

**SURVEY OF ECTOPARASITES OF SHEEP AND GOATS IN IBADAN,
NIGERIA.**

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ABSTRACT

A survey of ectoparasites of sheep and goats in Ibadan was conducted over a period of one year. 960 sheep were examined, 11.0% of which "were. infested by Ctenocephalides canis, 10.8%" by Damalinia ovis, 9.4% by Linognathus ovillus, 8.3% by ticks (Amblyomma variegatum, Rhipicephalus sanguineus and Hyalomma rufipes and 2.0% by Sarcoptes scabiei. 960 goats were also examined 5.2% by Linognathus stenopsis, 4.9% by Damalinia caprae, 4.3% by mange mites (Sarcoptes scabiei and Psoroptes communis var. caprae) and 1.2% by the tick Amblyomma variegatum. Lice and fleas were more abundant in the dry season while ticks and mites were encountered more frequently in the rainy season. More cases of ectoparasitism were recorded in the younger animals than in the Older ones in both species.

Keyword