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Awards & Distinctions – Academic Excellence & Research Impact

- **Editorial Board Member – Leading Peer-Reviewed Journals (Ongoing)**
Serving on editorial boards of JCR-indexed journals including *Journal of the Science of Food and Agriculture*, *International Journal of Microbiology*, *Biomed Research International*, and *Frontiers in Plant Science*, reflecting international recognition in animal nutrition and feed science.
- **Principal Investigator – 9 Extramurally Funded R&D Projects**
Led high-impact, externally funded R&D projects on feed evaluation, real-time spectroscopy, silage optimization, bioprocessing of low-value feeds, additive innovation, and methane mitigation, demonstrating leadership in sustainable, industry-aligned research.
- **High-Citation Research Awards – *Journal of Dairy Science* & *Journal of Agronomy***
Multiple top 100 most-cited publications, highlighting enduring impact on dairy nutrition, forage quality, and applied livestock research.
- **Postdoctoral Fellowship – University of Saskatchewan, Canada (2013–2014)**
Awarded under the Ministry of Agriculture's Strategic Program to advance rapid, non-invasive feed evaluation using molecular spectroscopy for precision nutrition and commercial feed quality monitoring.
- **Junior Research Fellowship – Wageningen University, Netherlands (2011–2012)**
Competitively awarded merit-based fellowship by the Wageningen Institute of Animal Sciences, recognizing outstanding research potential among recent PhD graduates.
- **PhD with Distinction – Wageningen University**
Graduated with a “very good” thesis from the world's top-ranked university in Agriculture & Forestry (QS Rankings), reflecting academic excellence and research impact.
- **Scientific Productivity & Thought Leadership**
Authored 90+ peer-reviewed articles (h-index: 35; 3,500+ citations) in high-impact journals, demonstrating leadership in ruminant nutrition, feed science, and sustainable livestock systems.
- **Elected Member – Pakistan Academy of Sciences (2021–2031)**
One of 50 under 40 scientists honored for outstanding research leadership and national impact in science and innovation.
- **HEC PhD Fellowship & Dual Gold Medals – Academic Excellence in Agricultural Sciences**
Recipient of the prestigious HEC Overseas PhD Fellowship (2007–2011), and two Gold Medals for top academic performance in BSc and MSc at the University of Agriculture Peshawar.

EDUCATION

PhD Animal Nutrition, Wageningen University, The Netherlands

September 18, 2007– September 19, 2011

Completed a high-impact PhD within one of the world's top-ranked animal nutrition research groups, with a focus on improving the nutritional quality of ruminant-derived products through forage-based feeding strategies. Led a series of integrated studies examining the effects of forage genotype, harvest maturity, wilting, ensiling, and feed-out dynamics on the fatty acid profile, digestibility, milk yield, milk fat quality, and methane emissions in dairy cows. This research delivered practical insights for optimizing grass and maize silage quality to improve milk production, milk fat quality, and environmental sustainability.

MSc (Hons) in Animal Nutrition

The University of Agriculture Peshawar, Pakistan | March 2006

Distinction: Gold Medalist (CGPA: 3.92)

BSc (Hons) in Animal Husbandry

The University of Agriculture Peshawar, Pakistan | March 2004

Distinction: Gold Medalist (CGPA: 3.93)

Experience

Academic Appointments

Department of Animal Nutrition, The University of Agriculture Peshawar, Pakistan

Professor | *May 19, 2023 – Present*

Associate Professor | *November 23, 2018 – May 18, 2023*

Assistant Professor | *October 31, 2014 – November 22, 2018*

Publications

Full publication list available on [Google Scholar](#) and [ResearchGate](#)

Key Research Metrics (as of July 2025)

Metric	All Time	Since 2020
Peer-Reviewed Publications	100	46
Citations	3,257	2,361
h-index	33	25
i10-index	73	68

Full list of Publications

- *\$# Khan, N. A., Cone, J. W., Hendriks, W. H. (2009). Stability of fatty acids in grass and maize silages after exposure to air during the feed out period. *Animal Feed Science and Technology*, 154: 183–192. [Link](#)
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Books and Book Chapters

Books Edited

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- Filed a patent on “Production of nutritionally-improved fungal biodegraded wheat straw for ruminants using lime pasteurization” for possible acceptance to In-charge IPO, Regional Office IPO, Plot No. 24, Phase-V, Hayatabad dated 26-06-2023.

Academic Teaching & Graduate Supervision

Courses Taught (2012–2025):

I have developed and taught over 10 distinct courses, reflecting pedagogical versatility and curriculum development expertise. Key subjects include:

- Ruminant Nutrition (Introductory & Advanced – DVM, MSc, PhD)
- Nutrition, Physiology & Biochemistry
- Advanced Animal Feed Industry
- Protein Metabolism & Bioenergetics
- Mineral Nutrition
- Feeds & Feeding Practices
- Animal Feed Resources, Forage Production & Conservation
- Rumen Fermentation & Microbial Reactions
- Veterinary Dietetics
- Advanced Analytical Techniques in Animal Nutrition
- Research Methods & Scientific Communication in Animal Nutrition

Graduate Student Supervision

Supervised **10 PhD** and **83 MSc** students to successful thesis completion, with **8 PhD** and **24 MSc** students currently under supervision. This ongoing commitment reflects my dedication to nurturing the research

capabilities and leadership potential of the next generation of researchers, empowering them to make meaningful contributions and drive innovation in animal nutrition

PhD Students Supervised to Graduation

- Nadar Khan (2019). Optimizing the nutritive value of maize silages in relation to dairy cow performance and milk quality.
- Syed Muhammad Sulaiman (2019). Exploiting the genetic diversity of traditional and novel cultivars/germplasm of wheat to optimize the nutritional value of wheat forage and wheat straws for ruminant livestock.
- Khalid Farooq (2022). Optimizing the utilization of maize silage in smallholders and commercialized dairy and fattening rations in relation to feed-use efficiency, animal performance, and farm profitability.

PhD Students Co-Supervised to Graduation

- Kamran Khan (2016). Growth traits, production performance, and meat quality of indigenous rabbits of Khyber Pakhtunkhwa, Pakistan.
- Rafiullah Khan (2017). Replacement of soybean meal with silkworm meal in poultry rations.
- Muhammad Inam Khan (2018). Effect of yeast (*Saccharomyces cerevisiae*) incorporation as partial replacement for soybean meal in broilers.
- Naseer Ahmad (2018). Comparative growth performance, immune status, carcass, and egg quality traits of Naked Neck, Rhode Island Red, and Black Australorp chickens in open-house production systems.
- Abu Bakar Sufyan (2020). Improving the feeding value of poor-quality straws through fungal treatment: impact on production performance of small ruminants.
- Muhammad Tahir (2024). Investigating the potential of white rot fungi-treated low-quality roughages as a basal diet for beef cattle in Northern Pakistan.
- Saima Bibi (2024). Tannin extraction from bio-materials: application on ensiled clover for improving its fermentation and feeding quality.

PhD Students Currently Under Supervision

- Rehana Yasmeen (2024). Quantifying the nutritional value, digestibility (*in vitro*), and methane production potential of indigenous fodder trees.
- Ayesha (2024). Bioprocessing of maize stover with white rot fungi to nutritionally enrich ruminant feed.
- Mehrullah Khan (2024). Optimizing the nutritive value of oat silage in relation to dairy cow performance and milk quality.
- Muhammad Naseem (2024). Exploiting the potential of chestnut hydrolysable tannins to reduce protein degradability in dairy rations in Pakistan: impact on feed utilization efficiency and production performance of dairy and beef cattle.

PhD Students Currently Under Co-Supervision

- Naveed Iqbal (2024). Investigating detoxification potential of extracts of *Trachyspermum ammi* and their application in Sahiwal cows.
- Fath Ullah (2024). Extraction and evaluation of antimicrobial peptides from black soldier fly as growth promoter, antioxidant, and alternative to antibiotics in broiler feed under different conditions.
- Rohban Hameed (2024). Investigating the potential of extruded rapeseed meal as a sustainable protein substitute for broiler chicks.

- **Noureen Nawaz** (2024). Phytogetic effect of ethanolic herbal plant extracts on growth performance, blood biochemistry, immune status, gut health, and nutrient digestibility in broiler chicks.

MSc Students Supervised to Graduation

- **Shahid Hussain** (2012). Improving the feeding value of low-quality roughages with the help of white rot fungi (*Pleurotus ostreatus*).
- **Muhammad Waseem Farooq** (2012). Quantifying the nutritional value and fatty acid content of indigenous forages.
- **Syed Muhammad Suliman** (2014). Chemical composition, ruminal degradation kinetics, and methane production potential of winter forages: effect of forage species and maturity.
- **Muhammad Shafi-Ullah** (2015). Digestion of various fiber sources in rabbits.
- **Muhammad Saqib** (2015). Nutritive value, protein subfraction composition, and digestibility (*in vitro*) of indigenous legume seeds.
- **Mian Nazir Shah** (2015). Nutritive value of Rhodes grass: effect of genotype, soil type, and harvest maturity.
- **Asif Shah** (2015). Effect of seed rate and harvest intervals on dry matter yield, chemical composition, and digestibility (*in vitro*) of Rhodes grass.
- **Zeenat Hussain** (2016). Effect of step-wise replacement of berseem fodder with maize silage in traditional dairy ration on milk production and milk composition of buffalo.
- **Saeed-ul-Islam** (2016). Effect of seed rate and regrowth intervals on biomass yield and nutritive value of Rhodes grass.
- **Mian Amir Seyab** (2016). Effect of cultivars and post-silking maturity on yield, nutrient composition, and cell wall degradability (*in vitro*) of maize stovers.
- **Syed Asad Khan** (2016). Investigating the potential of annual ryegrass as winter fodder in Northern Pakistan: effect of soil type, growing conditions, and cultivars.
- **Bashir Ahmad** (2017). Effect of maize silage and concentrate types on milk production and composition of Holstein dairy cows.
- **Muhammad Amin** (2017). Nutritive value and ruminal degradation kinetics of fodder from commonly grown wheat cultivars in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- **Muhammad Zeeshan** (2017). Effect of supplementing oilseed cakes on milk yield and milk fat composition of lactating Damani goats.
- **Faizur Rehman** (2017). Nutritive value and ruminal degradation kinetics of straws from commonly grown wheat cultivars in Khyber Pakhtunkhwa.
- **Shah Saood** (2018). Ruminal degradation kinetics of wheat straws: variation among selected high-yielding novel genotypes.
- **Mujahid Khan** (2018). Evaluation of nutritional value and methane production potential of indigenous forage tree leaves.
- **Ishfaq Ali** (2018). Ruminal degradation kinetics of wheat forage: variation among selected high-yielding novel genotypes.
- **Muhammad Bilal** (2018). Weekly changes in nutrient composition and ruminal degradation characteristics of berseem (*Trifolium alexandrinum* L.) from day 14 to day 56 of second regrowth.
- **Syed Ziaud Din** (2019). Changes in whole crop yield, nutrient composition, and digestibility (*in vitro*) of spring maize hybrids during post-flowering maturity.

- **Muhammad Shiraz** (2020). Changes in whole crop yield, nutrient composition, and digestibility (*in vitro*) of summer maize hybrids during post-flowering maturity.
- **Sherazam Khan** (2020). Influence of nitrogen level on annual ryegrass (*Lolium multiflorum*) biomass yield, nutritional value, and digestibility under Swat Valley conditions.
- **Rahat Shah** (2020). Changes in stover and grain yield, chemical composition, and digestibility (*in vitro*): effect of spring maize hybrids and post-flowering maturity.
- **Amir Gaffar Wani** (2020). Ruminal degradation kinetics of dry matter, fiber, and protein in maize silages: effect of autumn hybrids and inoculum types.
- **Tanveer Ahmad Shah** (2020). Effect of different inoculants on fermentation quality, nutritive value, and digestibility (*in vitro*) of silage from spring maize.
- **Mohammad Ishaq** (2021). Effect of silage additives on ruminal degradation kinetics of dry matter, crude protein, and NDF in maize silages.
- **Atta-Ur-Rehman** (2021). Quantifying the optimum proportion of maize silage in dairy rations in terms of production performance and concentrate sparing potential.
- **Muhammad Kashif** (2021). Effect of urea treatment on chemical composition and ruminal degradation kinetics of wheat straw ensiled with or without molasses.
- **Aamir Javed** (2021). Effect of urea treatment on chemical composition and ruminal degradation kinetics of rice straw ensiled with or without molasses.
- **Akhtar Ullah** (2021). Effect of urea treatment on ruminal degradation kinetics of wheat straw: comparison of five novel germplasm and a traditional cultivar.
- **Muhammad Haris Khan** (2021). Effect of urea treatment and ensiling with or without yogurt inoculation on nutritive value and ruminal degradation kinetics of wheat straws.
- **Khadim Hussain** (2021). Effect of additives and ensiling duration on silage fermentation quality, nutritive value, and aerobic stability: a study on summer maize genotypes.
- **Shabir Ahmad** (2022). Ruminal degradation kinetics of dry matter, fibre, and protein in maize silages: effect of spring hybrids.
- **Muhammad Sabir Fida** (2022). Ruminal degradation kinetics of discarded potatoes: effect of urea treatment.
- **Natasha Ghafoor** (2022). Effect of rumen-protected lysine and methionine on production performance of lactating Nili-Ravi buffaloes (*Bubalus bubalis*).
- **Muhammad Haris** (2022). Optimizing the nutritional value of cottonseed hulls for ruminants using white rot fungi: effect of incubation time and fungal species.
- **Kashif ur Rehman** (2022). Effect of white rot fungi on selective lignin degradation, nutrient losses, and ruminal degradability of wheat straw.
- **Mussayyab Khan Khalil** (2022). Bioprocessing of sugarcane bagasse into nutritionally rich and digestible ruminant feed.
- **Shakir-ullah-Khan** (2022). Effect of white rot fungi on selective lignin degradation, nutrient losses, and ruminal digestibility of rice straw.
- **Muhammad Muhsin** (2022). Effect of supplementing butyric acid levels on digestibility, intestinal health, growth performance, and feed efficiency of crossbred calves.
- **Yasir Ali** (2022). Solid-state bioprocessing of peanut hulls into digestible and nutritious ruminant feed.
- **Farhad Khan** (2022). Upgrading feeding value of corn cobs using white rot fungi: optimizing lignin degradation and fibrous carbohydrate availability.

- Ruqaya Qayum (2022). Solid-state bioprocessing of corn stovers into digestible and nutritious ruminant feed.
- Ahmad Ali (2022). Effect of different levels of coated butyric acid on digestibility, health, growth, and feed utilization in calves.
- Awais Akhunzada (2023). Effect of urea with/without molasses on intake, production, and blood profile of Beetal goats.
- Tehreem Alam (2024). Effect of substrate particle size and incubation time on lignin degradation, nutrient losses, and ruminal digestibility of rice straw.
- Muhammad Shoaib (2024). Replacing maize grain with potatoes in TMR: effects on intake, growth, digestibility, and blood of lambs.
- Muhammad Yousaf (2024). Comparative supplementation of oak (*Quercus baloot*) leaves and cottonseed meal on milk yield and composition in Waziri sheep.
- Hussain Ahmad (2024). Nutrient composition, mineral profile, and digestibility of new hybrid sorghum.
- Waqas Saeed (2024). Biomass yield, morphology, nutritional value, and digestibility of a novel maize hybrid.
- Inzamam ul Haq (2024). Nutritional value of new sorghum hybrid silage for dairy cows.
- Ahmad Shah (2024). Nutritional value of novel hybrid maize (Jumbo) silage.
- Ashmal Saeed Akram (2024). Fungal upgrading of rice straw for ruminants: effect of manganese and linoleic acid supplementation.
- Sana Ullah (2025). Concentrate levels in Rhodes grass hay diet: impact on intake and milk production in late lactating Saanen goats.
- Ariba Fatima (2025). Fungal upgrading of wheat straw for ruminants: effect of urea and linoleic acid supplementation.

MSc (Hons.) Students Currently Under Supervision

- Akhter Ayub (2025). Nutritional value of fodder from dual-purpose cereal crops.
- Abdul Basit (2025). Nutritional value of alfalfa fodder for dairy cows: effect of nitrogen fertilization levels and irrigation intervals.
- Abdul Qadeer (2025). Strategic supplementation of *Withania coagulans* in the diet of Sulaimani goats: effect on feed intake, digestibility, and weight gain.
- Sana Salahuddin (2024). Combined effect of fungal treatment and ensiling on nutritional value of wheat straw.
- Fayaz Khan (2024). Effect of *Withania coagulans* supplementation on feed intake, milk yield, and milk composition of lactating Beetal goats.
- Muhammad Ayaz (2025). Effect of a blend of functional nutrients and probiotics on production performance of *Holstein Friesian* dairy cows.
- Muhammad Hasanat (2025). Effect of different doses of Glycoline on milk yield in early lactating *Holstein Friesian* cows.
- Abdur Rahman (2025). Effect of maturity and ensiling duration on nutritional value of ryegrass silage.

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- Ihsan Uddin (2013). Replacement of soybean meal with yeast single cell protein in broiler ration.

- Asma Khan (2013). Impact of frying on the stability of fatty acid composition in vegetable oils and ghee.
- Ziaul Islam (2014). Fatty acid profile and cholesterol content of eggs produced under different farming systems.
- Humera Obaid (2014). Production of omega-3 enriched eggs in laying hens using different levels of flaxseed.
- Muslim Ghaffar Khan (2015). Effect of short-chain fatty acids on digestibility and growth performance of broilers.
- Abubakkar Sadiq (2015). Effects of genotype and soil type on nutritional value of irrigated Rhodes grass hay.
- Rehmat Saeed (2015). Quantitative changes in sorghum silage under different nitrogen rates and harvest timings.
- Waqas Alam (2015). Effect of animal blood plasma on broiler performance.
- Rabia Ali (2016). Effect of phytase enzyme on nutrient digestibility, mineral retention, and energy utilization of sorghum in broilers.
- Irfanullah (2017). Effect of sowing date on yield and nutritive value of two oat varieties at various maturity stages.
- Hajmeeda Bibi (2017). Changes in nutritive value and mineral profile of various forage species under different treatments and maturity stages.
- Shakirullah Khan (2017). Effect of replacing normal maize with high-protein maize in broiler ration: performance and profitability of small-scale farmers.
- Abdusamad Khan (2017). Changes in nutritive value and rate of digestion in forage species: effect of plant part, treatment, and maturity.
- Mahboob ul Haq (2018). Effect of a carbohydrate enzyme blend on broiler performance in energy-deficient finisher diets.
- Zooheb Ullah (2018). Comparison of iron and zinc levels for egg enrichment in layers.
- Nauman Inayat (2018). Substitution of soybean meal with mealworm meal in broiler starter diets: effects on performance and carcass traits.
- Mustaq Ahmad (2019). Comparative effects of maize vs. inoculated sorghum silages on intake, digestibility, and milk yield in Azikheli buffaloes.
- Muhammad Younas (2019). Effect of carbohydrate enzyme blend on performance of broilers fed energy-deficient diets at starter phase.
- Muhammad Kaleem (2020). Use of protected slow-release NPN (Optigen) in rations of high-yielding Nili-Ravi buffaloes.
- Naimatullah (2021). Comparative composition and energy value of commercial feeds: impact on broiler growth, carcass traits, and economics.
- Masood Ahmad (2021). Effect of vitamin-mineral premixes on blood parameters, milk yield, and milk composition in Holstein × Jersey cows.
- Shour Ehsan (2021). Moringa oleifera leaf supplementation via urea molasses blocks in lactating buffaloes: effects on milk, hematology, and biochemistry.
- Saima Bibi (2021). Effect of herbal fenugreek preparations on milk yield, composition, and blood metabolites in Jersey × Friesian cows.
- Muhammad Afzal Javed (2022). Live yeast-based toxin binders in Dhanni cows: effects on intake, digestibility, and milk production.

- Amer Zeb (2022). Scutellaria baicalensis supplementation in Jersey cows: effects on milk yield, composition, and somatic cell count.
- Nasr Ullah (2022). Garlic vs. ginger supplementation in Holstein Friesian cows: comparative efficacy on milk quality and blood profile.
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- Wassem Danish (2023). Protexin probiotic supplementation in broilers: impact on growth, digestibility, and carcass traits.
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- Muhammad Amir (2024). Carom seed (Trachyspermum copticum) supplementation in broilers: impact on growth, digestibility, and blood profile.
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- Adnan Khan (2024). Dietary lecithin emulsifier in broilers: effect on performance, digestibility, blood profile, and carcass traits.
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- Asif Ghafoor (2024). Effect of plantain (Plantago major) on milk yield, composition, and blood chemistry in HF cows.
- Nigar Ahmed (2024). Impact of a commercial herbal product on broiler growth, digestibility, gut morphology, and dressing percentage.
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