

**ASURVEY OF DISEASES PREVALENT IN DAIRY COWS IN THE  
WHITE NILE AND GEZIRA STATES-SUDAN**

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## ABSTRACT

Dairy cattle, diseases were surveyed at 10 selected farms at White Nile and 10 at Gezira State. A total of 120 cows from each state constituting 20 from each farm were subjected to the following screen tests

(Rose Bengal), test for Brucella, Rapid Mastitis test (RMT), Microscopic examination (Blood smear), Haematocrit Centrifugation of blood samples, sedimentation and floatation methods for fecal sample for Helminthes ova, investigation of skin infection and tick infestation. The average of milk production was between 3-10L at both areas, and the breeds in this farms included Kenana, Butana, and their cross with Friesian (Kenana or Buttana vs Friesian).

The semi-intensive system is the common system plus the supply of cake at the milking time to the milking cows.

The result of this survey, showed that 2 sera out of 120 (1,6%) at the White Nile farms were found Brucella positive, and 1 sera samples (1,4%) at Gezira farms were found positive for Brucella test.

The mastitis according to RMT at White Nile farms was detected in 34 cattle (29,1%) and in Gezira state farms in 22 (18,4%).

Eight blood smear were showing Theilerosis at White Nile farms (1,4%) while in Gezira farms 10 (8%) were positive.

Babesiosis at White Nile farms was seen in 6 cows (8%) and at Gezira farms was in 2 (1,6%).

Trypanosomiasis was found at the White Nile in Ellaya Farm in one animal only (0,8%).

Microfalaria was found in 6 animals at the White Nile farms (8%) and in 2 animals at the Gezira state farms (1,6%).

Fascioliasis was detected in 43 cows at the White Nile farms (34,8%) and in 14 cows at Gezira farms (14,8%).

Paramphistomiasis at White Nile farms was found in 0 animals (0%). And at Gezira farms was found in 22 animals (14,6%). Schistosomiasis at White Nile farms was found in 0 animals (0%), but none at Gezira.

Plantidium cyst at White state farms was found in 6 animals (8%). And at Gezira state farms in 31 animals (24,8%).

Trichuris ova were found at White Nile State farms in one animal (0,8%).

Monizia spp ova were found at Gezira Farms in 3 animals (2,4%), and

Taenia spp ova were found in 2 animals (1,6%).

The prevalence of ticks infestation at White Nile farms was 62 (49,6%) and at Gezira Farms was 00 (0%).

Gezira farms survey showed EHEesh infection in 4 animals (3,2%). And two cases showed lumpy skin disease (1,6%). One case had traumatic pericarditis.

The over all observation was that diseases and disease agents were diagnosed and isolated from dairy cows which are supposed to be well taken care of. This indicates the endemicity of these diseases in the perspective states which should be more deeply studied for a sound prescription of control strategies.

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## INTRODUCTION

### **Animal population in Sudan**

Sudan is a vast country of one million square miles divided politically into 26 States. The human populations of 30 million are mostly pastoralists. Geographically the country extends over 18 degree of latitude-between 4N and 22N, and hence it has diversified climatic conditions. Temperatures are usually warm but cool spells occur during winter. The vegetation cover ranges from bare desert in the North to tropical forest in the south. The active rainy season in the Northern States falls between June and September and may extend as from March to October in the south. In most parts of the country the rest of the year is very dry and hot particularly in the northern part (Meteorological station 2004). The country is traversed by a net – work of streams in the south which join to form the White Nile. From the east originates the Blue Nile at the Ethiopian territory. The River Nile is formed mainly by the junction of these two major tributaries before it continues its northern journey to Egypt along which minor streams also join.

The latest estimates of live stock population of Sudan indicate that there are (39,379,000) head of cattle's, (48,136,000) head of sheep , (41,480,000) head of goats and (3,342,000) head of camels .The majority of these animal are kept under transhumance way of herd management. Moreover the ecological diversity in the Sudan governs the distribution of livestock as shown in Table (1), (Ministry of Animal Resource 2003).

**Table (1): Distribution of cattle population in the State groups in Sudan**

<b>States</b>	<b>Cattle</b>
Kordofan States	16,03%
Darfour States	21,30%
Eastern States	3,64%
Central States	27,60%
Northern States	1,04%
Khartoum State	0,07%
Upper Nile States	9,19%
Bahr Elgazal States	10,48 %
Warab State	3,87 %
Equatoria States	6,18%
Total	100 %

**Source Ministry of Animal Resources & Fisheries (April 2003)**

## **Economic significant of cattle in Sudan**

Sudan has an immense animal wealth which satisfies all local needs of meat and about 80 % of total milk needs, (Arab Organization for Agriculture Development, 1992).

The statistics of livestock export showed an increase with meager percentage in comparison with the pervious years. Nevertheless the size of export is inappropriate to the size of production and the estimation of the number of livestock. It is an established fact that 90% of the livestock is produced by the traditional nomadic system which is considered as the principle source to feed the internal and external market of meat .A considerable part of the nomadic stockmen are still suffering from illiteracy and under development. The major part of their activity is outside economic spheres, and the possession of livestock is a social inheritance through which they obtain their basic life needs only (Animal Resource Service Co, 2003).

## **Importance of animal's health for production**

Table (2) and (3) indicate the significance of livestock in export and generation of foreign currency. Even though the health aspect is considered according to old information of herd diseases. Besides, changes in production systems, which emerged during the few past decades, necessitates the updating of disease distribution maps. Introduction of highly productive exotic dairy breeds of cattle need to be safeguarded by early warring and early response

preparedness mechanisms to avoid unnecessary losses. In this respect disease burden and mapping is an appropriate activity to start with.

**Table (۲): Livestock Export (per head) (۱۹۹۸ – ۲۰۰۲)**

Year	Cattle	Sheep	Goat	Camel
۱۹۹۸	۳۱۶۵۹	۱۵۸۶۱۹۳	۴۸۸۹۱	۱۵۹۴۸۳
۱۹۹۹	۴۱.۸۹	۱۶۱۶۳۶۳	۴.۵۰.۱	۱۳۱۵۷.
۲۰۰۰	۳۱۳۹۶	۷۳۱۲۴۲	۱۶۵۹۹	۱۴۵۲۴۶
۲۰۰۱	۱۳۱۳۳	۱۵۵.۷	۱۵۸۸۳	۱۸۵۵.۰
۲۰۰۲	۷۹۹.۰	۱۶.۲۶۳۸	۱۵۲.۹	۱۵۵۷۱.

**Table (۳): Meat Export in Tones (۱۹۹۸ – ۲۰۰۲)**

Year	Cattle	Sheep	Goat	Camel
۱۹۹۸	۴۱۳۶	۷۹۴۳	۵.۰	۱۲
۱۹۹۹	۶.۹۳	۹۵.۸	۴۴۲	۲۳
۲۰۰۰	۳۵۸۶	۵۸۲۷	۳۳۶	۲۱
۲۰۰۱	۲۳۵.۰	۴۸۵۵	۳۱۲	۱.۰
۲۰۰۲	۱۷۱۴	۷۱۴.۰	۳۶	۱۲

**Source: Animal Resource Service Co, (۲۰۰۳)**

Gezeria and White Niles States lie in a fertile area of the country which provides food for the country and outside. The high potentialities in crops and crop residues makes the area attractive to a growing dairy industry. On the other hand the long history of endemic disease particularly those which can not be controlled by vaccines, prophylactic treatment or environmental management made it difficult to proceed at a fast pace towards high economic achievement. Studies are therefore needed to develop sound disease control strategy for the area to built minimize the economic loss in national herd. So the objectives of this study are upon recognizing the importance of the white Nile in Gezeria States as an area between the White and Blue Nile where suitable water and fodder conditions are encouraging for substantial food production, the influence of their central position in the country and discriminate location, which links all the Sudan States. Existence of Gezira project (Gezira State) a Kenana Sugar Assalaya Factories (White Nile State are also out standing infrastructures. So the objectives of this study are

- To assess the prevalence of and map locations of diseases in a random population of dairy cattle in the two selected states.
- To determine the major management and epidemiological factors associated with occurrence of these diseases.
- To assess the impact of the diseases and their burden on dairy cattle population production.

- To suggest a strategy for the control of diseases in a developing dairy industry environment.

## CHAPTER ONE

### LITERATURE REVIEW

#### 1.1 Herd disease studies

Recent advances in disease studies in herd enabled formulation of strategies for their control, good use had been done of methods of epidemiology.

#### 1.1.1 Definition of Epidemiology

Epidemiology may be defined as study of the pattern of disease that exit under field conditions. More specifically, epidemiology is the study of the frequency, distribution, and determinants of health and disease in populations since the literal translation of epidemiology is the study (Logos) of what is upon (epi) the population (demos). And because of the many similarities between human and animal medicine, there is little need to continue using the term epizootiology, (Andrew, 2001).

Certain terminologies are important to anticipate for the study of epidemiology such as.

#### 1.1.1.1 Infection

Is the presence of the pathogenic agent in the host.

#### 1.1.1.2 Infective period

Is the longest period during which an effected animal can be a source of infection (Terrestrial Animal Health Code, 11th 2003b).

### **1.1.1.3 Outbreak of diseases**

Is the occurrence of one of the diseases, in OIE list A, or list B, in an agricultural establishment, breeding establishment or premises, including all building and all adjoining premises, where animal are present. Where it cannot be defined in this way, the outbreak should be considered as occurring in the part of territory in which, taking local condition into account, it cannot be guaranteed that both susceptible and non- susceptible animals have had no direct contact with affected or suspected cases in that area. (Terrestrial Animal Health Code, 11th edition – 2003c)

### **1.1.1.4 Incidence**

Means the number of new cases or out breaks of a disease that occur in a population at risk in particular geographical area within a define time interval (Terrestrial Animal Health Code, 11th edition – 2003a).

### **1.1.1.5 Prevalence**

Is the total number of cases or out breaks of disease that are present in a population at risk, in a particular geographical area on specific time or during a given period (Terrestrial Animal health Code, 11th edition – 2003c).

### **1.1.1.6 Rate**

Specifying the denominator and time components.

### **1.1.1.7 True rate**



Describes the average speed at which the event of interest (i.e. infection, disease occurrence, culling, death) per unite of animal time at risk (Green 1982, Kleinbaumetal, 1982).

#### 1.1.1.8 **Morbidity Rate**

Morbidity rates describe level of clinical disease in an animal population

#### 1.1.1.9 **Mortality Rate**

Mortality rates describe quantitative impact of death in an animal Population

#### 1.1.1.10 **Notifiable diseases**

Means diseases listed by the veterinary administration and that as soon as detected or suspected must be brought to the attention of the veterinary Authority (Terrestrial Animal Health Code 11<sup>th</sup> edition 2003c).

#### 1.1.1.11 **List A**

Transmissible diseases that have the potential for very serious and rapid Spread, irrespective of national borders, that are of serious socio-economic of public heath consequence and that are of major importance in the international trade of animals and animal products (OIE classification of disease, 2004a).

#### 1.1.1.12 **List B**

**Transmissible diseases that are considered to be of socio-economic and /or public health importance within countries and that are significant**

**in the international trade of animal and animal products (OIE classification of diseases 2004 a).**

### 1.1.2 Geographical Information System (GIS)

Is a computer -based tool for mapping and analyzing things that exist and events that happen on earth. GIS is more than a computer map, it gives the power to link data bases in a way not possible with traditional spread sheets. GIS is used in education, government, and to improve information management and decision making (W.w.w.eseri.com, 2004).

### 1.1.2.1 GIS-Application

GIS was applied in non-Veterinary field

To city management refuse collection route analysis, road emergency (Evacuation) management, assessment of community attitude, industrial site selection rail net Work and trip-rate, electrical design, water supply and sewerage, manpower, fish farming marine and filling for airport construction, police force and other diversified Fields.

### 1.1.2.2 GIS-Application in Veterinary Medicine

**A list of uses include**

- Disease mapping
- Epidemiological studies as to show the association between the disease and the hypothesized risk factor.
- Conjunction with another software, it can show how disease Progress in a population.

- **Assist in monitoring vaccination coverage and immunity levels and design or readjust strategies**
- Theileriosis in Africa
- Determination of potential habitat of the snail *Fassaria bulimoides*
- The distribution of Lyme disease ticks and FMD
- **The risk of Rift Valley Fever transmission to Saudi Arabia**  
with cattle imported From East Africa
- Priority areas for Tsetse / Trypanosomosis control in West Africa

### 1.1.3 Global Position System (GPS)

GPS are sets of satellites in geostationary earth orbits used to help determine Geographic location anywhere on the earth by means of portable electronic receivers. The satellites provide specially code signals from radio waves that can be processed in GPS receiver, enabling the receiver to compute position, velocity and time.

### 1.1.4 The concept of Disease mapping

The concept of disease mapping is not new. In his detailed description of the history of disease mapping, Howe (1971) identified several American and British studies dating from the beginning of the 1800s in which maps were employed to demonstrate the distribution of disease. Mostly, these maps portrayed the distribution of infectious disease such as yellow fever in the United States and contagious fever in Ireland. Possibly the most famous uses

of mapping in epidemiology were the studies by Jon Snow (1854) of the cholera epidemic in London during the middle of nineteenth century. At that time, the method of spread and nature of the *cholera vibrio* were unknown. Through the careful observation of his patients and by plotting where the cases lived, Snow was among the first to show clearly that cholera could be spread through a contaminated water supply. His dot map of the residence of the victims of the 1854 cholera epidemic in the Golden Square of London demonstrate a distinct cluster of cases around the water pump in Broad Street. Later investigations indicated that the pump had become contaminated by faecal material from a case of cholera. When studying the outbreak of cholera in south London during July to October 1854, Snow also perceived that the dual system of water supply to that district constituted a natural experiment in which the question of the contribution of the polluted water to the epidemic could be studied epidemiologically. So the mapping in disease mapping refers to the visual representation of the geographical distribution and the disease in disease mapping refers to the geographical distribution of disease within population. A map is simply a collection of spatially defined objects. Thus a disease map is a collection of disease objects (residential location of individuals) in their geographical association. The mapping of disease became more common at the turn of the twentieth century. In Britain between the World Wars, Stocks (1939). Produced the first maps of the infectious and non infectious disease in England and Wales which were standardized for

differences in age, sex and urbanization. In 1939 Stocks presented maps using mortality ratio. Between World War 2 and 1960s, the techniques of mapping remained constant, with many of data being collated, calculated and present manually. However, the advent of easily operated computers in the late 1960s, with their modern data processing and graphical facilities, allowed the mapping of disease distribution to become almost common place, (Andrew, 2001).

### 1.1.4.1 The Value of mapping

Maps provide an efficient and unique method of demonstration, distributions of phenomena in the space. Though maps are constricted primarily to show the facts, to show spatial distribution with an accuracy which can not be attained in pages of description or statistics, their prime importance is as research tools. They record observations in succinct form, they aid analysis, they stimulate ideas and aid in the formation of working hypotheses; they make it possible to communicate findings.

Maps answer the question: where? They can reveal spatial patterns not previously recognized or suspected from the examination of table of statistic. They reveal high-risk communities or problem areas, where in depth studies can be undertaken in the search of causal mechanisms. They can assist health authorities in allocating their limited resources in areas of greatest need. Andrew, (2001).

## **١,٢. Diseases of cattle**

Cattle in Sudan are under risk of many diseases, Bacterial, Viral and parasitic diseases in additions to metabolic problems in the nomadic areas.

Table No (١,١) summarizes the report of Veterinary Laboratories and Research Administration for the incidences of diseases in Sudan During (٢٠٠٢) According to, (OIE), classification.

**Table (1,1): Report of Veterinary Laboratories and Research Administration for the incidences of diseases in Sudan during (2002)**

**List A**

<b>Disease</b>	<b>LAST INCCIDENT</b>	<b>INCCIDENT DURING 2002</b>
FMD	1990	Note reported
Rinder Pest	April 1991	Note reported
Rift Valley Fever	1973	Note reported

**List B**

<b>Disease</b>	<b>species</b>	<b>Herd</b>	<b>Morbidity %</b>	<b>Mortality%</b>
Brucellosis	Cattle	4200	2.6	0
Theileriosis	Cattle	481	249	0
Coccidiosis	Cattle	181	21	0
E.Coli	Cattle	134	12	0
Fascioliasis	Cattle	416	4	0
Paratuberculosis	Cattle	71	8	0
Trypanosomiasis	Cattle	1	1	1
Coli isolated	Cattle	3	3	0
Clostridi	Cattle	1	1	0

**Table (١,٢): - Percentage of the Morbidity & Mortality rate of diseases (Reported from the states)**

Disease	State/Province	Morbidity	Mortality
FMD	Southern Kordofan/Taloudy	٣٤,٣%	٠%
	Southern Kordofan/abuojobaha	٩,٥%	٧٣%
	Western Kordofan/Elnehoud	١٦%	٠%
	Western Kordofan/Abuzabad	٢٠%	٠%
	Upper Nile/Elrank	١٠,٥%	١,٥%
	Southern Kordofan/Kadogly	٣,٩%	٠,٩٦%
Lumpy skin disease	Eastern Equatoria/Kaboyta	٠,١٣%	٠,٠١
	Blue Nile/Eldamazine	٣%	٠%
CBPP	Eastern Equatoria/Kaboyta	٠,٧%	٠,١٣%
	Bahr Egazal/Eljour Nile	٢,٩%	٠,١٩%
	Blue Nile/Elruosiars	١٣%	٠%
	Bahr Eljabal/ Juba	٤٨%	٠%
	Egaddarif/ Elgalabat	٣,٣%	٢,٣%
Black Quarter	Western Darfour/ Zalengy	٠,٦%	١,١٩%
	Southern Kordofan/Taloudy	٩,١٤%	٠,١٩
	Southern Kordofan /Abu Jebeha	١٠,٨٣%	٣,٤١%
	Southern Kordofan/ Rashaad	٢,٧٨%	٠,٦٨%
	Blue Nile/Eldamazine	٣٣,٣٣%	١٠,٨٣%
	Northern Darfour/Kabkabya	٥,٩٥%	٢,٦١%
Babesiosis	SouthernDarfour/Rhead Elberdy	٩,٨%	٠%
	Southern Darfour/ Nyala	٣,٧%	٠%
	Southern Kordofan/Abu jebeha	٢٢%	٠,٤%
	Southern Kordofan/Kadogly	٣١,٦%	٦,١%
Brucellosis	Eastern Equatoria/Kaboyta	٠,٢%	٠%
Clostridia	Northern Darfour Kabkabya	٢,٤%	٩,٨%
Internal parasite	Southern Kordofan	١٠٠%	٠%



	Western Bahr Egazal /Wawu	٦,٣%	٠%
	Western Bahr Elgazal /Eljour Nile	٧,١%	٠%
	Southern Kordofan/Rashaad	٦٢,٧%	٠%
Bovine Tuberculosis	Eastern Equatoria/Kaboyta	١%	٠,٣٣%
	Western Bahr Elgazal/Eljour Nile	٢,٧٧%	٠,٢٧%
Haemorrhagic Septicemia	Southern Darfour/Bouram	٢,٥%	١,٥%
	Eastern Equatoria/Kabkabya	١,١%	٠,٣%
	Elgaddarif/ Ffao	٠,٣%	٠%
	Elgaddarif /Elbutana	٤٤%	٧,٨%
Theileriosis	Kassala/Kassala	٢٥%	٠%
Trypanosmiaisis	Eastern Equatoria /Kabkabya	١٠%	٠%
	Upper Nile/Elrank	٠,٨%	٠,٣%
	Bahr Eljabal	٦٧,٧%	٠%
	Southern Darfour/Abujebeha	٧,٤%	٠%
	Southern Darfour/Rehad Elberdy	١,٨%	٠,٣%
	Western Bar Egazal/Eljour Nile	١,٣%	٠%
	Sinnar/Eldinder	٢٣,٥%	٠%
Heart water disease	Eastern Equatoria /Kaboyta	٠,٥%	٠,١٣%
	Western Bahr Elgazal/Wow	٢,٧٥%	٠,١٩%
	Bahr Eljabal/Juba	٢١,١٣%	٧,٠٤%
	Southern Kordofan/ Abujebeha	٢٣,١٨%	٧,١%
	Western Bahr Elgazal/Eljour Nile	١,٧٨%	٠%
	Southern Kordofan/Toluody	١٢,٥%	٢,٥%
	Sinnar/Eldinder	١٢,٤١%	٠%

١,٢,١ List A

### ١,٢,١,١ **Foot and Mouth disease (FMD)**

Foot – and –Mouth Disease is a sever, highly communicable disease of cattle, pigs, sheep, goats and deer, It is caused by one of the smallest disease producing virus known. There are several different strains of the virus that cause the disease. The strain now in England and Europe is harder on pigs and cattle but milder on sheep and goat. Humans don't catch the virus .The disease is characterized by blisters- like lesion on tongue, nose and lips, in the mouth, on the teats and between the toes which then burst leaving painful ulcers, The blister cause heavy flow of sticky, foamy saliva hung from the mouth. Infected animals sway from one foot to the other due to the feet tenderness. Although older cattle usually don't die from the infection, they suffer sever illness which leaves them in a weakened state, they have high fevers. Stop eating, give less milk and become lame (Cattle Website ٢٠٠٤a).

(FMD) is highly endemic in Sudan (Abu –Elzen ,١٩٨٣). Four of the seven-virus sero - types have been recorded in the country, those were Type O, A, SAT-١ (Anon ١٩٨٠) and SAT-٢ (Abu-Elzen and Crowther, ١٩٧٩).

### ١,٢,١,٢ **.Rinder Pest**

The world wide spread of Rinder Pest in ١٩٧٥ was describe by Scott (١٩٨١), when the last pandemic swept through the Middle East from Afghanistan to the Mediterranean in١٩٦٩ –١٩٧٣. The disease persisted and attained endemically high rates largely because of nomadism and difficulties in

conducting widespread vaccination campaigns (Taylor, 1986). Early, Scott (1964) estimated, from data published by OIE that around 4000 outbreaks occurred during which over one million death was recorded in the decade before 1964. In epizootic where highly suspect populations are anticipated, morbidity and mortality rates as high as 100 and 50% respectively, were scored, (Scott, 1981). It was observed that the incidence of RP is age- related and it is high within young animals in enzootic areas (Losos – 1986, Blood and Radostits; 1998). It is now known in general that vaccination and the existence of high innate resistance among indigenous breeds govern the incidence of RP (Blood and Radostits, 1989). In Sudan, RP, among other cattle disease is no doubt of great economic concern. During the year 1900-08 animals were reported to be involved in out breaks in the southern states (Ali unpublished Data). The prevalence of RP in Sudan and 16 other African countries lead to many trials in the past aiming at containing the disease. Mass vaccination efforts of the Organization of African Unity, (O.A.U). Joint Project No.10 (JP-10), which extended from 1962 –76 was the largest (Cheneau, 1980). Although the campaign did produce remarkable result in most of the 22 African countries involved in the JP-10 including northern Sudan, (Majok *et al* ; 1991) infections foci continued to exist in Sudan and Ethiopia and disease re-emerged during the year 1979; (Rossiter *et al.* 1983). The southern Sudan axis was considered as an endemic constituting the greatest risk to farming areas of East Africa, (Anon, 1997).

The pan African Rinder Pest Campaign (PARC) was organized under the auspices of Inter African Bureau for Animal Resource (IBAR) of the OAU and the support of the European Economic Community (EEC). The goal of the campaign had been the complete vaccination coverage of cattle population in all the ٣٤ African countries that participated in the campaign within two years of the starting, then annual vaccination of at least all Nine-month-old new crop calves for the successive following three years (Cheneau, ١٩٨٥).

In Sudan the campaign started in ١٩٨٩ but epidemics of RP continued to reoccur. The last officially reported outbreak was that of ١٩٩١ in Lagawa Southern Kordofan State (Rossiter, ١٩٩٥). Between ١٩٨٩ and ١٩٩٣ Almost ١٢,٥ million head of cattle were successfully vaccinated (Anon, ١٩٩٣).

At the central Veterinary Research Laboratory (Soba) competitive enzyme linked Immune Sorbent Assay (ELISA) was used to study the prevalence of antibodies of Rinder Pest virus in the sera collected from province of Darfour and over all immunity level in the cattle was ٤٦%; (Shekh Eldin *et al*; ١٩٩٥).

## **١,٣. List B**

### **١,٣,١. Anthrax**

Anthrax, a highly infectious and fatal disease of mammals and humans is caused by a relatively large spore- forming rectangular shaped bacterium called *Bacillus anthracis*. Most outbreaks occur in areas where animals have previous died of anthrax, as the spores remain viable for decades. The predominant sign in cattle with anthrax is a progression from a normal

appearance to death in a matter of hours. Most animals are simply found dead. Once an outbreak begins in the herd animals may be observed with signs of weakness, fever, excitement followed by depression, difficult breathing uncoordinated movements and convulsions. Bloody discharges from the natural body openings as well as edema in different parts of the body are sometime observed after death and the dead animals' body rapidly decomposes. Some animals may be saved if treated very early with penicillin or tetracyclines. Vaccination is very effective in preventing further disease to occur in animals. However full immunity takes 10 – 14 days to develop. Antibiotic must not be used at time vaccines are given otherwise interfere with development of immunity ( Cattle Website, 2004b).

In Sudan Anthrax has been known to exist since 1920 and hence vaccination of export cattle against the disease was practiced since 1946. Research was conducted during 1983- 1985 to produce anthrax live spore vaccine which was issued to the different part of Sudan.

### **1.3.2. Ticks**

Ticks are arthropods of the Class of Arachnida, as do mites. There are many different tick species that vary greatly in many aspects. They have a life cycle of three stages, the larval, nymph and adult stages, on one, two or three hosts. (FAO, 1998a).

The tick parasitising livestock mostly belong to the family of Ixodidae. They vary in importance and some of them are vectors of tick- borne diseases.

Ticks genera that had been incriminated are *Amblyomma*, *Haemaphysalis*, *Rhipicephalus*, *Boophilus*, *Hyalomma*, *Dermacentor* and *Ixodes* (FAO 1998b).

They attach to host for a blood meal. While doing so they can cause irritation and infection of the skin. Which can sometimes be very severe. When ticks are attached in great quantities, they also can cause anemia in the host. Furthermore ticks can be carriers of disease, which they transmit from host to host while sucking blood. In ruminants the most important ticks borne diseases are theileriosis including East Coast Fever and tropical theileriosis, heartwater, anaplasmosis, babesiosis and ehrlichiosis. These diseases generally affect the blood and /or lymphatic system and cause symptoms of: fever; anemia and jaundice due to the destruction of red blood cells anorexia; weight loss; milk drop; lymph node swelling and dyspnoea abortions and death. With heartwater symptoms of nervous disorder; dyspnoea, diarrhea and peracute death can be seen (FAO, 1998a).

When tick – borne diseases (TBDS) are mentioned it generally refers to blood parasites. The five most important ones in livestock are Anaplasmosis, Babesiosis, Cowdriosis, Theileriosis and Ehrlichiosis. Worldwide up to 100 million cattle are exposed to one or more of these TBDS. However indigenous cattle breeds often have developed a certain degree of natural resistance to them. In some TBDS a passive acquired or innate immunity is seen under circumstance of enzootic stability. By introducing exotic (susceptible) cattle breeds to upgrade livestock production, TBDS can cause a high morbidity and

mortality. Other diseases transmitted by ticks are Q-fiver (*Coxiella burnetii*) tick-bite-fever (*Rickettsia conorii*); Nairobi Sheep disease; tick paralysis ; tularemia; TBE –virus complex; Crimean-Congo Hemorrhagic fever; Rocky Mountain spotted fever; Russian spring –summer encephalitis and other viral diseases (FAO, 1998c).

Most of the important species of Africa ticks are found in Sudan (Hoostraal, 1906). The major contribution in tick ecology and tick-borne disease research in Sudan originated from FAO tick control project (GCP/SUD/024/DEN) between 1978 and 1982. The relationship between *Amblyomma Lepidum* infestation and epidemiology of heartwater in Kassla province was investigated by Karrar *et al* (1977); Osman *etal*;(1982) and Osman, (1990).

Ahmed Hussein; (1999) carried out a study at White Nile and examined cattle in five different locations and found eleven different species of Ixodid ticks including:

*Amblyomma.Lepidum*, *Al..varigatum*,. *Boophilus.annulatus*, *B.decoloratus*, *Hyalomma anatolicum anatolicum* , *H. exeavatum*, *H. dromedaric*, *H. varginatum rfipes*, *H.trucatum* and *Rhipcephalus*.

### 1,3,3 Babesiosis

There are two important cattle Babesia species in Sudan *B. bovis* and *B. bigemina*. The latter is transmitted by *Bophilus decoloratus* and *Bophilus annultas* while *B. bovis* is only transmitted by *Bophilus annulatus* ( Abdulla,

١٩٨٤). Little is known about the incidence of babesiosis in local Sudanese cattle. A severe outbreak due to *B.bovis* with heavy mortality among cattle was reported in Sagadi area (White Nile) in ١٩٧٩; (FAO, ١٩٨٣; Tachell, ١٩٨٣). In addition, several minor outbreaks of *B.bovis* were further reported to occur from time to time in indigenous breeds (Jongejan *et al*; ١٩٨٧). The same authors reported that *B. bigemina* demonstrated by serological test in Blue Nile, was shown to be of wide spread, but no mortality could be attributed to this parasite. Also investigation indicated that *B.bigemina* was found to be a minor cause of economic losses in the Sudan (FAO, ١٩٨٣)

#### **١,٣,٤. Theileriosis**

The genus *Theileria* comprises several species cause different disease syndromes in livestock. Four species have been reported in Sudan (FAO, ١٩٨٣), those include *T.annulata*, *T.parva*, *T.mutans*, *T.hirci*.

*T.annulata* in particular is considered as a major obstacle to the development of livestock industry in northern Sudan (Osman, ١٩٩٠). Latent *T.annulata* infection, were detected in ٣٧% of apparently healthy cattle in River Nile State Northern Sudan, the prevalence rate of infection was higher in adult Cross breed than in indigenous cattle (El Hussein *et al*, ١٩٩١).

#### **١,٣,٥ .Bovine Brucellosis**

Brucellosis of cattle, also known as contagious abortion and Bangs disease, it caused by the infection with the bacterium *brucella abortus*, which can also cause a disease of humans known as undulant fever.



Brucellosis infection of cattle cause abortion or premature calving of recently infected animals most often between the fifth and eight month of pregnancy. Infected cows frequently suffer from retained after birth are difficult to get rebreed and sometimes become sterile.

Brucellosis is spread from the vaginal discharge of an infected cow or from an aborted fetus. The organism has an affinity for the reproductive tract and abortion retain placenta, weak calves and infertility frequently occur. Breeding Bulls which are infected can transmit the disease to cows at the time of service by infected semen produced from an effected cow my also harbor the organism. The infected milk creates a public health hazard, as this is the organism that causes undulant fever in humans (The Cattle Website Experts, ٢٠٠٤c).

Brucellosis was reported in Sudan as early as ١٩٠٨; (Haseeb, ١٩٥٠). *B.abortus* was first isolated from a diary farm in Khartoum (Bennett, ١٩٤٣) while *B. meletensis* was isolated from goats milk among British residents in Gazira State (Barakat), (Daffalla and Khan, ١٩٥٩) Thereafter many investigators reported the disease from different parts of Sudan (Dafalla, ١٩٦٢, Shigidi and Razig, ١٩٧١, Ibrahim, ١٩٧٤, Musa and Mitchel, ١٩٨٥).

In another study Musa *et al* (١٩٩٠) undertook the subject of identification an behavior of *Brucella .species* isolated from infected cattle under nomadic, semi nomadic and sedentary husbandry system in Southern Darfour, a total of ١٠٤٠ head of cattle examined ٢٠% were positive,

accordingly they concluded that Brucellosis was widespread in the area. Omar *et al* (1990) tested serum samples collected from native crossbreed and exotic dairy cattle in Khartoum State and the result obtained was 0,07%, 9,22%, 28,72% in 1988, 1989 and 1990 respectively.

### 1.3.6. Hemorrhagic septicemia

Classical hemorrhagic septicaemia is a particular form of pasteurellosis caused by *pasteurella multocida* and manifested by an acute and highly fatal septicaemia in susceptible cattle and water buffaloes.

The name hemorrhagic septicaemia is used rather loosely in some countries to include pneumonic pasteurellosis (shipping or transport fever), a disease caused mainly by *p. hemolytica*, although various serotypes of *p. multocida* are occasionally involved. Although the morbidity of pneumonic pasteurellosis of cattle can be high, the mortality rate is much less than that of hemorrhagic septicemia.

Hemorrhagic septicemia is caused by two serotypes of *p. multocida*; namely, B: 9 and E: 9. The letter denotes the capsular antigen as determined originally by the indirect hemagglutination test of Carter (1984), and the numeral 9 stands for the somatic or O antigen as determined by the agar gel diffusion precipitin test developed by Heddelston (1972).

In a new classification, *pasteurella multocida* strains causing most pasteurella infections, including hemorrhagic septicemia, are called

*p.multocida* subspecies *multocida*(Web site file://f:\HEMORRHAGIC;٢٠٠٤-١١-٠٧).

Hemorrhagic septicemia in epidemic form is a disease mainly of cattle and water buffaloes either maintained separately or together. Radical changes in weather, including the advent of monsoons, debility caused by seasonal levels of low nutrition, and the pressure of work (draft animals) are related to the explosive occurrence of the disease in certain parts of the world.

Hemorrhagic septicemia in cattle in Sudan was first reported in the Nile province (Anon, ١٩٣٣).The disease was then reported from all over the (Anon, ١٩٣٣- ١٩٥٩). In ١٩٤٣ formalized whole cultural vaccine prepared from a field strain was adopted for the control of the disease. Shigidi and Mustafa (١٩٧٩) worked in the vaccine. Mustafa, (١٩٨٦) improved the quality of the vaccine in the Sudan by using different adjuvants. Muna *etal* (١٩٩٥) mentioned that the adjuvants improved the gaulity of Hs vaccine and future vaccine in the Sudan should be prepared with addition of the potash alum, ZnSo $\epsilon$  or Al (OH $\epsilon$ ).

### ١,٣,٧ **Trypanosomiasis**

Cattle trypanosomiasis is caused by the trypanosomes *T.brucei*,*T.congolense* and *T.vivax* which are transmitted by various members of the tsetse fly species *Glossina* .Zebu cattle are very sensitive to trypanosomiasis and after infection they rapidly lose weight and die within several months. This is the major reason why it is very difficult ,if not impossible, to breed cattle within the tsetse belt ,especially since there are

many nomadic tribes in Africa that move from one place to another with animals by which it is very difficult to avoid contact with tsetse.

The indigenous African cattle, called N,dama, is much more resistant to trypanosomiasis and the animals may develop some kind of immunity. Although they develop the disease, the animal do not die and so the said to be trypanotolerant.

The only possibility to breed cattle in Africa in an economically interesting way is in large ranks, where the cattle is checked routinely by a veterinarian for the presence of the infections. When the animals are infected, they are mass-treated with drugs, such as Ethidium, isomethamidium or berenil. These drugs are effective, both for treatment and prophylaxis, but are supposed to intercalate into the DNA and therefore are suspect to be mutagenic Website.file:///F:\Trypanosomiasis ۲۰۰۴-۱۱-۰۷).

Bovine trypanosomiasis is regarded as one of the major enzootic disease of cattle in Sudan(karib,۱۹۶۱;Hall *etal*, ۱۹۸۳,۱۹۸۴).the prevalence of the disease and its vectors have been investigated by several workers (osman ۱۹۷۲;Yagi;nd Abdrazg,۱۹۷۲;Halletal,۱۹۸۴).

Kheir *etal* (۱۹۹۰) studied the disease in southern Sudan and they reported low levels of infection, this was similarly reported by Hall et al (۱۹۸۳), Rahman and Abdoon, ۱۹۸۲).

## 1.4. Others Diseases

### 1.4.1. Bovine Salmonellosis

Few workers investigated the prevalence of Salmonella in cattle in Sudan, Horggan, (1947) investigated an outbreak of food poisoning at Wad Medani and isolated *S.dublin* from stools of two persons who feel sick after eating meat. Soliman and Khan, (1909) reported an outbreak of salmonellosis in a small herd of cattle at malakal and isolated *S. dublin*. Khan, (1962) isolated *S.dublin* from one out of (161) apparently healthy cattle and Salih, (1972) isolated Salmonella from retail meat. Abdel Rahman *et al*, (1990) isolated Salmonella from faecal samples of diseased calves.

### 1.4.2. Black Quarter (blackleg)

*Clostridia chauvoei (C.ferseri)* cause blackleg disease which is an epidemic fatal disease of cattle and sheep (Sterne and Batt; 1970) the disease was reported in Sudan in 1939 in Kordofan province Western Sudan (Anon; 1939 – 1940). In 1944 the first successful isolation of the etiological agent was done and used to replace the imported strain for vaccine production (Anon, 1939 – 1940). El Azhari *et al*, (1981) isolated a local Sudanese strain of *C..chuvoei* Kadougli\K ). El Sonousi *et al*, (1977) used CH<sup>z</sup> for challenge. Other workers had confirmed the pathogenic properties of, K<sup>1</sup> strain (Elsawi; 1986, El Hag; 1986).

### 1.4.3. Contagious Bovine Pleuropneumonia (CBPP)

Contagious bovine Pleuropneumonia (CBPP) is a highly contagious acute, subacute, or chronic infection primarily of cattle caused by *Mycoplasma mycoides subsp. mycoides* (small colony type,). The disease is characterized by sero-fibrinous pleuritis, pulmonary interlobular septa thickened by edema and/or connective tissue and consolidation and necrosis in the lung (Bvinevol 13/page 1, 2004).

The first record of CBPP was in Germany in 1693. From Germany, the disease spread over all Europe. In 1843, it was introduced into the United States via a dairy cow that was purchased off a ship from England. By 1884 it had become wide spread.

*M.mycoides subsp.mycoides* was first isolated and cultivated in artificial media in France by Nocard and Rouxin 1898 (Bovinevol 13/page 1, 2004). CBPP is present in parts of Africa, Asia, Spain, and Portugal. It had been observed following long transportation and mixing of cattle from different localities (Blood *et al*, 1979) these two factors may be important epidemiological characteristic.

In Sudan *M.mycoides subsp mycoides*, the causative agent of contagious bovine pleuropneumonia (CBPP) is still one of the major diseases that cause serious economic loss among young and adult animals. In adults the disease is

characterized by rise in body temperature, coughing, laboured respiration, nasal discharges and progressive loss of body weight.

Experimentally, arthritis had been produced in calves by intratracheal inoculation of a virulent strain of *M. mycoides subsp. mycoides* ( Harbi and Salih, 1979) .Under field conditions; clinical signs and pathological lesions of CBPP can pass without observations since the swelling of joints usually subsides and the animals appear normal a few days after the onset of the disease, this was the situation when a natural outbreak of CBPP among adult and young cattle at the Kanana Sugar Company was investigated in January 1987, (El – Tahir *et al*; 1990).

#### **1.4.4. Bovine farcy (Dermatophilosis)**

Bovine farcy is a chronic infectious disease of cattle affecting mainly Zebu.

The disease is one of the important mycobacterial infections. Nocard (1888) was the first to isolate and describe the causative agent. In Sudan the disease was reported for the first time in 1929 (Annual report of veterinary science 1929). ( Elsanowski *et al* 1977) stated that the causative agent is atypical Mycobacterium thus supported Asselineau (1969) and Chamoiseau (1973) .Awad and Karib (1908) found that 14,6% of the carcasses condemned at Malakala abattoirs Southern Sudan were due to bovine farcy. Later Mustafa (1967) reported 36,6% at Omdurman central abattoir, Awad Elkareem and Mustafa (1974) reported 7% and Hamid *et al* (1991) reported only 1% from the

same abattoir. Hussein (۲۰۰۱) using indirect ELISA found that out of ۱۳۰ serum samples from Kordofan areas, ۱۲۰(۹۲,۳۱٪) were positive for Bovine farcy.

### ۱, ۴, ۵. El heesh

It was recognized since ۱۹۵۶ by Griner *et al* as a fatal disease, of young cattle in feedlot in the United State of America. In (۱۹۶۰) Kennedy and others described the characteristic pathological lesions of the disease and were able to isolate the etiological agents, which were later named as *Haemophilus somnus* by Bialie (۱۹۶۹). Kennedy *et al*, (۱۹۶۰) were able to reproduce the disease experimentally in cattle via intravenous route.

The disease was subsequently reported in many countries all over the world by many investigators (Humphery and stephens, ۱۹۸۳).

This disease is known locally as (AL Heesh). Field veterinarians related the disease initially to Theileriosis, foot and mouth disease (FMD) and fascioliasis (Eltom notes, ۲۰۰۱). Elsanowski *et al*; (۱۹۹۸) succeed in isolating the causal organism, which he defined as *Haemophilus. somnus* and he reported the disease as Infectious Thromboembolic Meningoencephalitis (ITEME). Symptoms of disease were first observed in cattle with high percentage of foreign blood that had acquired FMD infection. Nevertheless subsequent reports of the disease include the local breed (Eltom, ۲۰۰۳). Few had known about this disease in Sudan, although some investigations were conducted. Elsanowski and Randa (۱۹۹۸) did experimental infection of cattle



with *H.Somnus*, ELtom and Hassan, (٢٠٠١) conducted treatment trial Elgazali Gumma, (٢٠٠٢) studied the disease in cattle in western Sudan and reported that the prevalence rate of the disease in the total cattle population of the state was about ٣,٢%.

### ١,٤,٦. Mastitis

Mastitis is recognized as one of the major disease problems concerning the dairy industry (Jain, ١٩٧٩). The disease result in a major loss in milk yield (Blosser, ١٩٧٩), various attempts had been made to quantify the reduction of milk yield in relation to both clinical and subclinical mastitis (Forster; ١٩٦٤). On the other hand King (١٩٧٤) observed highly significant differences between healthy and diseased animal and this was proved later by Wagner ;( ١٩٧٨) and Timms and Scultze; (١٩٨٧). Futher Ashworth *et al* ;( ١٩٦٧), Meyer, (١٩٨٠) O'leary and Leavitt (١٩٨٣) and Shuster, (١٩٨٨), reported significant difference between the infected and the none infected quarters in the same cow. Ebtisam *et al*, (١٩٩٩) showed a highly significant reduction in milk yield due to mastitis and this was also reported by Mcfadden *et al* (١٩٨٨). Hamid *et al*, (١٩٩٨) Isolated *Nocardia* from Zebu cattle suffering from mastitis. The public health significance of this disease in Sudan has been highlighted by Ibrahim, (١٩٦٨). Ibtisam *et al*, (١٩٩٥) assessed the production loses and economic importance of mastitis. Therapy doesn't improve milk yield, (Oleary and Leavitt, ١٩٨٣). Moreover mastitic quarter's milk yield will never return to

its production values; (Mcfaddan *et al*, 1988), even in the following lactation's, (Lucery and Rowlands, 1984).

### 1.5. Internal Parasites

The economic losses from worm parasite infections of cattle can be significant. Calves under one year of age are more susceptible than older cattle that frequently have been exposed to the parasites and have developed a degree of immunity. Adult worms in cattle produce eggs that are passed in the manure. The eggs hatch producing larvae that developed and move up onto the pasture grasses where cattle consume them. Eggs can survive the winter and hatch out with warm weather. Infection is most likely to occur when temperatures are between 10°C and 30°C and there is adequate rainfall. Deworming prior to the grazing season will greatly reduced the contamination of pasture during the grazing season. Cows dewormed in fall usually have a higher conception rate the next breeding season, winter better and wean heavier calves (cattletody.info, 2004).

In Sudan, Knowledge on the incidence of internal parasites in domestic animals came from the surveys and from the studies conducted by Abed Malek, (1989), Esia, *et al* (1962), Esia and Dali(1963), Esia, *et al* (1976), Saad *et al*,(1983), El-Awad, (1987) Saad and Magzoub,(1989), Ali -babiker,(1993) and Mohammed El-Amir (1990). Parasites cause serious mortality but their true damage comes from the high degree of mortality and the reduced herd efficiency. Unfortunately, there is lack of statistical records on the mortality

and financial losses due to parasitism. Esia (1966) investigated the incidence of helminthes parasites of cattle in Upper Nile province, and found that the total strongyle eggs –per gram counts never exceeded 10. He believed that the continuous and wise used of phenothizine had reduced the contamination of the pasture which resulted in protection of young animals from heavy infestations early in their lives. Esia, (1966) stated that investigations carried in Upper Nile province in 1964 indicated that these infections caused high economic losses in cattle to the extent that the Morly cattle with about 6% incidence, did not find any market to accept them. Khawad *et al*; (1976) observed no egg indicating the presence of nematod in cattle, sheep and goat in Equatoria, Bahr-El-gazal and Upper Nile. Never the less they reported that the incidence of *C.boves* in cattle was 9% in Equatoria and 18% in Upper Nile simillary. In Western Sudan it reached 23%, in Khartoum province Gotbi and Suliman; (1970) showed an infection rate of 1,0% in cattle slaughtered at Omdurman central abattoir.

### 1,5,1. Schistosomiasis

Shistosomiasis is one of the most common parasitic diseases of man and domestic animals, the disease is a considerable public health problem in developing countries ,In Asia, Africa and South America (WHO; 1980)*Shistosoma bovis* was discovered in Egypt and described 1876 by Sansino Since then it had only been recorded in Egypt on one other occasion (Soliman; 1906 ). Malek (1969) suggested that *S. matthei* might occur in the

southern region of Sudan. *S. bovis* was first reported from Sudan in 1910 when an infected cow was recorded in the White Nile province. Several epizootic of *S. bovis* infections were recorded among cattle and sheep causing heavy economical losses (Eisa; 1966), (Hussein; 1968) The parasite was also shown to occur in the western and eastern province of the country (Malek; 1969) , (Hussien; 1973) (El -Badawi and Slepnov ; 1976) A/Magid; (1979) Carried out a survey in Kosti cattle slaughter house and found that among 387 cattle examined 8% harbored bovine schistosomiasis . A prevalence of 10% was found in cattle at the age of eight years in preliminary cattle survey at Ummhani village and the over all prevalence in these animals was approximately 8% and that cattle as young as three months were infected. The over all prevalence of *S. bovis* in cattle in both the Hissay village and Abba Island was found to be 4% (A/Magid, 1979).

### 1.5.2. Fascioliasis

Fascioliasis is one of the disease that cause major economic losses. The disease is cause by two species *Fasciola .gigantic* (Cobbold; 1800) and *F. hepatica* (Linnaeu 1758), the most common liver fluke in Africa is *Fasciola gigantica* and only few reliable records of *F. hepatica* occurs, though this species is believed to cause a high prevalence of fascioliasis in Lesotho (Brown 1980).

Generally human fascioliasis is rare in Africa Goldsmid (1970) perhaps because Africans do not usually eat water-grass, the common source of infections in Europe, North America, Asia and Australia

In Africa Fascioliasis is present in almost every country. On the basis of cattle livers condemned at abattoir, a prevalence of 10.3% was found in Zimbabwe during the period 1966 to 1971 and 0.7% in South Africa during the Years 1901 to 1907 (Pantelouris, 1970). In Nigeria, when 14,270 cattle were examined the prevalence was found to be 31.7% (Malek; 1980).

In Sudan in 1948 sever outbreaks with heavy mortalities were encountered in the White Nile province among cattle and sheep. In 1909 an outbreak near Wau in Bahr El-Gazal province in which 60 cows perished, was also reported. In 1973 a high number of sheep near Kosti died from Acute fascioliasis (Haroun; 1970).

*Fasciola. gigantica* was first mentioned in 1914 in the annual reported of the Sudan veterinary service (S.V.S). In 1938 fascioliasis was again reported in Malakal, in 1938 the disease in upper Nile province was reported to be more prevalent than previously believed, especially after the heavy rains of 1938. The annual report of 1948 recorded fascioliasis during the dry months of the year causing mortality among cattle, goats and sheep in the river areas of Kosti and El-Dueim in White Nile province. The report of 1903-1904 stated that the incidences of fascioliasis increased in Kosti and ElDuiem district. it was also reported that of more than 30,000 cattle slaughtered 00-

67% of livers were condemned because of *F.gigantica* infections. The annual reports since 1900 indicated that the highest percentages of liver condemnation due to fascioliasis were as follows

Upper Nile province (27-38%) Bahr ElGazal province (18-21%)  
Equatorial province (13-14%) and the Blue Nile province (9-13%).

### 1,2,3. Paramphistomiasis

Paramphistomiasis is caused by several species of rumen flukes which infect cattle and sheep in various parts of the world. Infections with the adult flukes do not seriously affect the animals; however, the disease is caused by immature worms while still in the intestine before migration to the stomach. When present in large numbers in the intestine the young immature paramphistomes are pathogenic, particularly for sheep of all age. According to Malek; (1980), fatal outbreaks of intestinal paramphistomiasis has occurred in many parts of the world. paramphistoma rumen flukes have an almost world wide distribution according to Malek (1980), *paramphistomum crvi* has been reported from Germany, USSR, Bulgaria, Poland France, and Italy. *P. microbothrium* is reported from Italy, Yugoslavia, Bulgaria and Hungary. In Asia *P.microbothrium* has been reported from Iran, Israel and India. In USA paramphistomes of the rumen seems to occur more in American cattle than in other ruminants Malek; (1980).

Animals in Africa are commonly infected with several species of stomach flukes at the same time (Malek; 1980). Malek (1969) found that about

90% of cattle slaughtered in the region of the White Nile reservoir were infected with these flukes. Intisar; (1992) found high infection in the White Nile.

#### 1.5.4. Onchocercosis

Onchocerciasis is a chronic infectious disease of man and animals caused by filarid worms of the genus *Onchocerca* and transmitted by *Culicoides* species, *ceratopigonidae* and *mosquitoes*. The disease is known by different names for example worm nodular disease, summer mange, allergic dermatitis, "Wahi" and "Kasen" in cattle. The microfilariae are found mainly in the blood of infected animals and cause the major symptoms whereas the adult filaria resides in different parts of the body causing nodular lesions and dermatitis. The disease affects man, cattle, horses, donkeys, camels, sheep and goats (Soulsby, 1982).

Infestation by the filarid worms of *Onchocerca* species cause rejection of meat for human consumption, while their microfilariae have been associated with ocular and skin lesions (Blood *et al* 1983).

Further studies showed that the largest infestation is found in the skin of wither followed by the skin of the rump then the skin of the abdomen, the skin of tail and finally the skin of the ear.

EL Sinnary & Hussein (1989) reported the transmission of *O. gutturosa* in Shambat (Khartoum North) in Sudan where the parasite is endemic and high percentages of cattle were infected. *Culicoides ringi* probably serves as a natural vector of *O. gutturosa* in the Sudan.

El Sinnary and Hussein, (1989) were able to release *O.armillata* from the aorta of infected Sudanese cattle by the injection of normal saline in tunnels and nodules followed by gentle traction of the worm.



## CHAPTER TWO

### MATERIALS AND METHODS

#### 2.1. Study areas

##### 2.1.1. Location

The White Nile and Gezira States are situated in central Sudan. The White Nile State is neighboured on the east by Sinnar State, on the north by Khartoum state, on the west by Kordofan state, and on the South by Upper Nile State-Figure (2.1).

Gezira state, the second study area, is boarded by Sinnar State to the south, to the North by Khartoum State, to the west by the White Nile state and to the east by Gadarife state- Figure (2.1). Most of the areas of the two states lie between the blue and white Nile with its rich soil and abundance of water

##### 2.1.2. Climate

Weather data of the two States are made available from (meteorological stations 2003). Throughout the year different types of climates prevailed. Maximum day temperature was 41°C in April and the minimum temperature was 24°C in January. The rainy season was between June and October but the bulk of rain fall took place during the period between July and September, the annual rain fall average ranged from 200mm in the poor Savannah zone to 600mm in the rich Savannah in the southern part of the two states. The amount of rain fall in rich Savannah belts supported the growth of light to heavy Savannah grasses.



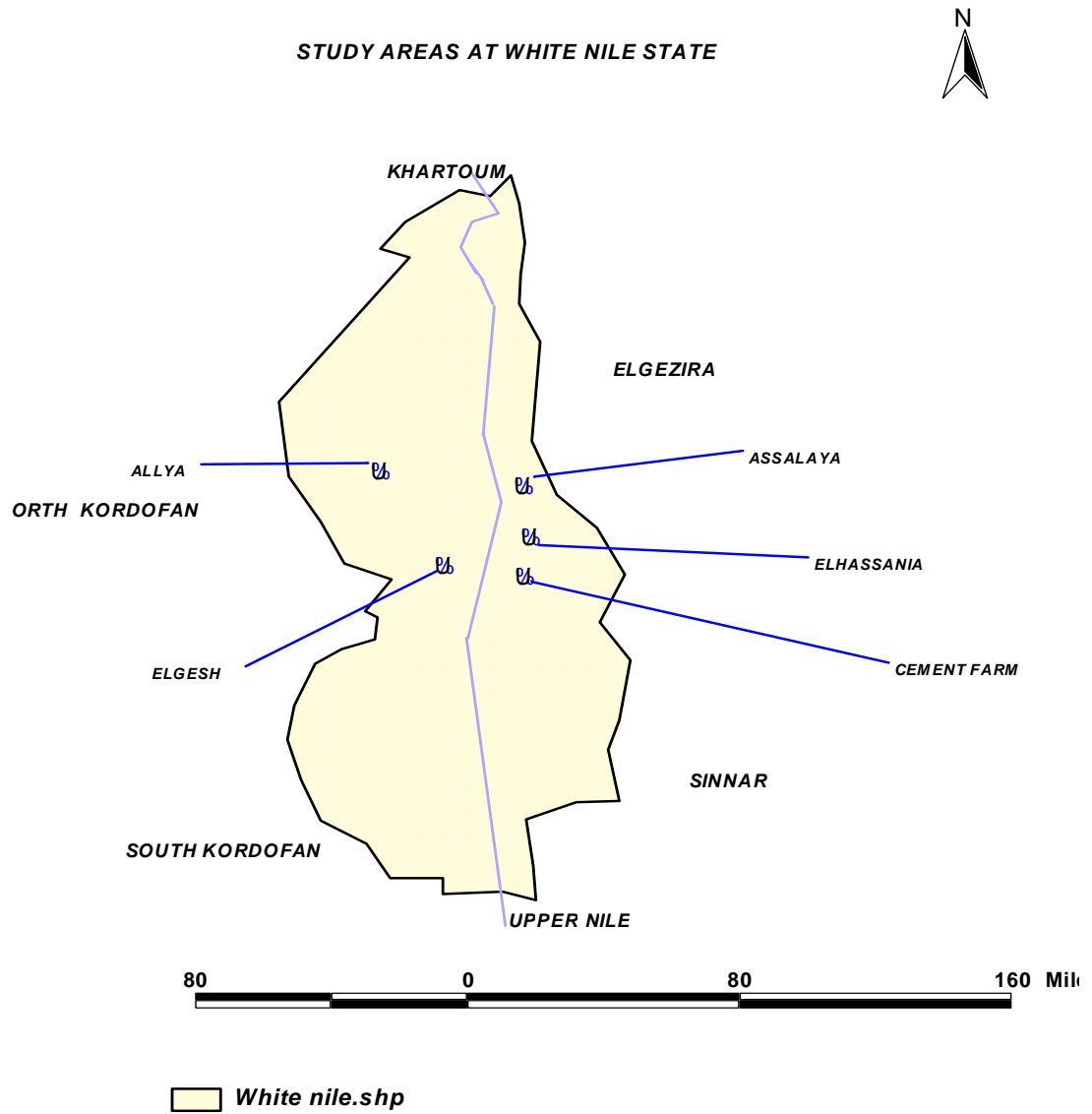
### **٢,١,٣. Livestock population management**

White Nile state holds a livestock population comprising ٢٩٨٠٩٣٤ cattle, ٢١٧٢٣٨١ Sheep, ٢٠٠٤١٩٤ Goats and ٢٠٠٠ Camel's and large numbers of donkeys, horses, dogs and cats,( Kosti Vet Office, ٢٠٠٣) Gezira state has a livestock comprising ٢٢٦٠٢٠٤ cattle, ٢٤٨٢٢٠٠ sheep, ١٦٠٧٥٥٠ goat's, ٨١٩١ Camles, ٢٥٠٠ Horses, ٧٨٦ donkeys ,and a large number of dogs and cats,(Gezira, Vet office ٢٠٠٣).

The major sector of the population in the White Nile State is nomadic cattle owners but in Gezira state they are farmers and their main occupation is land cultivation (Gezira project). In the White Nile state the main cattle belt is in the rich Savannah, the need for good grazing forces the nomads to migrate into wet areas in the southern part of the belt and reach the upper Nile state. Sheep and goats are grazed in poor Savannah in dry season. Camel on the other hand are raised in the western borders in the White Nile state and eastern border of Gezira state.

### **٢,٢. Study sites**

Established farms were chosen to carry out this study. They were included in the study to monitor the disease hazards to dairy industry in the ecological system of the two states. Five different farms had been chosen in each state to carry out the investigation on external parasites, internal parasites, blood parasites, udder infection and Brucellosis as a group of affections that affect production. At White Nile state the farms were as shown in Figure (٢,٢).



**Figure (٢,٢): map showing the study areas at the White Nile State**

Ellya farm, Elgesh Dairy farm, Elhassania farm and Cement factory farm. At the Gezira State the farms were as shown in figure (٢,٣). Ubusineana farm, El-Fuaida Ozzisat farm, Yasir farm, El-ghadia farm and El-denegila farm.

The farms were selected on the following bases

- The numbers of dairy cattle in each farm which constituted ranged between (٧٥-١٢٠).
- The different management system in the different farms which were semi intensive, intensive and opened system.
- The geographical distribution of these farms , which covered the area of the two states.
- The lack of recent information about the diseases of dairy cattle in these areas.

Adult milk in cows were included in the study.

This study aims at providing information on disease of dairy cattle irrespective of clinical manifestations.

### **٢,٣. Sample size and data collection**

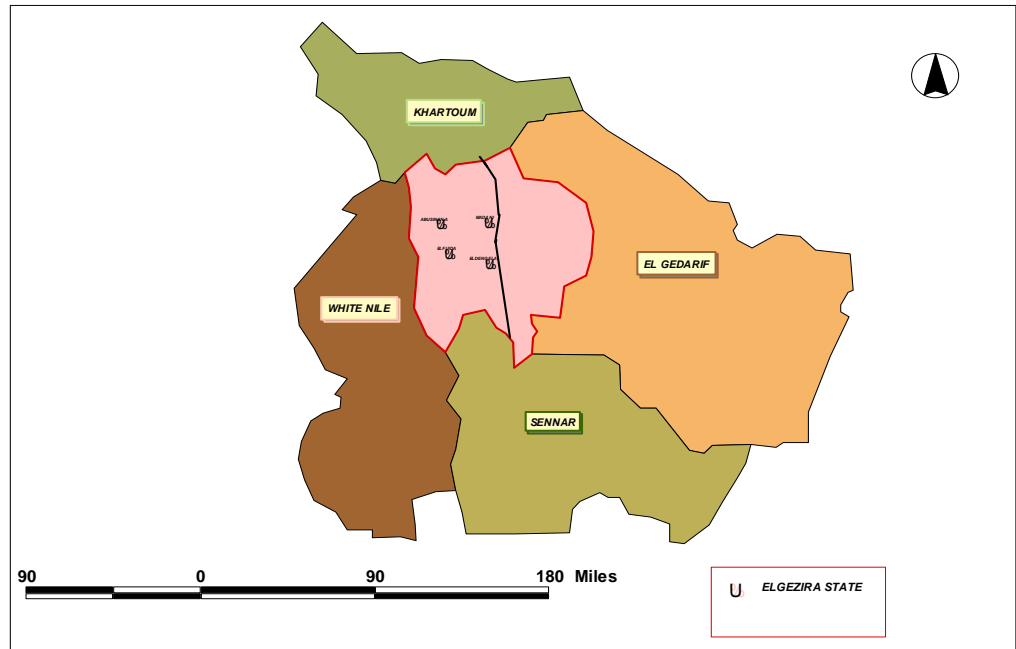
The sample constituted ٢٥ dairy cattle randomly chosen from each selected farm and a total of ١٢٥ cattle from each state were subjected to clinical and laboratory examinations.

Data about management, nutrition and milk production were also collected in a pre-designed form (Appendix).

#### **2.4. Management and production data**

The management system was observed and reported the system were classified as semi-intensive or open system. The level of milk production was observed and the range of milk production was reported in litres.

**STUDY AREAS AT GEZIRA STATE**



**Figure (٢,٣): map showing the study areas at the Gezira State**

## **५.०. Clinical investigation**

Each cow in the study group was examined clinically for any abnormal conditions and the vaccination record was inspected.

### **५.०.१. Mange inspection**

The animal was examined visually for mange infestation and the result was recorded.

### **५.०.२. Ticks inspections**

Animals were examined in standing position and were partially restrained. The process was done by searching the animal and passing the hand over certain body areas such as the brisket, dewlap, axillary region, hump, ears, and inner hind legs and under the tail, the method of search was simple and quick. A cow was considered as heavily infested when more than five ticks were found.

## **५.१. Laboratory investigations**

### **५.१.१. Faecal samples**

Faecal samples were collected from each animal in the study group in nylon sachet, the faecal samples were examined using direct, sedimentation and floatation techniques for the helminthes ova.

#### **५.१.१.१. Direct Method**

The direct smear, is made by mixing small portion of faeces in a drop of water on a slide until a uniform suspension was secured, any large pieces of solid matter was removed and the film of faecal suspension was covered with



a cover slip and examined under low power of microscope ( $10\times$ ) (Kelly; 1984).

#### **2.6.1.2. Sedimentation Method**

A leveled dessert spoonful of faeces is thoroughly mixed with 3-4 volumes of water; the suspension is then poured through a wire mesh screen with an aperture of 0.1 mm in a cylinder and allowed to stand for 20 minutes. The supernatant fluid was then discarded. The process of mixing, sedimentation and decantation was repeated until the supernatant fluid is clear a small quantity of the final sediment was withdrawn with pipette and transferred to microscope slide., a cover slip then applied and examined microscopically under low power (Kelly; 1984).

#### **2.6.1.3. Floatation Method**

For the method a level dessert spoonful of faeces was placed into 1-2 times, volume of saturated salt solution (36g Sodium chloride dissolved in water to 2.5 L), in a stoppered glass containing about 4-5 small glass balls, thoroughly shaken and the suspension poured into a wire mesh sieve with an aperture of 0.1 mm, standing in a funnel into a centrifuge tube and the tube was allowed to stand in a rack for about 30 minutes. Any ova at the surface of the solution maybe recovered by filling the tube to the brim with the flotation solution and then touching the meniscus lightly with the under side of cover slip held horizontally, the resulting drop on cover slip was then placed on microscope slide for examination (Kelly; 1984).

## **2.4. Blood samples**

### **2.4.1 Serum preparation**

Blood samples were taken as described by Alton (1970), the skin over the jugular vein was rubbed with 70% alcohol and disinfected, by application of tincture of Iodine, then 1 ml of the blood was withdrawn using a vaccinator, samples were put in a rack under shade, before taken to the laboratory with minimum possible shaking.

These samples were kept overnight at 4°C in a refrigerator to separate the serum; some times the blood samples were centrifuged at 2000 rpm for five minutes to separate the serum.

### **2.4.2 Preparation of dry blood smears**

Blood smears were prepared according to the method of Mc Cosker; (1970).

A small drop of blood was taken from the ear vein and put on a precleaned microscope slide, and then another slide was used as spreader. The angle between the slide and the spreader was kept acute in order to obtain one cell thick smear. The smear was taken in such a way that the tail of the smear was rounded and did not extend to the end of the slide; the slides were air-dried and immediately fixed in absolute methyl alcohol for a minimum of one minute, stained with Giemsa's stain for blood parasite detection Examination was done under high magnification oil immersion lens.

### **2.7.3 Wet blood smear**

A drop of blood was placed on a clean slide and covered with a cover slip, examined under the microscope at magnification  $\times 1000$  to check for the presence of trypanosomes and microfilaria (Kelly, 1984).

### **2.7.4. Haematocrite centrifugation technique (Kelly, 1984)**

0.5 ml of the blood was collected directly from the ear vein in heparinized a capillary tube and then sealed on one side by plastic and centrifuges for three minute at 3000 rpm. After centrifugation the capillary tube was placed into a clean slide and covered with one drop distilled water then examined under the microscope at  $\times 1000$  magnification. Trypanosome and microfilaria were checked in the Buffy coat layer.

### **2.8. Rose Bengal plate Test**

The Rose Bengal plate Test (RBT) is a single dilution serum agglutination test. The antigen consists of Brucella cells with a packed cell density of 1% stained with Rose Bengal and suspended in acidic buffer at pH 3.6 (Morgan *et al*; 1978, Anon, 1965). It has been used as a screening test (Morgan *et al*; 1969).

The procedure of the test was as follows

- Allow capillary action to draw serum up into the capillary tube to the black line (0.5).
- Place antigen on teardrop spill by covering the whole area and

then compressing the bulb.

- Place antigen (0.05 ml) adjacent to the serum. The antigen must be well mixed and the dispenser held vertically. Mix the serum and antigen with a rod then spread it over the entire surface of the teardrop test area.
- Rock the card slowly about 12 times per minute for four minutes.
- Read the result as follows
  1. Negative no agglutination or clumping, or showing a pattern of dispersed particles without clumps.
  2. Positive agglutination, with moderate to large clumps.

Known positive and negative sera are included in each set of test as controls.

#### **2.9. Rapid Mastitis Test**

In performing the test, about 5 ml of milk from each quarter were drawn into one of the shallow cups of the paddle, and then an equal volume of test reagent (Alvertras solution) is squirted from a squeeze bottle into each pool of milk, clear results were obtained with an excess of the reagent, the milk and reagent were mixed by gentle circular rotation of the bottle held horizontally (Kelly; 1984).

#### **2.10: Postmortem examination**

For further confirmation of clinical examination a dead cow at Elghadaia was subjected to postmortem examination for gross pathological

changes. The cow was suspected to suffer from fascioliasis. The symptoms were an extensive swelling covering the dewlap and the thorax.

## CHAPTER THREE

### RESULTS

#### 3.1. Management Systems

In the selected farms the semi-intensive (open) plate (3,1) or intensive system (closed) plate (3,2) management practice were followed. The nutritional status and breeds of dairy animals were recorded as shown in tables (3,1), (3,2). The system of management is not governed by the breed as both groups of local and cross can be kept in either system. There is no significant difference between the farms of the White Nile and Gezira in this respect.

The average milk production was recorded for each farm. It was found to range between 3-4 liter per cow for local breeds (Kennana and Butana) and 13-15 liter for their crosses with Freizian. The nutritional status of the dairy cattle of local breeds was found to be poor compared to those of cross bred animals.

#### 3.2. Clinical observations

None of the cows examined showed symptoms suggestive of infectious diseases that are vaccinated for which include HS, BQ, CBPP and anthrax. Skin lesion suggestive of lumpy skin disease were observed in two animals at Abu-sinnina dairy farm plate (3,3).

Two cows at Yasir dairy farm showed Elheesh syndrome as well as two other at El-ghadaia dairy farm plate (٣,٤). The symptoms of this disease was high fever, respiratory embarrassment, hyper salivation and frothing, tendency to stand under the shade and in wet places, decreased and eventually cessation of milk yield, and the infection of Elheesh took place after the infection of FMD.

All these were confined to Gezira state no such syndromes were noted in the White Nile State during the study period.

One case of traumatic pericarditis was seen in El-ghadaia dairy farm in the Gezira state plate (٣,٥) as confirmed in postmortem examination where a nail was found penetrating the heart.





**Plate (३,१): Feeding system at Ellaya dairy farm showing the provision of Cakes during milking time**



**Plate (٣,٢): Feeding system at Yasir dairy farm in the Gezira state**

**showing the provision of cotton seeds during milking time**

**Table (٣,١): basic management and milk production in the selected farms at the White Nile State**

Location	Breed	Management	Nutrition	Average of milk production per cow per day in litre
Elhassania dairy farm	Kenana and Botana	Open system	Poor	٣-٤
Cement factory dairy farm	Cross (Friesien +Kenana)	Open system	Good	١٣-١٥
Asslaia dairy farm	Cross (Friesien +Kenana)	Open system	Cood	٤ -٧
Elgesh dairy farm	Kenana& Botana	Open system	Poor	٣-٤
Allaya dairy farm	Bagara & Botana	Open system	Poor	٣-٤

**Table (٣,٢): basic management and milk production in the selected farms at the Gezira State**

Location	Breed	Management	Nutrition	Average of milk production per cow per day in litre
Abu-Sinana dairy farm	Kenana	Open system	Poor	٣-٤
Yasir dairy farm	Cross (Friesien +Kenana)	Intensive system	Good	١٣-١٥
Elghadaya dairy farm	Cross (Friesien +Kenana)	Intensive system	Good	١٣-١٥
El-Fuida Oizaziat dairy farm	Kenana and Botana	Open system	Poor	٣-٦

Eldinagela dairy farm	Kenana and Botana	Open system	Poor	٣-٤
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**Plate (३,३): Photograph of cow affected with Lumpy skin disease at Abu-Sinana Dairy farm**



Plate (٣,٤): Photograph of cow affected with Elheesh at El-ghadia dairy farm

### ٣. ٣. Penside examination results

#### ٣. ٣,١ Mastitis

The result of mastitis among ٢٥٠ dairy cows submitted to (CMT) was detected with some frank clinical cases plates (٣,٦,٣,٧) the distribution in the different farms table (٣,٣ , ٣,٤) was as follows:

At the white Nile areas El-hassania dairy farm ٧ cows were found positive (٢٨%), at Cement factory dairy farm ٥ cows were found positive (٢٠%), at Assalaya dairy farm ٤ cows were found positive (١٦%), at Elgesh dairy farm ١٢ cows were found positive (٤٨%) and at Ellaya dairy farm ٩ cows were found positive (٣٦%). A total of ٣٧ cows out of ١٢٥ (٢٩,٥%) were found positive.

At the Gezira areas at Abu-sinana dairy farm ٤ cows were found positive (١٦%), at Yasir dairy farm ٢ cows were found positive (٨%), at

Elghadaia dairy farm 9 cows were found positive (20%), at El-fuaida Oizaizate dairy farm 7 cows were found positive (28%) and at El-denegila dairy farm 7 cows were found positive. A total of 23 cows out of 120 (18, 8%) were found positive.



Plate (३,०): photograph of cow affected with traumatic pericarditis at El –  
ghadaia dairy farm



Plate (३,१): Photograph of cow affected with Mastitis at Yasir dairy farm





**Plate (۳,۷): The atrophy of the teat due to infection at El-denegila dairy farm**

**Table (٣,٣): mastitis and brucellosis in the White Nile farms**

Farm Name	Mastitis (CMT)	Brucellosis Rose Bengal test
Elhassania dairy farm	٢٨%	Nil
Cement factory dairy farm	٢٠%	Nil
Asslaia dairy farm	١٦%	٨%
Elgesh dairy farm	٤٨%	Nil
Allaya dairy farm	٣٦%	Nil

**Table (٣,٤): mastitis and brucellosis in the Gezira State farms**

Farm Name	Mastitis (CMT)	Brucellosis Rose Bengal test
Abu-Sinana dairy farm	١٦%	Nil
Yasir dairy farm	٨%	Nil
Elghadaya dairy farm	٢٠%	Nil
El-Fuida Oizaziat dairy farm	٢٤%	٢٤%
Eldinagela dairy farm	٢٤%	٨%

### **3.3.2. External parasites**

#### **3.3.2.1 Mange and lice infestation**

Mange and lice were not encountered in any animal in the two states

#### **3.3.2.2 Ticks infestation**

At the White Nile state as shown in table (3,5) and Figure(3,1) the number of ticks infested animals was at El-Hassania dairy 12 (4%), at cement factory dairy it was 10 (60%), at Assalaya dairy 8(32%), at Elgesh dairy 12(44%) and at Ellaya dairy 10 (60%). A total of 62 cows (49,6%) were found heavily infested.

At Gezira areas as shown in table (3,6) and figure (3,1), at Abusinana dairy 21(44%), at Yasir dairy 2(4%), at El-Fuida Oizaizate 20(100%) and at Eldinagela 2(24%). A total of 50 cows (44%) were found heavily infested

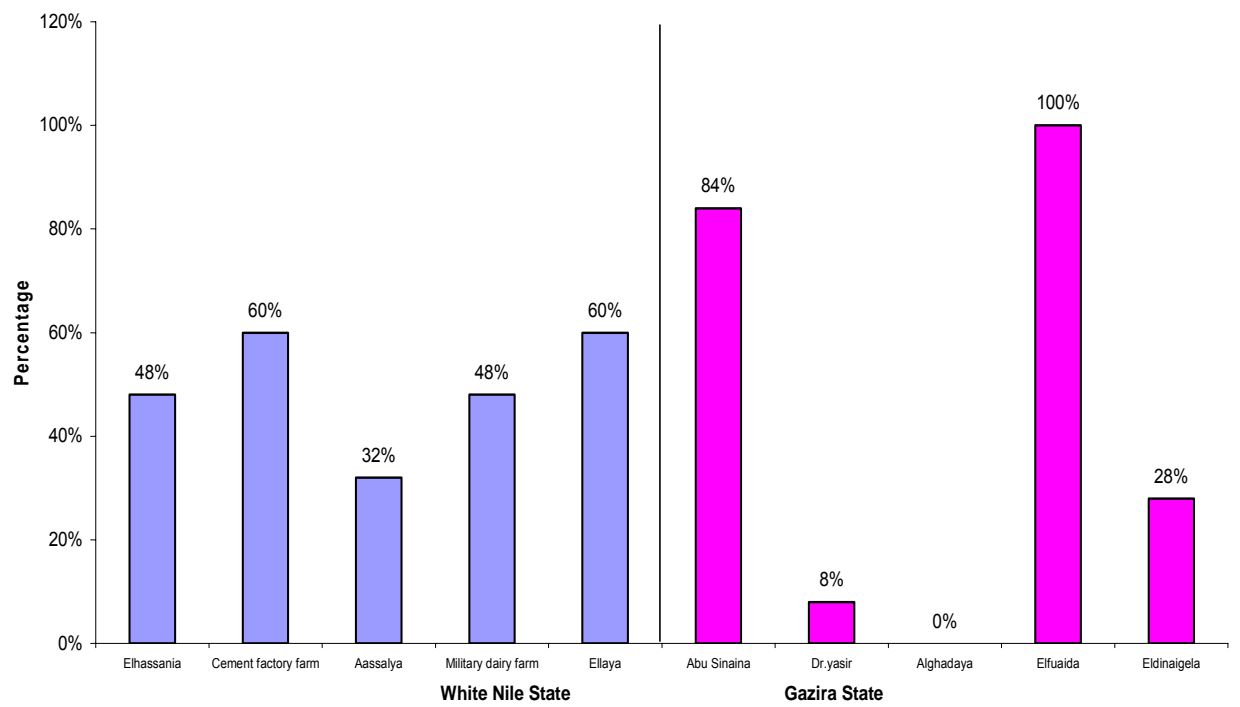
### **3.4. Laboratory examination results**

#### **3.4.1. Brucellosis**

The prevalence of Brucellosis among 200 dairy cows submitted to Rose Bengal test shown in figure (3,2). At the white Nile state Assalya dairy farm showed 2 cows positive (4%) and the Gezira farms at El-fuaida Oizaizate dairy farm 6 cows were found positive (30%) and at El-deneglia dairy farm 2 cows were found positive (4%). A total of 10 cows out of 200 (5%) were positive..

**Table (٣, ٥): parasitic infestation in cows in White Nile State farms**

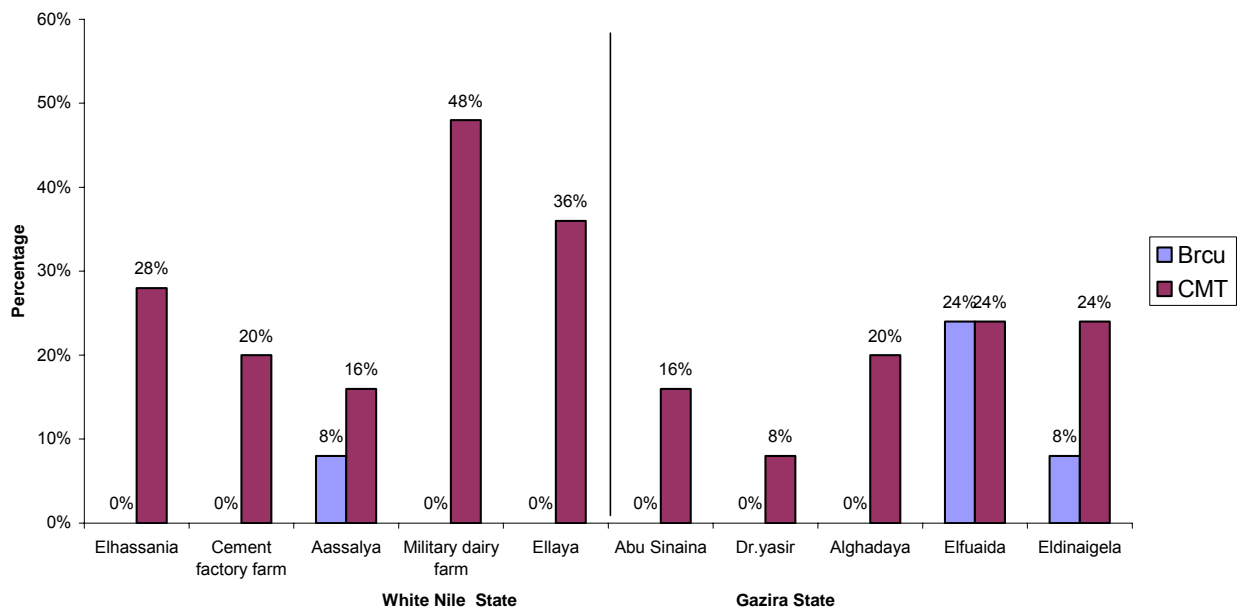
<b>Farm Name</b>	<b>Gastro intestinal parasite</b>	<b>Blood parasite</b>	<b>External parasite ticks</b>
<b>El hassania dairy farm</b>	Fasciola ٤٨٪ Paraphm ١٢٪ Shisto ٠٪ Plantidium ٠٪ Trichuris ٠٪ Scaris ٠٪ Monizia ٠٪	Theileria ١٦٪ Babesia ٠٪ Trypano ٠٪ Microflari ٨٪	٤٨٪
<b>Cement factory dairy farm</b>	Fasciola ٨٤ % Paraphm ٦٤٪ Shisto ٠٪ Plantidium ٠٪ Trichuris ٠٪ Scaris ٠٪	Theileria ٠٪ Babesia ٠٪ Trypano ٠٪ Microflari ١٦٪	٦٠٪
<b>Assalaia diary farm</b>	Fasciola ٠ % Paraphm ٦٤٪ Shisto ٨٪ Plantidium ٠٪ Trichuris ٠٪ Scaris ٠٪	Theileria ٤٪ Babesia ٢٠٪ Trypano ٠٪ Microflari ٠٪	٣٢٪
<b>El gesh diary farm</b>	Fasciola ٣٢ % Paraphm ٥٢٪ Shisto ١٢٪ Plantidium ١٦٪ Trichuris ٤٪ Scaris ٠٪ Taenia ٠٪	Theileria ٨٪ Babesia ٤٪ Trypano ٠٪ Microflari ٠٪	٤٨٪
<b>Allaya diary farm</b>	Fasciola ٨ % Paraphm ٨٪ Shisto ٠٪ Plantidium ٨٪ Trichuris ٠٪ Scaris ١٢٪ Monizia ٠٪	Theileria ٤٪ Babesia ٠٪ Trypano ٤٪ Microflari %	٦٠٪



**Figure (3,1) prevalence of ticks infestation among dairy cattle at selected farms in the White Nile and the Gezira States**

**Table (3,6): parasitic infestation in cows in Gezira State farms**

<b>Farm Name</b>	<b>Gastro intestinal parasite</b>	<b>Blood parasite</b>	<b>External parasite ticks</b>
<b>Abu-Sinana dairy farm</b>	Fasciola 32 % Paraphm 64 % Shisto 1 % Plantidium 16 % Trichuris 1 % Scaris 16 % Monizia 4 %	Theileria 1 % Babesia 1 % Trypano 1 % Microflari 1 %	84 %
<b>Yasir dairy farm</b>	Fasciola 1 % Paraphm 1 % Shisto 1 % Plantidium 1 % Trichuris 1 % Scaris 1 %	Theileria 1 % Babesia 4 % Trypano 1 % Microflari 1 %	1 %
<b>Elghadaya dairy farm</b>	Fasciola 1 % Paraphm 1 % Shisto 1 % Plantidium 1 % Trichuris 1 % Scaris 32 %	Theileria 4 % Babesia 1 % Trypano 1 % Microflari 1 %	Nil
<b>El-Fuida Oizaziat dairy farm</b>	Fasciola 12 % Paraphm 1 % Shisto 1 % Plantidium 12 % Trichuris 1 % Scaris 44 % Taenia 8 %	Theileria 12 % Babesia 4 % Trypano 1 % Microflari 1 %	100 %
<b>Eldinagela dairy farm</b>	Fasciola 24 % Paraphm 24 % Shisto 1 % Plantidium 16 % Trichuris 1 % Scaris 32 % Monizia 8 %	Theileria 4 % Babesia 1 % Trypano 1 % Microflari 8 %	28 %



**Fig: (٣,٢) prevalence of mastitis and Brucellosis**

### 3. 4. 2. Blood parasites.

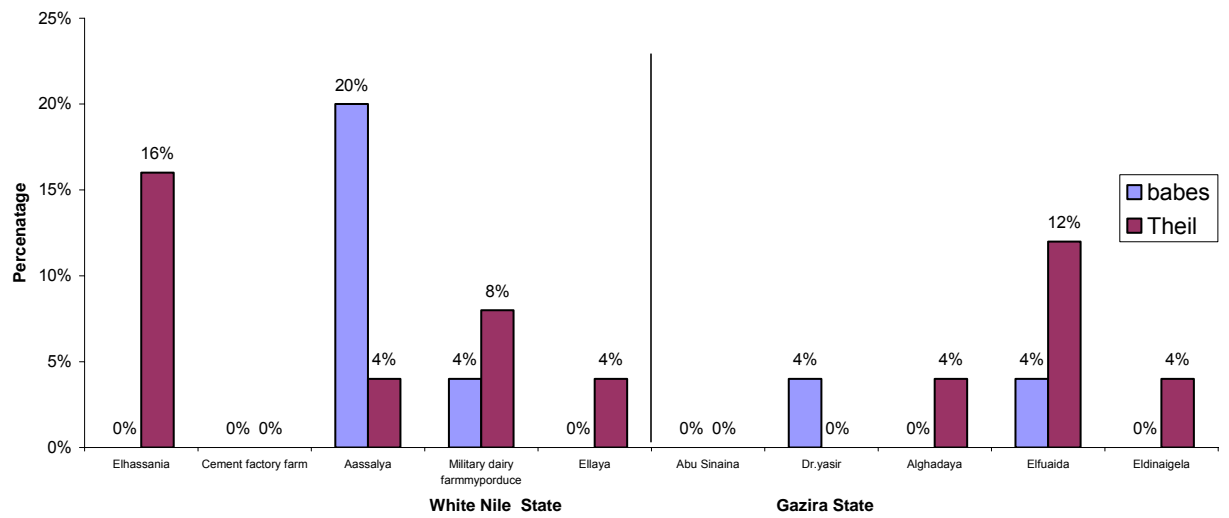
At the White Nile area the result of blood smears were as shown in table (3, 5) and figure (3, 3).

At El-Hassania 4 cows were found positive for theileriosis (100%) and 2 cows were found positive for microflaria (8%). At Cement factory dairy farm 4 cows were found positive for microflaria (100%), At assalaya dairy farm one cow was found positive for theileriosis (4%), and 0 cows were found positive for babesiosis (0%). At Elgesh dairy farm 2 cows were found positive for theileriosis (8%) and one cow was found positive for babesiosis (4%). At Ellaya dairy farm one cow was found positive for theileriosis (4%) and one cow was found positive for trypanosomiasis (4%).

At the Gezira areas the result of the blood smears were as shown in table (3, 6) and figure (3, 3).

At Yasir dairy one cow was found positive for babesiosis (4%). At El-fuida Oizaizate dairy one cow was found positive for babesiosis (4%) and 2 cows were found positive for Theileriosis (100%). At Elghadaya dairy one cow was found positive for theileriosis (4%). At Eldnegela dairy one cow was found positive for theileriosis (4%) and 2 cows were found positive for microflaria (8%).





**Fig: (۳,۳) prevalence of Babesiosis and Theileriosis among dairy cattle at selected farms in the White Nile and the Gezira States**

### 3.4.3. Faecal examination results

#### 3.4.3.1. Protozoa

At the White Nile area, at Ellaya dairy 7 cows faecal samples showed Plantidium cyst (14%), at Elgesh dairy 8 cows faecal samples showed Plantidium cyst (16%) plate (3,8). A total of 6 cows out of 120 showed plantidium cyst.

At the Gezira area at Abu-Sinana dairy 8 cows faecal samples showed plantidium cyst (16%), at El-fuida Ozizate 7 cows faecal sample showed plantidium cyst (12%) and at El-denaigela 8 cows faecal sample showed plantidium cyst (16%). A total of 11 cows out of 120 showed plantidium cyst.

#### 3.4.3.2 Trematoda

At the White Nile the result of the faecal samples examined for the fascioliasis were as shown in table (3,6). at El-Hassania dairy 12 cows showed *fasciola spp* eggs (48%) plate (3,9, 3,10), at cement factory dairy 11 cows were found positive (84%), at Elgesh dairy farm 8 cows 20 were found positive (32%), and at Ellaya dairy farm 7 cows were found positive (14%). A total of 43 out of 120(%) were found positive.

At the Gezira areas the result of the faecal samples examined for the fascioliasis as shown in table (3,6). at Abu-sinanna dairy farm 8 cows were found positive (32%), at El-gadaya dairy farm one cow was found positive (4%),

at El-Fuida Oizaziate dairy farm 3 cows were found positive (100%) and at El-denegela dairy farm 6 cows were found positive (100%). A total of 16 out



**Plate (3, 4): plantidium cyst in faecal sample of cow at Elgesh dairy farm**



**Plate (٣,٩) Photograph of cow affected with fascioliasis and  
Paramphistomiasis at El-Hassania dairy farm**



**Plate (٣,١٠) *Fasciola spp* egg in faecal sample of cow at El-denegila dairy  
farm**

Of 120(6,4%) were found positive.

At the White Nile the result of faecal samples showed paramphistome spp ova as shown in table(3,9),at El-hassnia dairy farm 3 cows were found positive (12%) plate(3,8),at Ciment factory dairy farm 16 cows were found positive (64%),at Assallaya dairy farm 16 cows were found positive (16%) ,at Elgesh dairy farm 13 cows were found positive (92%)and at Ellaya dairy farm 3 cows were found positive (1%).A total of 60 cows out 120(50%) were found positive.

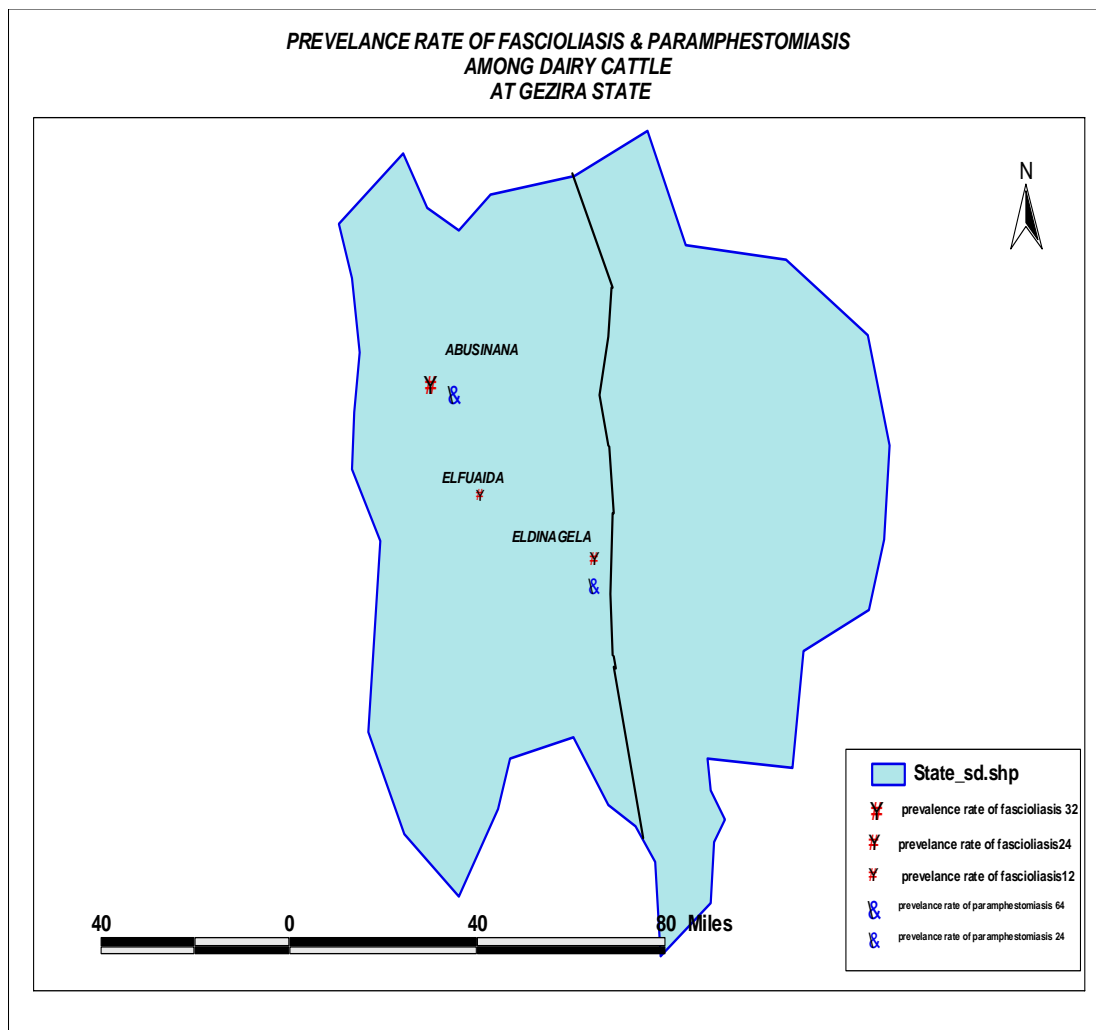
At the Gezira areas the results of the faecal samples showed paramphistomes pp ova as shown in table (3,10),at Abu-sinana dairy 16 cows were found positive(64%),and at El-denegel adairy 6 cows were found positive (24%).A total of 22 cows out of 120(18%) were found positive.

Figure (3,4,3,9) showed prevalence of fascioliasis and paramphistomiasis in the two states. At the White Nile farms the faecal samples examined for schistosmmiasis showed the following results

At Assalaya dairy farm 3 cows were found positive (1%) plate (3,11), at Elgesh dairy farm 3 cows were found positive (12%).

### ٣,٤,٣,٣. Cestoda

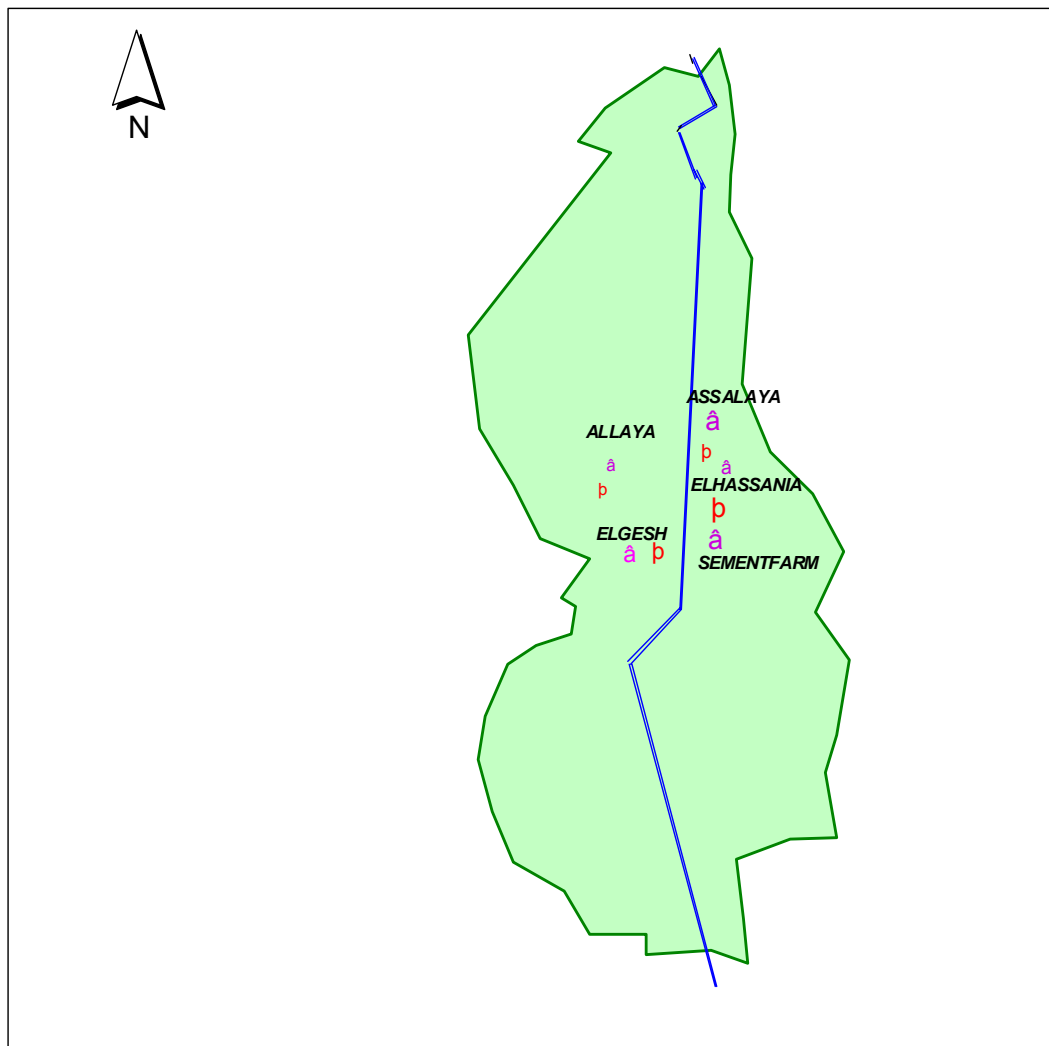
At the Gezira area, at Abu-Sinana dairy one cow faecal sample showed *Monizia spp* egg (٤%), and at El-denaigela dairy ٧ cows faecal samples showed *Monizia spp* egg (٨%). At El-fuida dairy ٧ cows faecal samples showed *Taenia spp* egg.



**Figure (3,4) prevalence of Fascioliasis and paramphostomiasis among dairy cattle at selected farms in the Gezira stste**



**PREVELANCE OF FASCIOLIASIS & PARAMPHESTOMIASIS  
AMONG DAIRY CATTLE  
AT WHITE NILE STATE**

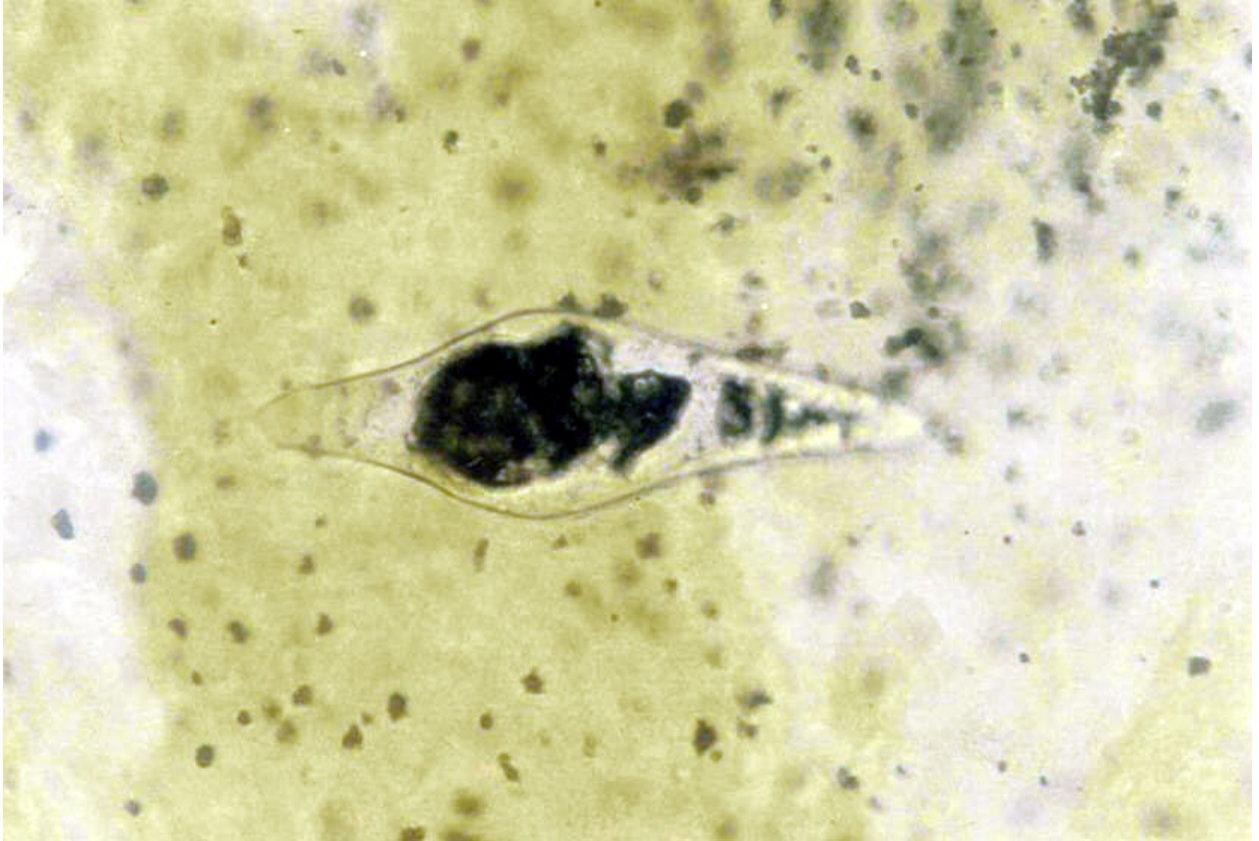


 **White Nile.shp**

- p** prevalence rate of fascioliasis 84
- p** prevalence rate of fascioliasis 48
- p** prevalence rate of fascioliasis 32
- p** prevalence rate of fascioliasis 8

- #** prevalence rate of paramphostomiasis 64
- #** prevalence rate of paramphostomiasis 52
- #** prevalence rate of paramphostomiasis 12
- #** prevalence rate of paramphostomiasis 8

**Figure (٣,٥): prevalence of fascioliasis and paramphostomiasis among dairy cattle at selected farms in the Gezira state**



**Plate (3,11): *Schistosoma spp* egg in faecal sample of cow at Assalaya dairy farm**

### ٣, ٤, ٣, ٤ Nematoda

At Ellaya dairy farm ٣ cows faecal samples showed *Ascaris* spp egg (١٢%), plate (٣, ١٢). At Elgesh dairy one cow faecal sample showed *trichuris* spp egg (٤%) plate (٣, ١٣).

At the gezera area ,at Ab-uisinana dairy ٤ cows faecal samples showed *Ascaris* spp egg (١٦%),at Elghadaia dairy ٤ cows showed *Ascaris* spp egg (٣٢%),at El fuaida dairy farm ١١ cows faecal sample showed *Ascaris* spp egg(٤٤%) ,at Eldiniaigela dairy farm ٦ cows faecal samples showed *Ascaris* spp(٣٢%) .



Plate (୧, ୧୨): *Ascaris spp* egg in faecal sample of cow at Ellya dairy farm



**Plate (۳, ۱۳): *Trichuris spp* egg in faecal sample of cow at Elgesh**

**Dairy farm**



## CHAPTER FOUR

### DISCUSSION

Most of the studies on cattle diseases in Sudan targeted one disease and its epidemiological characters. These diseases present a special challenge to community-based program that covers a large area characterized by very poor infrastructure, minimal laboratory facilities and operational constrains such as severe conflicts.

Studies on diseases caused by bacterial agents were numerous. Examples are prevalence of Brucellosis (Mustafa, ١٩٩٠), Haemorrhagic septicemia (Mustafa, ١٩٨٦), Contagious Bovine Pleropnemonia (Harbi and Salih, ١٩٧٩), Black Quarter (Elsanousi ١٩٧٧, Elsanousi ١٩٨٧, Eltag ١٩٨٦), Bovine Farcy (ElHussain, ٢٠٠٢).

Mastitis had been studied by Ibtisam *etal.* Elsanosi (١٩٩٨). El-gazali Gumma, (٢٠٠٢) did studies on Elheesh.

Viral infection included Rinder Pest and FMD, (Shekh eldin *etal.*; ١٩٩٤, AbuElzin; ١٩٨٣).

Parasitic problems studied included ticks and tick borne diseases (Latif ١٩٨٤, Ahmed Hussain ١٩٩٩). Khan and Abdon ١٩٨٣ studied trypanosomiasis and

surveys on internal parasite were done by Malek; (١٩٥٩), Eisa *etal.*; (١٩٦٢) Karib; ١٩٦٢, Eisa ; (١٩٦٣).

This study differs in conducting a survey on dairy cattle diseases and disease burden in both traditional and modern system. It is a trial to assess the disease load on dairy animals which are usually kept under the best husbandry system. The disease load can be reflected as an economic impact of the diseases on milk production. The study is also a trial to map the prevalence of diseases to help in determining the geographical distribution and to assess the impact of the environmental factors and their effect on the epidemiology of these diseases.

Each selected animal in the study population had been examined for all possible infection carried at the time of the survey. The selection included both apparent clinical conditions and apparent normal animals.

The study showed the prevalence of brucella in the central Sudan states with percentage of (1,6%) in the White Nile dairy farms and (6,4%) in the Gezira dairy farms and this may be due to high percentage of the foreign blood in the Gezira dairy farms. This result confirms the findings of Dafalla and Khan ;( 1998) and Musa;(1990) who cited the occurrence of Brucellosis in all over Sudan.

The percentage of mastitis according to (RMT) at the White Nile dairy farms was (9,8%) and at Gezira dairy farm was (14,4%) and these may lead to significant loss in milk production. These results agreed with Ebtisam *etal*;(1999)who stated that mastitis cause significant loss in milk production. Mastitis in some cases lead to the atrophy of affected quarters



and it is not predicated that the lost quarter will return to normal production and function. The result agree with Mcfaddan *etal* ;( ١٩٨٨) and Ebtisam *etal* ;( ١٩٩٥).

In the Gezira areas the farmers are settlers and they have economic consideration to dairy farming, this explains the low ratio of the mastitis as compared with the White Nile areas where the farmers are nomadic and hardly have economic plans for their production. This is more clear when individual farms are considered

The percentage of the theileria at the White Nile dairy was higher (٦,٤٪) than the Gezira dairy farms (٤٪) and this may be due to ticks control and good management and the educated farmers in the Gezira dairy farms. This can also explain the high ratio of babesiosis at the White dairy farms(٤,٨٪)compared with the gezira dairy farms(١,٦٪).One the other hand occurrence of babesiosis in the two states indicates its widespread in these localities. This agrees with Jongeian *etal*; (١٩٨٧), who reported the widespread of babesiosis in the Sudan.

Trypanosomiasis was found at the White Nile in Ellaya dairy farm only in one cow. An outbreak took place in Kenana dairy farm after this study and was investigated by Gundi Suliman and Khalid Taha; (٢٠٠٤unpublished data). ٣ cases were also detected at Assalaya dairy farm after this survey. It is evident that this disease is confined to certain environmental conditions. These conditions can be natural or man made

as in Sugar Cane farming created for sugar industry observed in Kenana and Assalaya locations.

Microfalaria at White Nile dairy farms (4,8%) was higher than Gezira dairy farms (1,6%). This may be due to the existence of vector at the White Nile zone thus the owner of the two cases that were found in Eldenegila explained that they were brought from Sinnar. In the Gezira the routine spraying of crops can affect the vector population and hence transmission of blood parasites. Also the awareness in the Gezira about parasites and strategic deworming reduces the burden of such parasites.

The percentage of fascioliasis, paramphostomiasis and schistosomiasis were higher in the White Nile dairy farms (34,4%), (4,0%) and (4%) respectively as compared with the Gezira dairy farms where they were (14,4%), (16,6%), (0%) respectively. This may be due to the regular use of the anti helminthes, the awareness and good understanding of economic value of helminthes control and the great loss of milk yield in the affected cattle by the Gezira farmers. The control reduced the pasture contamination with the worm's ova.

In spite of the difference in prevalence yet the flukes are widely distributed (fasciola, paramphostome) in the White Nile and Gezira areas this agrees with Malek (1980), who indicated the wide spread of these parasites in the Areas of good water supply where the snail intermediate hosts are found in high numbers.

The percentage of *Monizia* and *Taenia* at Gezira dairy farms were (3,8%), (1,6%) respectively, which showed that some parasites which are not readily transmitted can be confined to certain locations. This can create a hazard if such infected animals move and mix with susceptible ones.

The prevalence of tick infestation, at White Nile dairy farms and Gezira dairy farms was (49,0%), (22%) respectively, the difference being not significant. Ticks were found to induce considerable traumatic injuries to bovine udder resulting in irreversible damage of teats and consequent dysfunction, this beside the loss of milk and the diseases that ticks transmitted, the result agreed with Ahmed Hussein ;( 1999) who stressed the injury of teats and may lead to mastitis. Four cows were affected with elheesh (3,3%) at Gezira dairy farms, the symptoms of this disease were high fever, respiratory embarrassment, hyper salivation and frothing, tendency to stand under the shade and in wet places, decreased and eventually cessation of milk yield, and the infection of Elheesh took place after the infection of FMD. This was similar to the syndrome which was denitrified by Elsanousi *etal*; (1988) in Khartoum area as Thrombotic Meningoencephalitis in cattle (TME) and by El-gazali (2003) in cattle of western Kordofan state. Although some bacterial agents were isolated by these workers but its causative agent is still controversial.

In Abu-Sinana farm two cows showed healing lesions suggestive of Lumpy skin disease. The owner said it was the healing lesions after an outbreak which affected a number of cows in the area and two in his farm.

Elgadaia dairy farm had one cow affected with Traumatic precarditis, which was initially suspected as fascioliasis, but after post mortem a nail penetrating the heart was detected. The symptom was swelling in the dewlap region extending to cover the thorax.

Economy plays an important role in every day life and decision. Based on information collected in this survey considerable part of the nomadic stockmen are still suffering from illiteracy and under development, and great bulk of their activity is outside the economic sphere. The economic loss from worm parasite infection is significant. Parasites caused serious mortality and they reduced herd efficiency and these lead to a great financial loss. Fascioliasis is one of the basis of cattle liver condemnation at abattoir (Kosti office ۲۰۰۳). The annual reports since ۱۹۹۰ indicated that the highest percentage of liver condemnation was due to fascioliasis.

Blood parasite led to significant loss in milk production, and high cost in controlling the vector and they are costly in their treatment.

Mastitis results in major loss in milk yield and may lead to atrophy of the affected quarter as shown plate (۳,۷), this beside the high cost of

treatment. Elheesh led to immediate drop in milk yield and significant financial loss.

Worldwide losses due to diseases transmitted by ticks and the cost of ticks control have been estimated to be in the range of several billion US dollars annually (Jongean and Uilenbeg). Ticks were also found to induce considerable traumatic injuries to bovine udder resulting in damaged teats and consequent dysfunction.

The seasonal movement characterizing traditional nomadic system which depends mainly on natural pasture and therefore cattle are under risk of worm infection when they graze in the channales and riverbanks. Following long transportation and mixing of cattle from different localities is an important epidemiological characteristics. The great impact of economic approaches to disease control and management has been in the more intensive production system particularly the dairy industry. The control of worm infections is significant in the intensive system, and these led to increase in milk yield.

The intensive system is the best system to be followed according to this study, and the extension program is needed to enlighten the nomadic about the economic value of their wealth.

In conclusion this study revealed the occurrence of a number of pathogenic organisms in all dairy farms surveyed. This is an indication that animals are subjected to these pathogens as environmental

contamination is continuous. Also the vectors and intermediate hosts are endemic in the area of study.

It is therefore recommended that in both sites if dairy industry is to be successful it is important to conduct extensive surveys on disease burden and locations if any upgrading breeding programmes are to be conducted. Also the general awareness on diseases and their economic implications are to be raised for farmers and decision makers who set priorities for disease control and eradication.

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