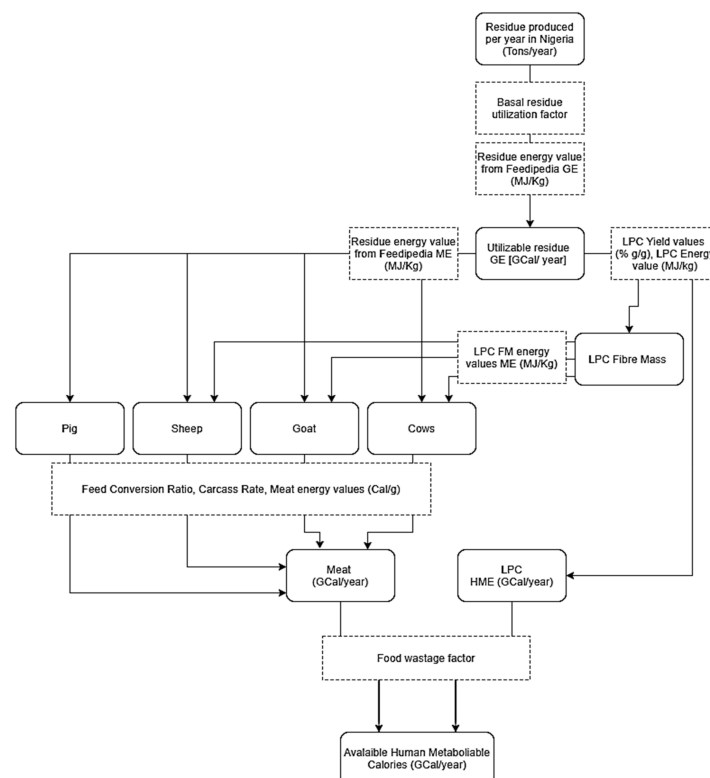


Figure 2. Model diagram demonstrating the pathway through which one residue type could be utilized to produce calories. Total calorie availability represents the summation of the model outputs for every residue. Different efficiencies and residue utilizations can be used to construct different cases, as in Section 3.

The waste of harvested food can occur at many steps of the food supply chain including spoilage, losses during transport, losses due to pests such as rats and more. These losses will be expected to be lower for subsistence farmers, for which there are fewer steps in the food supply chain, and further reduced again in instances of food shortage or famine as scarcity further incentivizes reduced wastage. The food waste factor is applied to both cases to represent such losses. The optimistic case uses a factor of 0.13. This number is intended to represent concerted efforts to minimize waste, as would be expected during times of scarcity, such as famine. The pessimistic cases use a factor of 0.3, representing that the status quo of wastage is maintained even in famine.

To demonstrate an improvement in total calories available from residues by the proposed utilization strategy, a status quo food production value was calculated. Livestock production numbers for Nigeria in 2012 (tons of meat per year) [66] (Figure 3) and existing FCR and metabolizable energy data were used to infer the allocation of available residues per year for each livestock category (Tables 1 and 3), which was then used to adjust proposed residue utilization cases (Tables A6 and A7, Appendix B). All calorie production for the status quo was assumed to be meat.

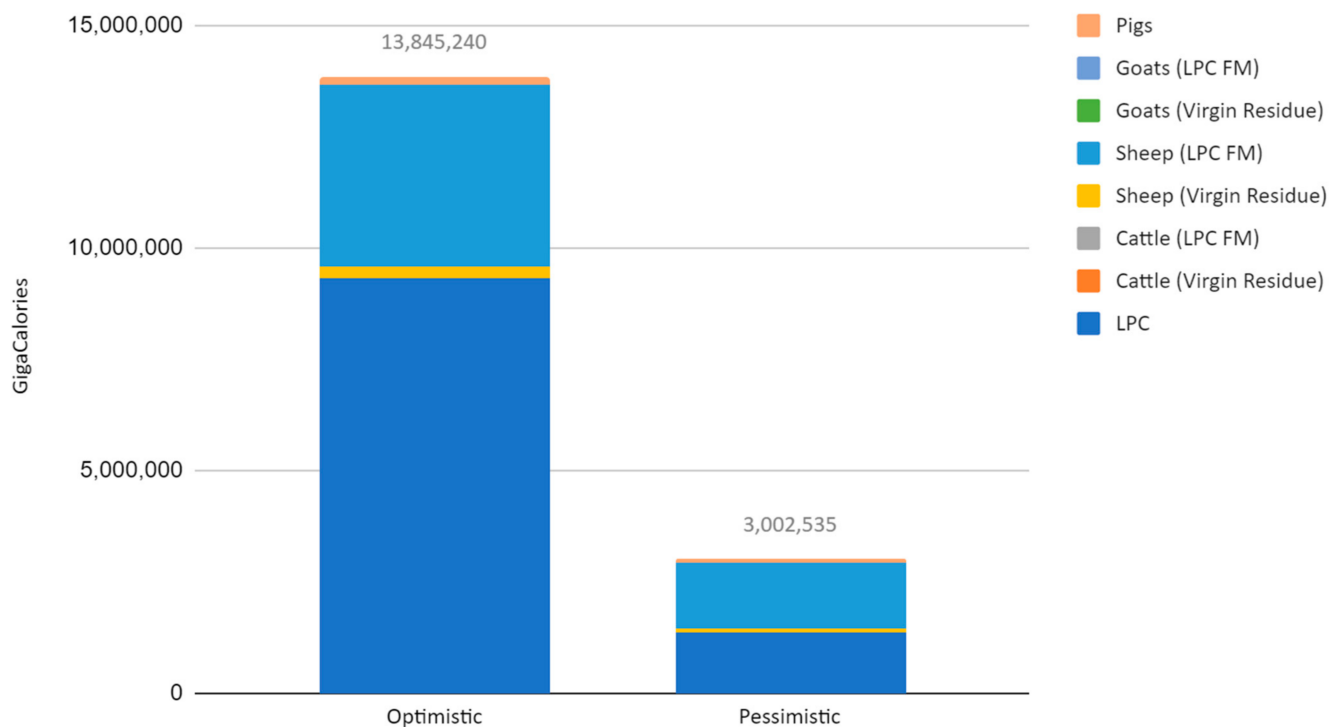


Figure 3. Optimistic and pessimistic case total calorie availability for Nigeria.

The above cases demonstrate an additional 13.8 million and 3.0 million Gcal available in Nigeria per year for the optimistic and pessimistic cases, respectively (Figure 3). To better demonstrate the potential to alleviate food insecurity, additional calorie availability was converted to additional yearly energy requirements, meeting the FAO-recommended daily calorie intake of 2100 kcal per person. The additional calories would be able to provide between 18.0 million and 3.92 million additional people with the FAO-recommended daily calorie intake for a year (Table A8). Finally, the potential to bridge Nigeria's national food gap (calorie deficit) was calculated using the following equation:

$$FG_{covered} = \frac{E_{total}}{365FGP} \quad (5)$$

where $FG_{covered}$ is the food gap covered; E_{total} is the status quo-corrected total energy for the improved residue utilization case, FG is the daily food gap, reported at 354.5 (kcal/day/capita)

in 2020 [67]; P is population, reported at 219 million [68]. Converting to percentages, this demonstrates that the improved residue utilization could cover between 10% and 48% of Nigeria's food gap (Table A9).

4. Discussion

An important consideration beyond the scope of this article is the nutritional quality of calories gained from LPC and livestock fed on residues. The food sources investigated in this paper are high protein (LPC) and high protein and high fat (livestock). As such, the calories from these food sources have greater utility in meeting basic nutrient requirements than from plants; i.e., they can aid in meeting a "balanced food basket" calorie consumption of 2100 kcal per person per day, as represented by the following macronutrient ranges: protein 52.5–78.7 g, fats 35–70 g, and carbohydrates 315–367 g [69]. Furthermore, the production of such nutritional calories within the region, as opposed to the transportation of food aid, also decreases logistical challenges.

The analyses captured in the energy flow diagrams (Figure 4) reutilize LPC FM (hemicellulose and cellulose) and water-soluble calories left over from LPC extraction by feeding to ruminants/pigs. The nutritional quality of LPC FM was assumed to be sufficient to achieve an equivalent FCR to animals fed virgin residues. In reality, the nutritional value would be lower than for virgin residues, due to the bulk of crude protein and fat being extracted, along with some of the partially water-soluble carbohydrates. As ruminants can use energy stored as cellulose or hemicellulose, caloric requirements will likely be met; however, protein, fat and other key macronutrients, anticipated to be significantly lower post-processing, may become growth limiting. Future research conducted to determine the expected nutritional content of LPC FM produced from various crops via a specified method (the production method impacts the nutrient content of LPC FM) will allow an accurate account of total residue nutritional value to be determined. Feeding trials of animals on LPC FM diets would allow an accurate FCR to be determined, forming a base to investigate strategies to improve animal performance on LPC FM, such as combining LPC FM with various virgin residues or supplementing with ammonia.

It is assumed that harvested residues will be either (1) processed into LPC, with the remainder of LPC FM consumed by cattle then returned to fields as manure, or (2) eaten by animals grazing residues in the fields. In either case, a significant portion of carbon content can be returned to soil (as animals cannot digest the lignin, which is the long-lived soil carbon) in order to maintain productive soil characteristics. Nutrient content may diminish over time and have to be replaced by fertilizers.

The utilization of residues appears variable in Nigeria depending on residue types and farmer practices. A survey conducted with farmers in the Irepodun Local Government Area showed that 53.7% of respondents did not utilize farm wastes, including maize cobs, husks and stalk, soybean straw and pods, and cassava stalk and leaves [70]. A separate survey reported a utilization of ~40% for cereals and ~94% for legumes [65]. Groundnut Haulm already makes up 80% of livestock feed in Nigeria in certain areas [65]. These results highlight the uncertainty in practical residue availability as opposed to hypothetical residue availability. Future research that performs increased surveying to more accurately determine current contributions to residues in food production would be valuable.

The above method only considered the production of meat from livestock, with milk production considered beyond the scope of the paper. As calorie production from milk is comparatively efficient compared to meat production, the values obtained are likely lower than would be possible for a herd with some proportion of milk-producing animals. The incorporation of milk production as well as chicken meat and egg production would represent a valuable improvement to the proposed methodology.

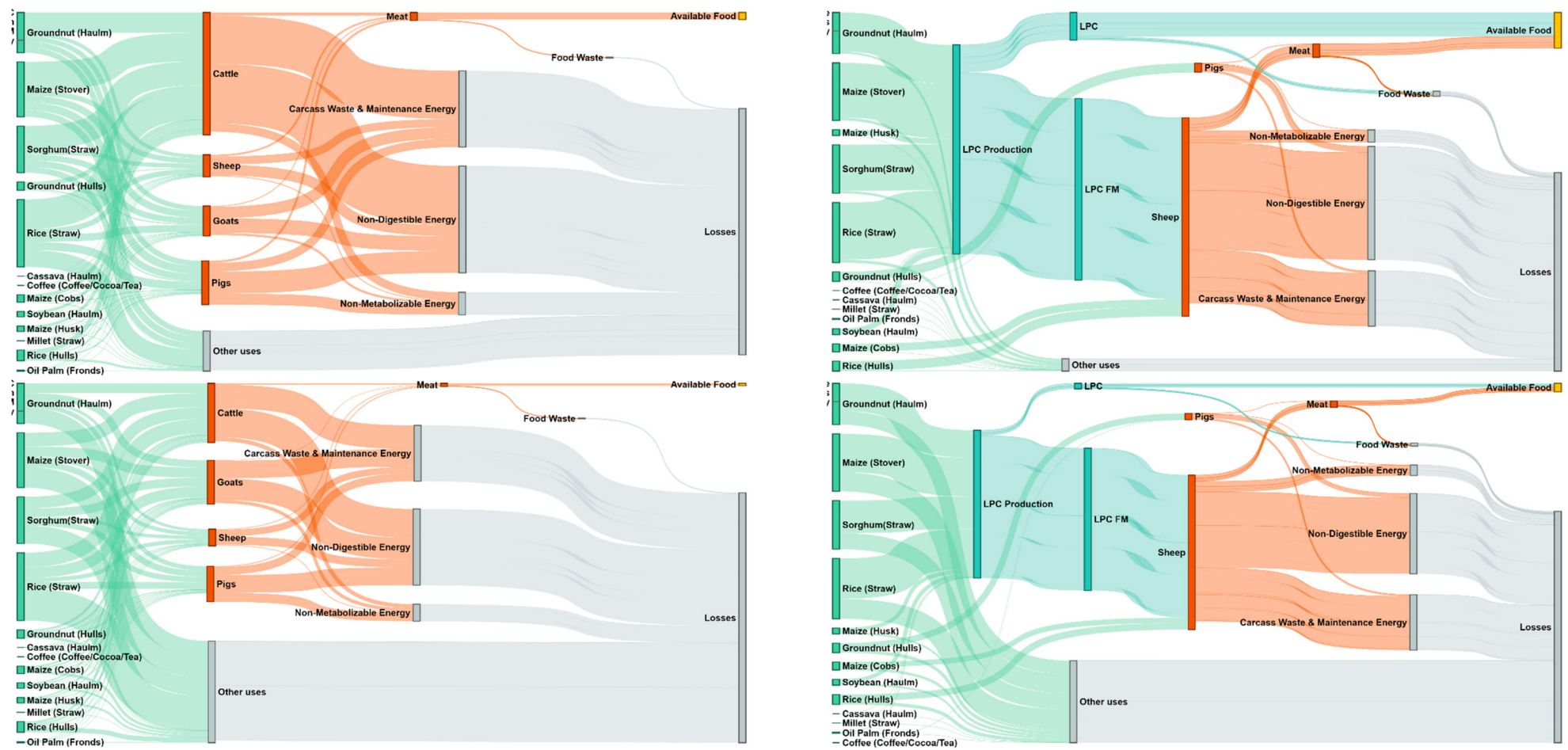


Figure 4. Energy flow diagrams for the four considered residue utilization cases. Diagrams represent energy flows per year. All diagrams are to scale, and, thus, energy flows can be compared across diagrams. Top left: status quo utilization assuming optimistic efficiencies. Top right: improved utilization assuming optimistic efficiencies. Bottom left: status quo utilization assuming pessimistic efficiencies. Bottom right: improved utilization assuming pessimistic efficiencies.

5. Policy Implications

The above analysis method demonstrated that between 3.0 million and 13.8 million Gcal of food could be available in Nigeria per year with the utilization of LPC production and livestock, pending toxicity testing of LPC. These calories could feed between 3.9 million and 18.1 million additional people, even with the FAO-recommended daily calorie intake of 2100 kcal, for one year. If implemented now, this would meet between 10% and 48% of Nigeria's current total food deficit (Table A9) of 354.5 kcal per person per day [67].

This method could be expanded globally by developing an assessment tool in which residue numbers are input, automatically converted to additional food availability under given production methods and then stored in a global database. Data could be geographical linked to create a world map of additional food stores held as residues. This would allow the improved management of residue resources and the advanced planning of how residue can be converted into food in the present or during a global catastrophe. The database could be updated as new information is made available, e.g., updating numbers on the conversion efficiency of residues to LPC, the nutritional content of specific LPC, the FCR of animals on a given LPC FM, etc., allowing the anticipated food availability from residues to increase in accuracy over time.

One of the clearest conclusions of this work is the need for additional toxicity testing of both the crop residue and LPC from the crop residue. Although the total calories available for each process for each crop residue were calculated here, the food may not be edible because of its potential toxicity or may have reduced value due to antinutritional factors. To overcome this challenge, future work can use LPC toxicity testing following protocols established for the LPC of tree leaves [71].

Although LPC production using commonly available tools could be initiated immediately, the development of low-cost community scale production equipment would drastically increase the efficiency of production and yield. The adaptation of continuous extrusion processes commonly used in commercial food production to LPC represents a potentially valuable direction of research [72]. Such an extruder would allow the various LPC production steps (grinding, the separation of LPCFM, the coagulation of LPC from leaf juice, and the pressing of LPC) to be achieved in a continuous process and by a single piece of equipment. Utilizing open-source and DIY paradigms in an LPC extruder design would increase accessibility to food-insecure groups aiming to increase the efficiency of production.

In addition, it may be possible to extract human-edible calories out of toxic agricultural residue by feeding it to animals. As seen in Table 2, there are considerable edible calories for animals. Future work is needed to determine the potential for animals to convert all of the residue to meat, eggs and milk for human consumption and then compare this source with direct eating and LPC. Milk production is more efficient than meat production in terms of calories, which could influence the optimal distribution of residues. In addition, there may be other conversion methods that could prove viable, such as the use of bacteria or fungi to consume toxic agricultural residue, which warrants exploration. Determining how best to distribute available residues among various production methods to create an adequate diet during times of disasters is also required to ensure an effective response at the onset of a disaster.

The long-term sustainability of this approach must be considered, as most of the residues play a vital role in maintaining soil health, by minimizing erosion and increasing soil moisture retention due to the increased carbon content from decomposed residues. The residues are currently sometimes ploughed under or left to decompose on top of the fields. This is crucial for humus/topsoil and using this approach could be a poor trade-off if, for instance, a community used most of the agricultural residues to fight off hunger today, only to find regions suffering from hunger with reduced yields and more problems in a few years. So long as lignin, which would remain intact following LPC production and consumption by ruminants, is returned to the soil as manure, sufficient soil quality may be maintained.

Substantial future work is needed in this area before making policy suggestions regarding the immediate use of agriculture residue to feed today's hungry in Nigeria,

sub-Saharan Africa and the rest of the world. That said, the use of agricultural residues in a severe global catastrophe would be warranted, regardless of the impact on soil, to help humanity survive through the first year, until other sources of resilient foods have scaled up to provide food for all of humanity.

6. Conclusions

Agricultural residues can provide edible calories to humans via indirect consumption by feeding them to ruminants to provide meat for humans or by processing them into LPC. Currently the potential of agricultural residues to feed humans is underutilized. Thus, improving the utilization of agricultural residues could address the acute food insecurity experienced by millions of people at present or provide a critical food source during a severe food system shock. To test the potential of agricultural residues to increase caloric availability, this study developed a new methodology to quantify the potential calories available from agricultural residues as resilient foods. The methodology was applied to residue data obtained from two communities in Nigeria to obtain a pessimistic and an optimistic case for human-edible calories gained. The results found that between 3.0 and 13.8 million additional Gcal of human-edible food are available in Nigeria per year by harvesting and converting agricultural residues to resilient foods. This could feed an additional 3.9 to 18.1 million people given the FAO-recommended daily calorie intake of 2100 kcal, for a year and bridge between 10% to 48% of Nigeria's calorie deficit. The results demonstrate the potential of agricultural residues to address food insecurity by improved utilization. This highlights the improved capacity to convert agricultural residues to human-edible calories via improved agricultural residue management, the deployment of LPC production processes and the expedition of toxicity testing of LPC samples to demonstrate food safety.

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Appendix A

Table A1. Available crop residue as a function of a community using rainfed low input agriculture.

Settlement	State	Geopolitical Zone	Crop Type	Residue Type/Viable Feedstock	Harvested Land [1000 ha] GAEZ	Ave Productivity/Yield [t/ha*year] IRENA ²	Production [t/year]	Residue to Product Ratio (RPR)
Jajimaji	Yobe	Northeast	Groundnut	Haulm	0.02	0.1	2	2.3
			Groundnut	Husk	0.02	0.1	2	0.477
			Millet	Straw	0.07	0.2	14	1.75
			Maize	Cob	0.01	0.3	3	0.273
			Maize	Stover	0.01	0.3	3	2
			Maize	Husk	0.01	0.3	3	0.2

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Settlement	State	Geopolitical Zone	Crop Type	Residue Type/Viable Feedstock	Harvested Land [1000 ha] GAEZ	Ave Productivity/Yield [t/ha*year] IRENA ²	Production [t/year]	Residue to Product Ratio (RPR)
Konkon	Yobe	Northeast	Groundnut	Haulm	0.14	0.1	14	2.3
			Groundnut	Husk	0.14	0.1	14	0.477
			Millet	Straw	0.45	0.2	90	1.75
			Maize	Cob	0.11	0.3	33	0.273
			Maize	Stover	0.11	0.3	33	2
			Maize	Husk	0.11	0.3	33	0.2
Buskuri	Bauchi	Northeast	Groundnut	Haulm	0.79	0.4	316	2.3
			Groundnut	Husk	0.79	0.4	316	0.477
			Millet	Straw	1.38	0.6	828	1.75
			Maize	Cob	0.73	1.3	949	0.273
			Maize	Stover	0.73	1.3	949	2
			Maize	Husk	0.73	1.3	949	0.2
			Soybean	Straw	0.03	0.5	15	2.66
			Cassava (cassava, yams and other roots and plantains)	Stalk	0.76	0.2	152	0.4
Godeberi	Kwara	North Central	Groundnut	Haulm	0.11	0.3	33	2.3
			Groundnut	Husk	0.11	0.3	33	0.477
			Millet	Straw	0.04	0.3	12	1.75
			Maize	Cob	0.4	1.5	600	0.273
			Maize	Stover	0.4	1.5	600	2
			Maize	Husk	0.4	1.5	600	0.2
			Soybean	Straw	0.16	0.4	64	2.66
			Cassava (cassava, yams and other roots and plantains)	Stalk	0.17	1.3	221	0.4
			Rice	Straw	0.35	1.1	385	1.69
			Rice	Husk	0.35	1.1	385	0.267
Mua (Ekokan-mua)	Oyo	Southwest	Groundnut	Haulm	0.2	0.3	60	2.3
			Groundnut	Husk	0.2	0.3	60	0.477
			Millet	Straw	0.08	0.3	24	1.75
			Maize	Cob	0.71	1.4	994	0.273
			Maize	Stover	0.71	1.4	994	2
			Maize	Husk	0.71	1.4	994	0.2
			Soybean	Straw	0.28	0.4	112	2.66
			Cassava (cassava, yams and other roots and plantains)	Stalk	0.45	1.2	540	0.4
			Rice	Straw	0.62	1.1	682	1.695
			Rice	Husk	0.62	1.1	682	0.267
			Groundnut	Haulm	0.15	0.4	60	2.3
Ogbe	Kogi	North Central	Groundnut	Husk	0.15	0.4	60	0.477
			Millet	Straw	0.09	0.3	27	1.75
			Maize	Cob	0.55	1.7	935	0.273
			Maize	Stover	0.55	1.7	935	2
			Maize	Husk	0.55	1.7	935	0.2
			Soybean	Straw	0.22	0.5	110	2.66
			Cassava (cassava, yams and other roots and plantains)	Stalk	0.17	1.9	323	0.4
			Rice	Straw	0.48	1	480	1.695
			Rice	Husk	0.48	1	480	0.267
			Groundnut	Haulm	0.14	0.1	14	2.3

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Isanlu	Kogi	North Central	Groundnut	Haulm	0.21	0.4	84	2.3
			Groundnut	Husk	0.21	0.4	84	0.477
			Millet	Straw	0.1	0.3	30	1.75
			Maize	Cob	0.79	1.7	1340	0.273
			Maize	Stover	0.79	1.7	1340	2
			Maize	Husk	0.79	1.7	1340	0.2
			Soybean	Straw	0.31	0.5	155	2.66
			Cassava (cassava, yams and other roots and plantains)	Stalk	0.25	1.9	475	0.4
			Rice	Straw	0.74	1.1	814	1.695
			Rice	Husk	0.74	1.1	814	0.267
Kalmalo	Sokoto	Northwest	Groundnut	Haulm	0.02	0.2	4	2.3
			Groundnut	Husk	0.02	0.2	4	0.477
			Millet	Straw	0.09	0.4	36	1.75
			Maize	Cob	0.02	0.7	14	0.273
			Maize	Stover	0.02	0.7	14	2
			Maize	Husk	0.02	0.7	14	0.2
Giere	Sokoto	Northwest	Groundnut	Haulm	0.19	0.3	57	2.3
			Groundnut	Husk	0.19	0.3	57	0.477
			Millet	Straw	0.66	0.4	264	1.75
			Maize	Cob	0.16	0.8	128	0.273
			Maize	Stover	0.16	0.8	128	2
			Maize	Husk	0.16	0.8	128	0.2
Faru	Katsina	Northwest	Groundnut	Haulm	0.16	0.3	48	2.3
			Groundnut	Husk	0.16	0.3	48	0.477
			Millet	Straw	0.57	0.5	285	1.75
			Maize	Cob	0.17	1	170	0.273
			Maize	Stover	0.17	1	170	2
			Maize	Husk	0.17	1	170	0.2
			Soybean	Straw	0.01	0.4	4	2.66
Okun-Owa	Ogun	Southwest	Maize	Cob	0.25	0.8	200	0.273
			Maize	Stover	0.25	0.8	200	2
			Maize	Husk	0.25	0.8	200	0.2
			Soybean	Straw	0.02	0.2	4	2.66
			Cassava (cassava, yams and other roots and plantains)	Stalk	0.1	1.2	120	0.4
			Coffee (Coffee/Cocoa/Tea)	Husk	0.67	0.3	201	1
			Rice	Straw	0.05	0.7	35	1.695
			Rice	Husk	0.05	0.7	35	0.267
			Oil Palm	Fiber	1.82	0.3	546	0.14
			Oil Palm	Shell	1.82	0.3	546	0.065
			Oil Palm	Empty bunches	1.82	0.3	546	0.23

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Mokoloki	Ogun	Southwest	Maize	Cob	0.2	0.9	180	0.273
			Maize	Stover	0.2	0.9	180	2
			Maize	Husk	0.2	0.9	180	0.2
			Soybean	Straw	0.01	0.2	2	2.66
			Cassava (cassava, yams and other roots and plantains)	Stalk	0.01	1.3	13	0.4
			Coffee (Coffee/Cocoa/Tea)	Husk	0.55	0.3	165	1
			Rice	Straw	0.04	0.9	36	1.7
			Rice	Husk	0.04	0.9	36	0.267
			Oil Palm	Fiber	1.5	0.4	600	0.14
			Oil Palm	Shell	1.5	0.4	600	0.065
			Oil Palm	Empty bunches	1.5	0.4	600	0.23
Onyen-Okpon	Cross River	South	Groundnut	Haulm	0.04	0.1	4	2.3
			Groundnut	Husk	0.04	0.1	4	0.477
			Maize	Cob	0.28	0.9	252	0.273
			Maize	Stover	0.28	0.9	252	2
			Maize	Husk	0.28	0.9	252	0.2
			Soybean	Straw	0.05	0.2	10	2.66
			Cassava (cassava, yams and other roots and plantains)	Stalk	0.85	1.5	1270	0.4
			Coffee (Coffee/Cocoa/Tea)	Husk	0.51	0.4	204	1
			Rice	Straw	0.49	1.3	637	1.7
			Rice	Husk	0.49	1.3	637	0.267
			Oil Palm	Fiber	2.79	0.6	1670	0.14
			Oil Palm	Shell	2.79	0.6	1670	0.065
			Oil Palm	Empty bunches	2.79	0.6	1670	0.23

² International Renewable Energy Agency (IRENA).

Table A2. Edibility of agricultural residue [50]. * indicates residue information obtained from separate source.

Crop Type	Residue Type	Forage Feedipedia
Cassava (cassava, yams and other roots and plantains)	Stalk	Cassava foliage (stems and leaves): crude protein, crude fiber, neutral detergent fiber (NDF), acid detergent fiber (ADF), lignin, ether extract, ash, starch (polarimetry), total sugars, and minerals (Ca, P, K, Na, Mg and trace elements).
Coffee (Coffee/Cocoa/Tea)	Husk	Coffee husk: crude protein, NDF and ADF, and minerals (Ca and P) * [51]. Coffee leaves: crude protein, crude fiber, ether extract, ash and minerals (Ca, P, K, Na and Mg).
Groundnut	Husk	Peanut husks or hulls: crude protein, crude fiber, neutral detergent fiber (NDF), acid detergent fiber (ADF), lignin, ether extract, ash and minerals (Ca, P, K, Na, Mg and trace elements).
Groundnut	Haulm (stem)	Peanut haulms, hay or stover: crude protein, crude fiber, neutral detergent fiber (NDF), acid detergent fiber (ADF), lignin, ether extract, ash and minerals (Ca, P, K, Na, Mg and trace elements).

Table A2. Cont.

Crop Type	Residue Type	Forage Feedipedia
Maize	Stover (leaves and stem)	Maize stover: crude protein, crude fiber, neutral detergent fiber (NDF), acid detergent fiber (ADF), lignin, ether extract, ash, insoluble ash, starch (polarimetry) and minerals (Ca, P, K, Na, Mg and trace elements).
Maize	Cob	Maize cob: crude protein, crude fiber, neutral detergent fiber (NDF), acid detergent fiber (ADF), lignin, ether extract, ash, starch (polarimetry) and minerals (Ca, P, K, Na, Mg and trace elements).
Maize	Husk	Maize husk: crude protein, crude fiber, neutral detergent fiber (NDF), acid detergent fiber (ADF), lignin, ether extract, ash, starch (enzymatic), total sugars and minerals (Ca, P, K, Na, Mg and trace elements).
Millet	Husk	Millet husk: crude protein, crude fiber, neutral detergent fiber (NDF), acid detergent fiber (ADF), lignin, ether extract, ash and minerals (P, K, Na and Mg).
Sorghum	Straw	Sorghum: crude protein, crude fiber, neutral detergent fiber (NDF), acid detergent fiber (ADF), lignin, ether extract, ash, minerals (Ca, P, K, Na, Mg and trace elements).
Oil Palm	Empty bunches	Oil palm fronds: crude protein, crude fiber, neutral detergent fiber (NDF), acid detergent fiber (ADF), lignin, ether extract, ash, minerals (Ca, P, K, Na, Mg and trace elements).
Oil Palm	Fiber	Palm press fiber: crude protein, crude fiber, neutral detergent fiber (NDF), acid detergent fiber (ADF), lignin, ether extract, ash and minerals (Ca, P, K, Na, Mg and trace elements).
Rice	Straw	Rice straw: crude protein, crude fiber, neutral detergent fiber (NDF), acid detergent fiber (ADF), lignin, ether extract, ash and minerals (Ca, P, K, Na, Mg and trace elements).
Rice	Husk	Rice hull: Crude protein, crude fiber, neutral detergent fiber (NDF), acid detergent fiber (ADF), lignin, ether extract, ash, starch (polarimetry) and minerals (Ca, P, K, Na, Mg and trace elements).
Soybean	Straw	Soybean straw: crude protein, crude fiber, neutral detergent fiber (NDF), acid detergent fiber (ADF), lignin, ether extract, ash, starch (polarimetry) and minerals (Ca, P, K, Na, Mg and trace elements).

Table A3. Macronutrient composition and calculated energy values of standard food products.

Food Product	Macronutrient Content (% of Product)			Reference	Total Energy [kcal/g Product]
	Protein	Fat	Carbohydrate		
LPC	36.46%	12.67%	32.26%	[64]	3.89
Beef	27.29%	15.01%	0.00%	[57]	2.44
Pork	27.34%	17.04%	0.00%	[57]	2.63
Lamb	24.32%	20.77%	0.00%	[57]	2.84
Goat	20.60%	2.31%	0.00%	[57]	1.03

Table A4. Energy content of residues and conversion factors of cattle, sheep, goats and pigs.

Crop Type	GE [MJ/kg]	Ruminant DE [MJ/kg]	Ruminant ME [MJ/kg]	Ruminant DE/GE	Ruminant ME/DE	Pig DE [MJ/kg]	Pig ME [MJ/kg]
Cassava (Haulm)	19.7	13.2	10.4	0.67	0.79	12.5	11.6
Coffee (Coffee/Cocoa/Tea)	19.5	-	-	-	-	6.5	-
Groundnut (Haulm)	17.8	9.8	7.9	0.55	0.81	6.6	-
Groundnut (Hulls)	19.8	3.4	2.7	0.17	0.79	6.4	-
Maize (Stover)	18.2	10.3	8.4	0.57	0.82	-	-
Maize (Cobs)	18.5	8.4	6.9	0.45	0.82	-	-
Maize (Husk)	18.5	11.7	9.6	0.63	0.82	-	-
Millet (Straw)	17.7	9.5	7.7	0.54	0.81	-	-
Sorghum (Straw)	18.1	10.9	8.8	0.6	0.81	-	-
Oil Palm (Fronds)	16.7	6.9	5.7	0.41	0.83	-	-
Rice (Straw)	15.5	7.2	5.8	0.46	0.81	5.4	-
Rice (Hulls)	16.3	3.7	3	0.23	0.81	-	-
Soybean (Haulm)	19	9.4	7.5	0.49	0.8	-	-

Table A5. Energy content of LPCFM.

Crop Type	LPCFM Adjusted Gross Energy (GE); [MJ/kg]		LPCFM Adjusted Digestible Energy (DE) Ruminants; [MJ/Kg]		LPCFM Adjusted Metabolizable Energy (ME) Ruminants; [MJ/kg]	
	Upper	Lower	Upper	Lower	Upper	Lower
Cassava (Haulm)	17.4	19	10.9	12.5	8.1	9.7
Coffee (Coffee/Cocoa/Tea)	17.2	18.8				
Groundnut (Haulm)	15.5	17.1	7.5	9.1	5.6	7.2
Groundnut (Hulls)	17.5	19.1	1.1	2.7	0.4	2
Maize (Stover)	15.9	17.5	8	9.6	6.1	7.7
Maize (Cobs)	16.2	17.8	6.1	7.7	4.6	6.2
Maize (Husk)	16.2	17.8	9.4	11	7.3	8.9
Millet (Straw)	15.4	17	7.2	8.8	5.4	7
Sorghum (Straw)	15.8	17.4	8.6	10.2	6.5	8.1
Oil Palm (Fronds)	14.4	16	4.6	6.2	3.4	5
Rice (Straw)	13.2	14.8	4.9	6.5	3.5	5.1
Rice (Hulls)	14	15.6	1.4	3	0.7	2.3
Soybean (Haulm)	16.7	18.3	7.1	8.7	5.2	6.8

Table A6. Status Quo Case: equivalent amounts of residues split between livestock, according to Nigeria’s 2012 meat production.

Production Method	Herd Size	Tons Meat Per Animal in 2012	Carcass Waste Weight Per Animal	Average Digestible Energy Per Residue Type for Animal	Residue Consumed to Match 2012 Meat Production for Nigeria (Low Efficiency) [Tons]	Residues Consumed to Match 2012 Meat Production for Nigeria (High Efficiency) [Tons]	Fraction of Total Feed Used to Meet Reported Meat Production (Lower)	Fraction of Total Feed Used to Meet Reported Meat Production (Upper)	100% of Residues Go to Livestock Now (Lower) [Tons/Year]	100% of Residues Go to Livestock Now (Upper) [Tons/Year]	100% Residues to Livestock Calories (Lower) [Gcal]	100% Residues to Livestock Calories (Upper) [Gcal]
Cattle (Virgin Residue)	20,700,000	392,000	123.7	9	1,070,220,526	896,083,906	0.4048	0.5893	295,879.5	729,513.5	722,686	1,781,837
Pigs	6,500,000	249,000	46.0	6	483,189,260	242,851,038	0.1828	0.1597	187,943.9	463,390.0	493,766	1,217,418
Sheep (Virgin Residue)	42,500,000	197,257	12.1	9	300,876,439	162,206,025	0.1138	0.1067	148,888.3	367,095.6	423,156	1,043,322
Goats (Virgin Residue)	80,800,000	270,743	15.1	9	789,697,464	219,368,424	0.2987	0.1443	204,355.6	503,854.3	210,875	519,927

Table A7. Total human-edible calories produced—status quo corrected.

Status Quo Production Methods for Total Human-Edible Calories [Gcal]									
Conversion Efficiency	LPC	Cattle (Virgin Residue)	Cattle (LPC FM)	Sheep (Virgin Residue)	Sheep (LPC FM)	Goats (Virgin Residue)	Goats (LPC FM)	Pigs	Total
Optimistic	0	1,550,000	0	908,000	0	452,000	0	1,060,000	3,970,000
Pessimistic	0	506,000	0	296,000	0	63,300	0	346,000	1,210,000

Table A8. Total additional people with yearly calorie requirements met—status quo corrected.

Total Additional Yearly Calorie Requirements of 2100 kcal Per Day									
Conversion Efficiency	LPC	Cattle (Virgin Residue)	Cattle (LPC FM)	Sheep (Virgin Residue)	Sheep (LPC FM)	Goats (Virgin Residue)	Goats (LPC FM)	Pigs	Total
Optimistic	12,100,000	0	0	377,000	5,300,000	0	0	246,000	18,100,000
Pessimistic	1,800,000	0	0	106,000	1,940,000	0	0	64,300	3,920,000

Table A9. Optimistic vs Pessimistic total Gcal per year—status quo corrected.

Total Human-Edible Calories Produced by Improved Residue Utilization Factoring in Status Quo Residue Utilization [Gcal]									
Case	LPC	Cattle (Virgin Residue)	Cattle (LPC FM)	Sheep (Virgin Residue)	Sheep (LPC FM)	Goats (Virgin Residue)	Goats (LPC FM)	Pigs	Total
Optimistic	9,300,000	0	0	289,000	4,060,000	0	0	188,000	13,800,000
Pessimistic	1,380,000	0	0	81,000	1,490,000	0	0	49,300	3,000,000

Table A10. % of Nigeria's national food gap met per category for residue utilization cases—status quo corrected.

% of Nigeria national Food Gap (2020 food Gap = 354.5 kcal/Person/Day ³) (2021 Population = 219 Million ⁴)									
Case	LPC	Cattle (Virgin Residue)	Cattle (LPC FM)	Sheep (Virgin Residue)	Sheep (LPC FM)	Goats (Virgin Residue)	Goats (LPC FM)	Pigs	Total
Optimistic	32	0	0	1	14	0	0	1	48
Pessimistic	5	0	0	0	5	0	0	0	10

³ Nigeria food gap per capita (kcal/day) as reported in USDA International Food Security Assessment 2020–2030 Table A9. Page 34. [66]. ⁴ Nigeria population as reported in July 2021 by the CIA world fact book [67].

Appendix B. Status Quo Residue Utilization and Status Quo Adjusted Cases

Status quo energy availability was calculated by the below procedure to obtain values reported in Table A6. Status quo values were then used to adjust improved residue utilization cases such that improved residue utilization cases reflect improvement from status quo (Tables A6–A9).

Status quo cases were determined by calculating the following procedure:

1. Herd characteristics and corresponding meat production for major livestock classes (cattle, pigs, sheep, goats) for Nigeria in 2012 were obtained from [66]
2. Average digestible energy per residue for animal type was determined by obtaining the weighted average of residues consumable by a given livestock class i.e., ruminant (cattle, sheep, goat) or pig.
3. Residues (tonnes) required to produce reported meat (tonnes) per livestock category from 1. was calculated used Equation (2) for both optimistic and pessimistic efficiency values (Table 3).
4. Fraction of total residues used per livestock category to meet reported meat production was determined for both optimistic and pessimistic case.
5. Status quo food availability (Gcal/year) per livestock class for optimistic and pessimistic case was then calculated using total yearly available residue values and values obtained from 4. and 2.

Status quo correction of improved residue utilization values:

6. Status Quo-Total Food production (Gcal/year) was divided by improved utilization case-Total Food production (Gcal/year) to obtain a status quo correction factor, this was undertaken for both optimistic and pessimistic efficiency values.
7. Status quo correction factor was then applied to individual food production method outputs (Gcal/year) for improved utilization cases e.g., LPC, Sheep (virgin residues etc.) such that status quo corrected values represent increase from status quo utilization case.

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