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Forage Plants of Mongolia

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Book Abstract for “Forage Plants of Mongolia”

The 563-page book “Forage Plants in Mongolia,” authored by S. Jigjidsuren (Research Institute of Animal Husbandry, Ulaanbaatar, Mongolia) and Douglas A. Johnson, describes the botanical details of more than 300 forage plant species from the rich, diverse flora of Mongolia. This work was facilitated through joint U.S.-Mongolia germplasm collection expeditions undertaken in 1994, 1996, and 1998 and in subsequent

evaluations in Mongolia funded through the PL-480 Program and an associated collaborative project from the USDA-Foreign Agricultural Service. The text is written in both English and Mongolian languages, and describes the major forage species of Mongolia’s flora. The book contains plant species names in Latin and Mongolian, local Mongolian names, botanical and vegetation characteristics of each species, area of distribution within Mongolia, palatability and nutritional information, and their economic importance and potential for future use. Color photographs and/or line drawings for most of the forage species are also included in the book and make it a valuable resource for the identification

of Mongolia’s forage species. The inclusion of local Mongolian plant names in the book preserves traditional knowledge of Mongolian plants. This book will benefit a wide range of readers including amateur and professional botanists, scientists, students, tourists, and livestock herders.



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