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Lucas A. M. Mackasmiel is a Kenyan national. He taught in various primary schools (Ministry of Education) before going to Bukura Institute of Agriculture (1974/76) where he earned a certificate in Agriculture; receiving the PBFL/FAO cup and 5-book awards for the best student. He then taught at Bukura Institute of Agriculture before joining the Agricultural Extension (Ministry of Agriculture 1977). In 1978, Lucas joined Egerton College and earned a top performance diploma in Animal Husbandry (receiving Friesland cup and 4-book awards for the highest GPA in the graduating class). After briefly rejoining Bukura Institute of Agriculture as a lecturer, Lucas was recalled to Egerton College to join the Department of Animal Science as a demonstrator. Egerton College was converted to University College in 1986 and became a full fledged University in 1987. In 1988, Lucas joined Egerton University, to study B. S. in Animal Production, which he earned in 1992, getting an Upper 2nd class honors. It was during this period (Summer 1990) that he was selected among the five best students to travel to the USA for an internship at VPI & SU. Lucas joined VPI&SU and obtained a Masters of Science in Entomology from VPI&SU in 1999. In 2000 he joined the Department of Plant Pathology, Physiology and Weed Science to pursue a PhD in Plant Pathology. Lucas is a member of American Phytopathological Society (APS), Animal Production Society of Kenya (APSK) and Agricultural Society of Kenya (ASK). He is married to Orpah with three children.