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Abbreviations

AD	- Anno Domini
ADB	- Agricultural Development Bank
ADB	- Asian Development Bank
AGDP	- Agriculture Gross Domestic Production
APP	- Agriculture Perspective Plan
APROSC	- Agricultural Project Service Centre
BOVINE	- Buffalo and Cow
BS	- Bikram Sambat
CBS	- Central Bureau of Statistics
CEDA	- Centre for Economic Development and Administration
CNAS	- Contribution to Nepalese Studies
CPN-UML	- Communist Party of Nepal- United Marxist Leninist
DAN	- Dairy Association of Nepal
DDC	- Dairy Development Corporation
DDC	- District Development Corporation
DOA	- Department of Agriculture
FAO	- Food and Agriculture Organization
FWLD	- Forum for Women, Law and Development
FY	- Fiscal Year
FYM	- Farm Yard Manure
GDP	-Gross Domestic Product
GIS	- Geographic Information System
HMG	- His Majesty Government
ICIMOD	- International Centre for Integrated Mountain Development
ILO	-International Labor Organization
LMP	- Livestock Master Plan
LSU	- Livestock Standard Units
Mmt	- Milk metric tons
MOA	- Ministry Of Agriculture
M. V.	- Madhyamik Vidhayalaya

NARC	- Nepal Agricultural Research Council
NC	- Nepali Congress
NDDB	- National Dairy Development Board
SINA	- Statistical Information on Nepalese Agriculture
TDN	- Total Digestible Nutrient
TUCL	- Tribhuvan University Central Library
UN	- United Nation
VDC	- Village Development Committee
VDC	- Village Development Corporation