

# ARIES

Least Cost and Ration Analysis Programs  
for Sheep

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## How to Install?

1. Insert the Aries CD into the CD-Rom drive.
2. Using your Windows Explore, navigate to the CD and you will see a file called Setup.exe:



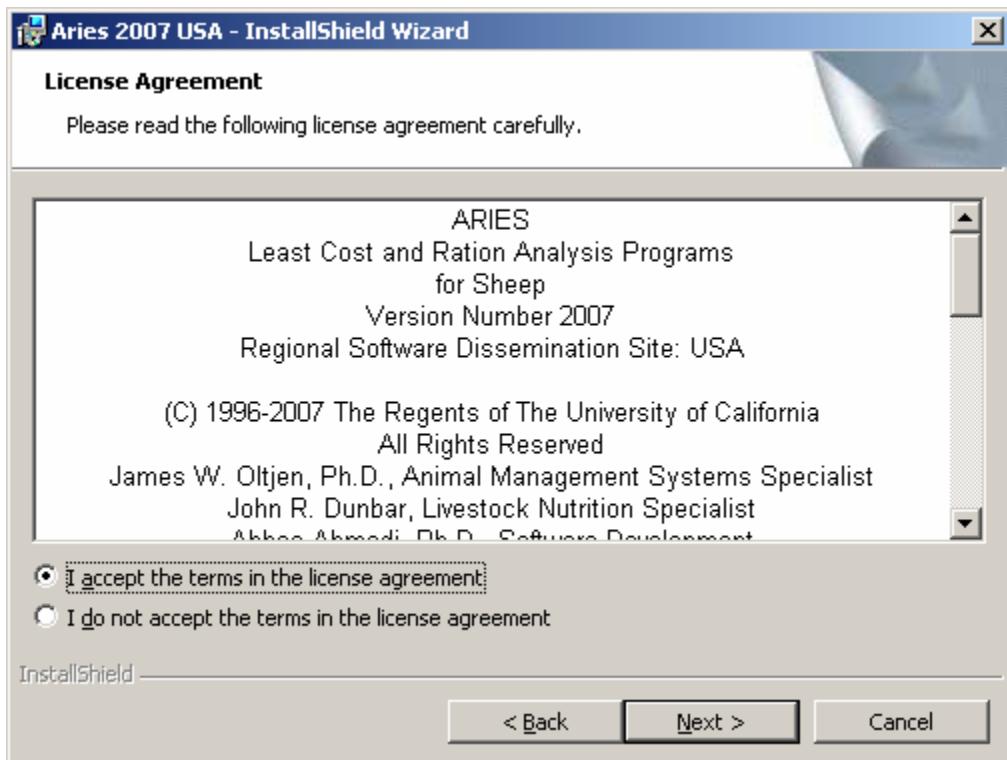
Setup.exe

3. Double click Setup.exe. The Welcome dialog box appears:



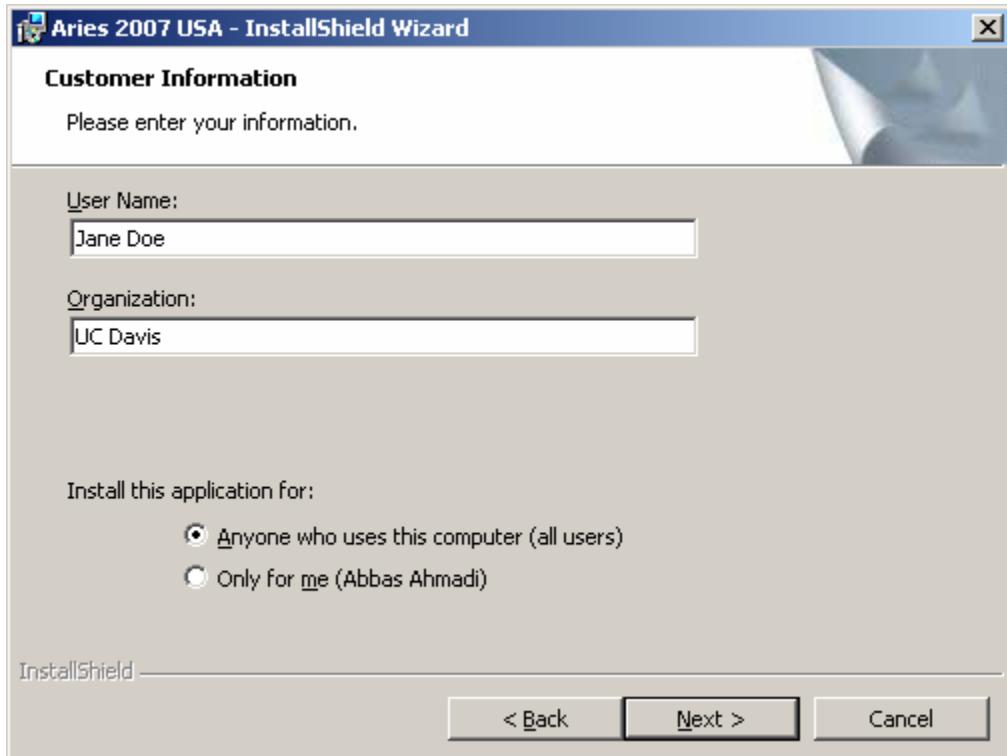
Click the Next button.

4. The License Agreement dialog box appears:



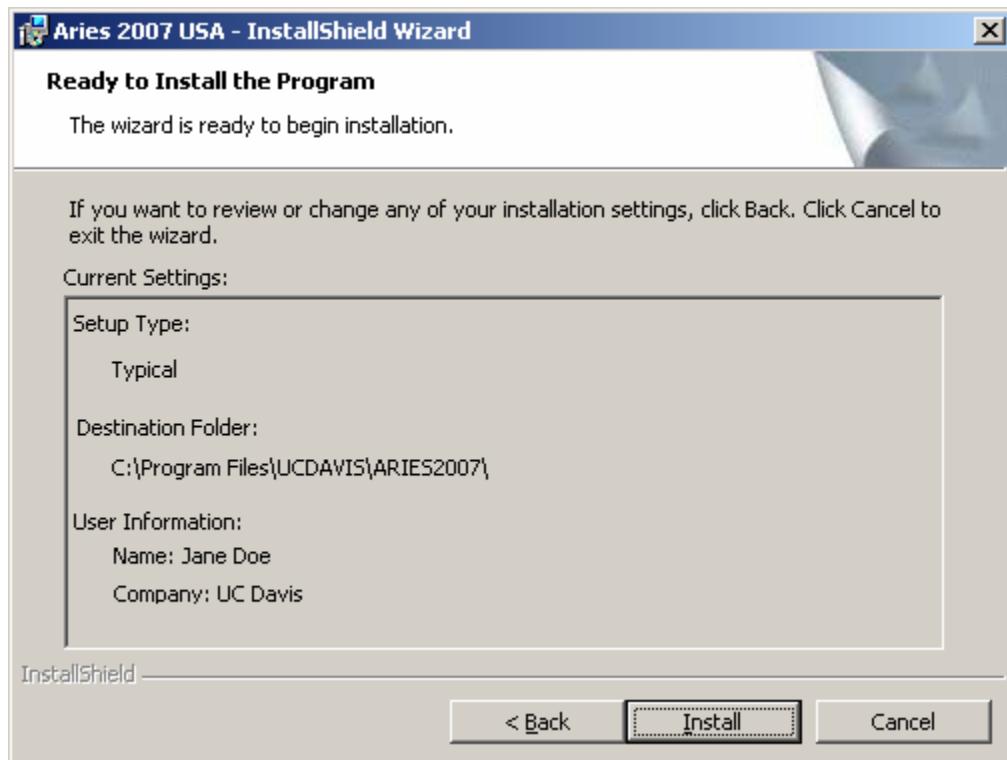
Accept the terms in the license agreement and click the Next button.

5. The Customer Information dialog box appears:

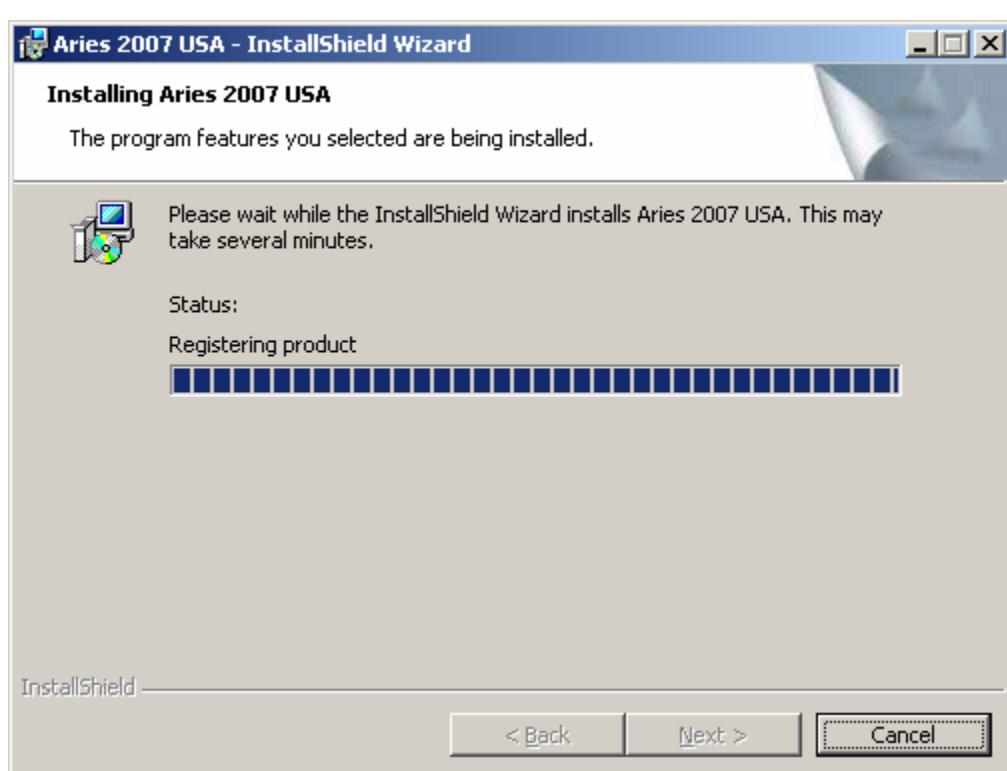


Enter your name and your organization and click the Next button.

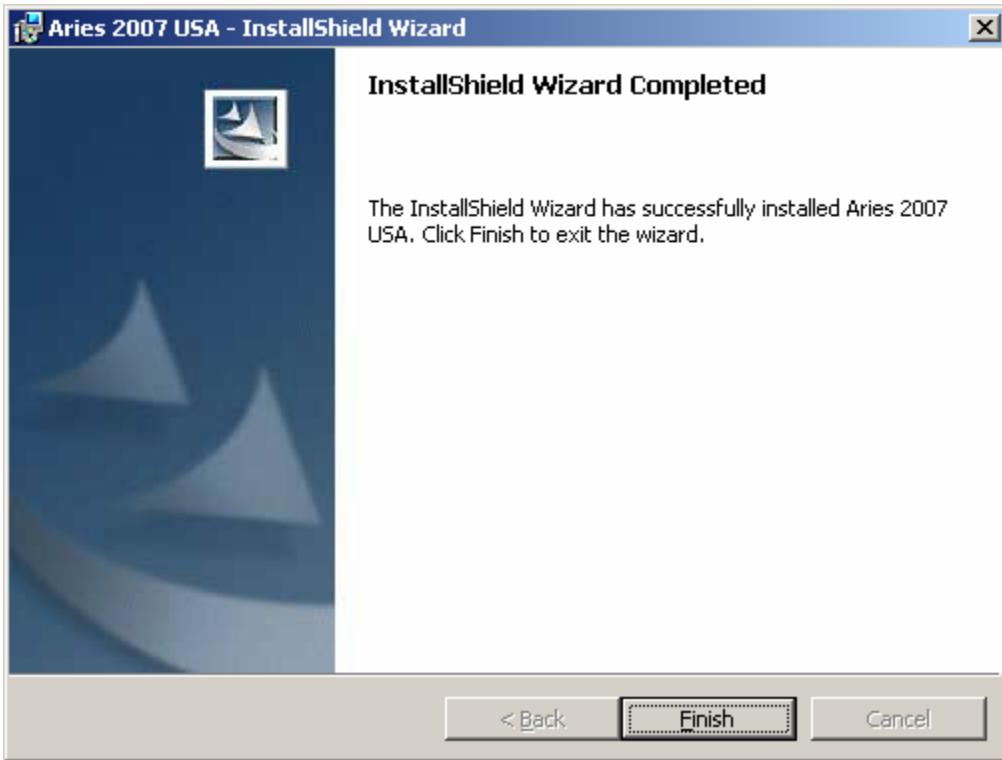
6. The "Ready to Install the Program" dialog box appears:



7. The wizard will install the Aries program on your computer. It may take SEVERAL minutes:



8. Finally, the final dialog box appears:



Click the Finish button. The wizard finishes the installation and will place a shortcut to Aries on your desktop. It also adds the Aries to your program menu.

9. It will create a folder called "C:\Program Files\UCDAVIS\ARIES2007\" and will place the **aries.exe** file plus the **demo.ari** ration file in that folder

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### **Aries folder**

All Aries files are stored in the following folder:

**C:\Program Files\UCDAVIS\ARIES2007\**

### **Ration Files**

All Aries ration files have the .ari extension and are stored, by default, in the above folder.

### **Feed Library Files**

There are four feed library files: (1) ARISTD.DBF, standard feed library; (2) ARIALT.DBF, alternate feed library; (3) ARIGRP.DBF, feed group library; (4) ARIINF.DBF, infeasible feed library. These files are stored in the **C:\Program Files\UCDAVIS\ARIES2007\** folder.

### **Aries Manual**

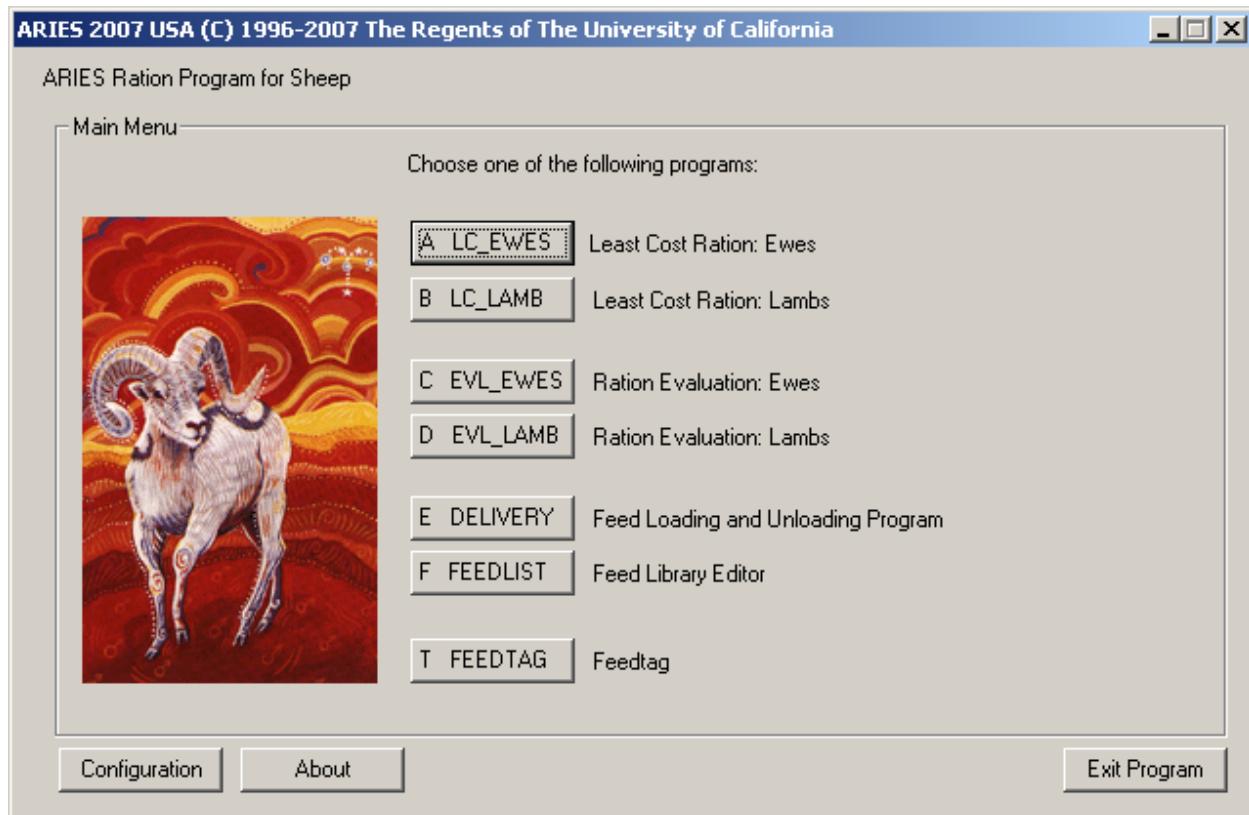
The Aries manual, Manual.pdf, is stored in the Aries folder. To view and print this file, you need Adobe Acrobat Reader. You can get a free copy of this software by visiting the following web site:

<http://www.adobe.com/products/acrobat/readstep2.html>

The Aries order form, OrderForm.pdf, is also in the same folder.

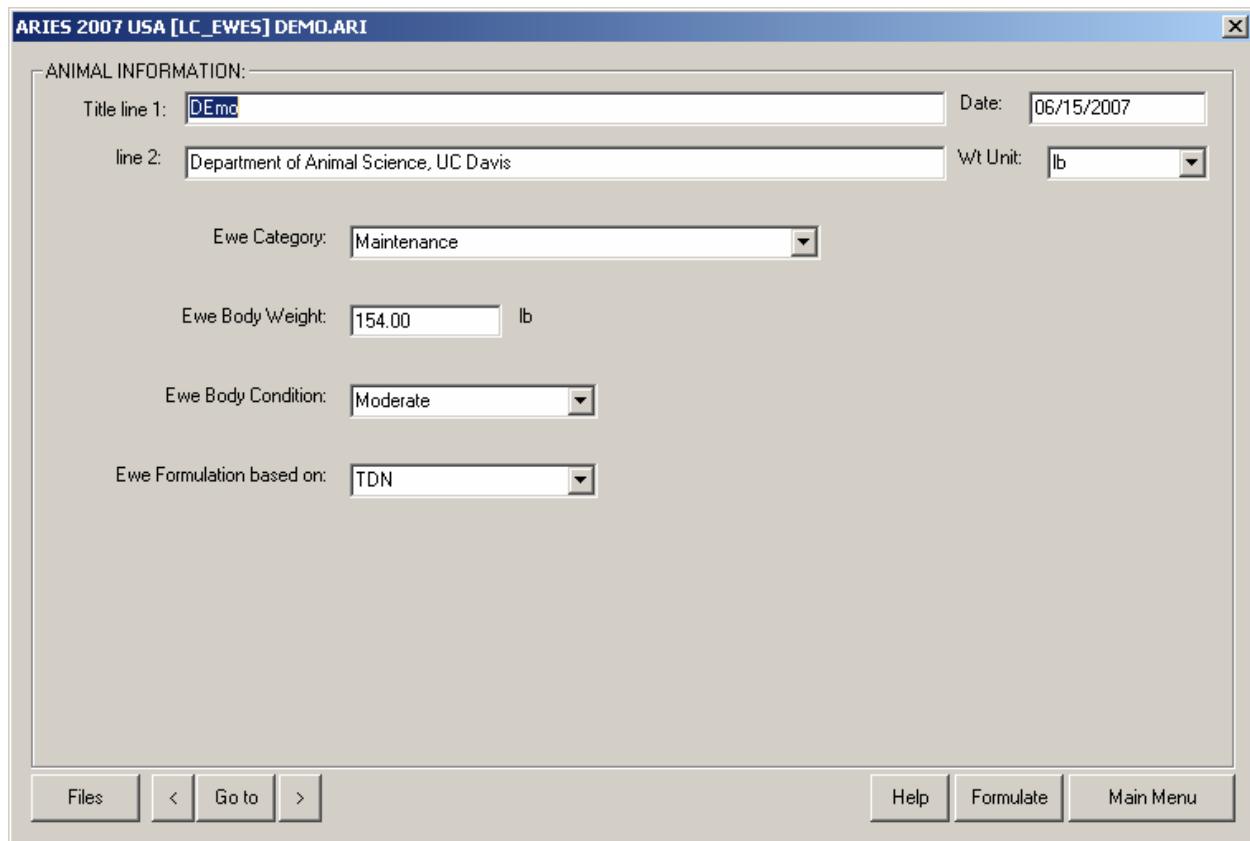
## How to Run?

1. Click the Start button and then choose the "All Programs". A menu list appears.
2. Choose the "UCDAVIS" option. A sub-menu appears.
3. Choose the "ARIES2007" option. Another sub-menu appears. Choose the "Launch Aries 2007 USA" option. The sign-on banner of Aries appears. Click the OK button. The main menu of Aries appears:



Choose the "Least Cost Ration: Ewe" option. The Animal Information dialog box appears:

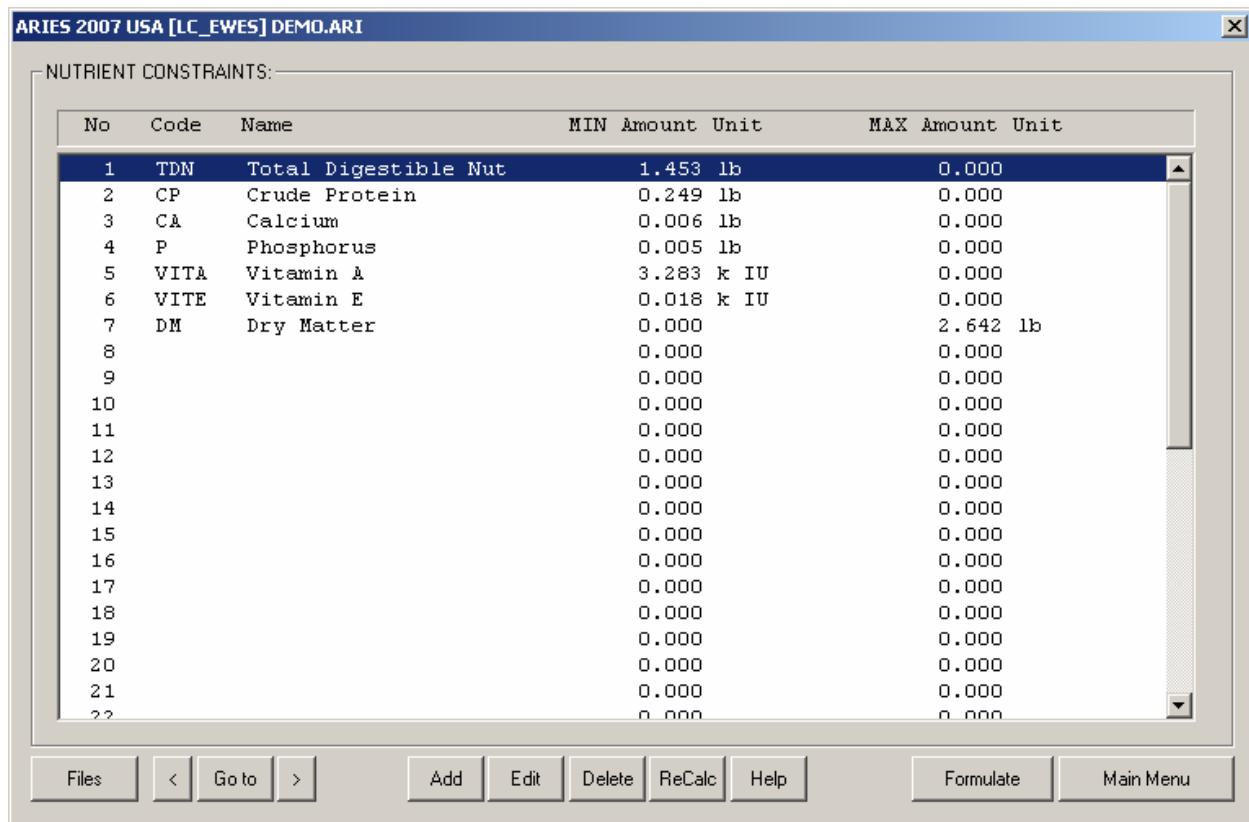
4. Animal Information dialog box:



From the "Files" menu, choose the "Open" option. Navigate to C:\Program Files\UCDAVIS\ARIES2007\ folder. Open the Demo.ari ration file.

Click the [>] (Next Button). The Nutrient Constraints dialog box appears.

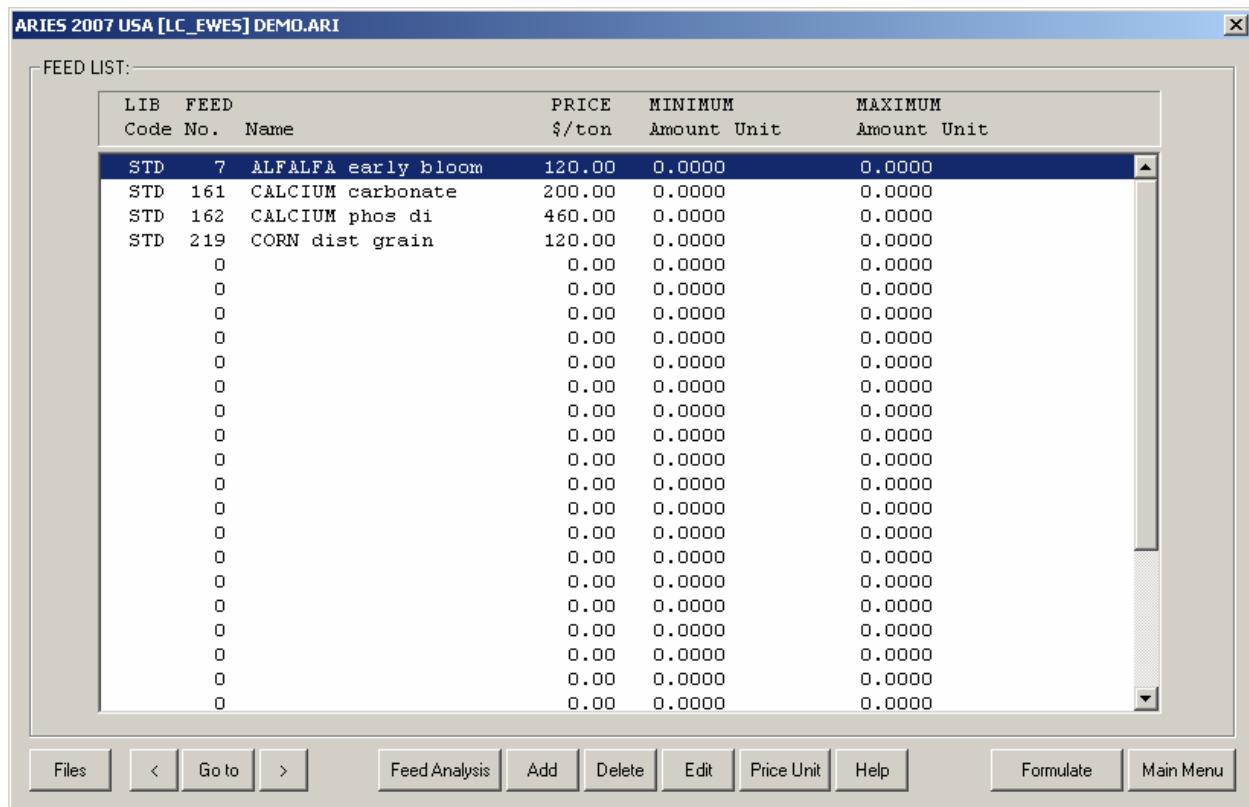
5. The Nutrient Constraints dialog box:



Here you can click the "ReCalc" button to populate this dialog box with a set of default constraints. You can add, delete or modify any or all of these constraints.

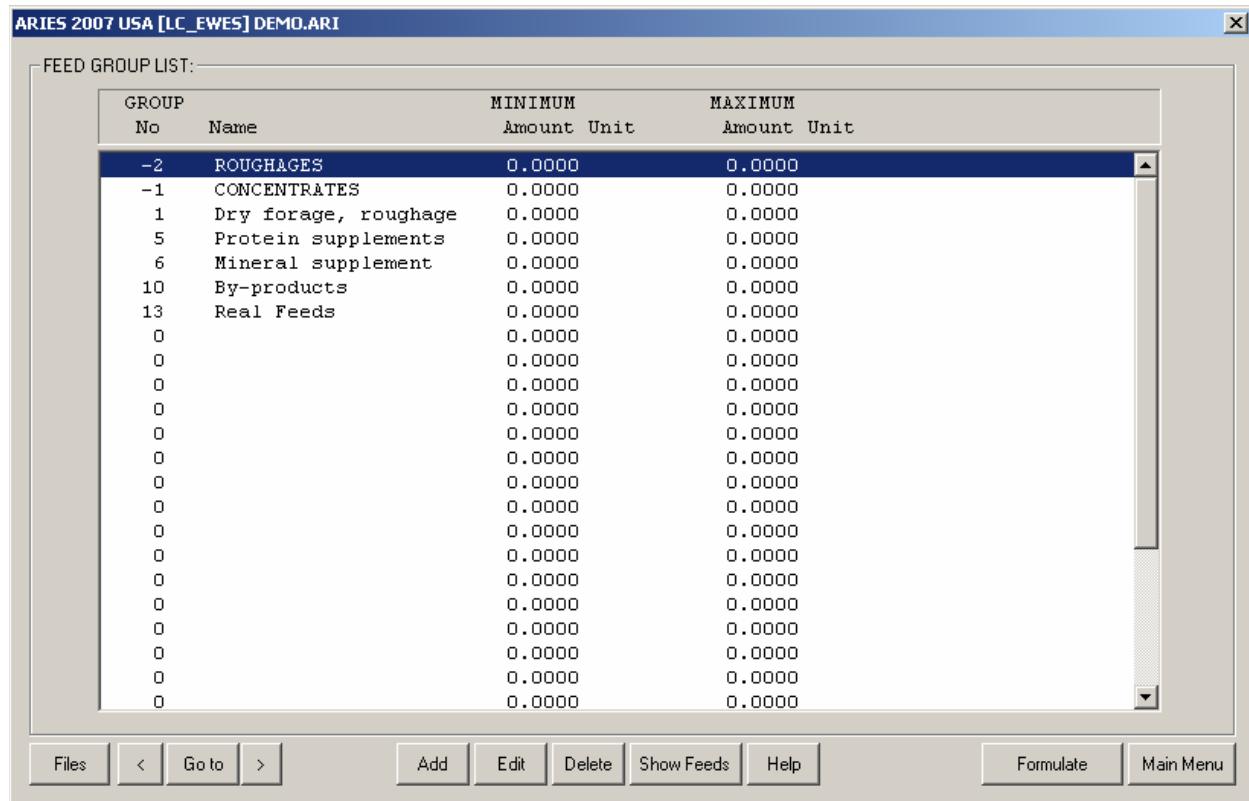
After you are done. Click the Next button. The Feed List Dialog box appears.

## 6. The Feed List dialog box:



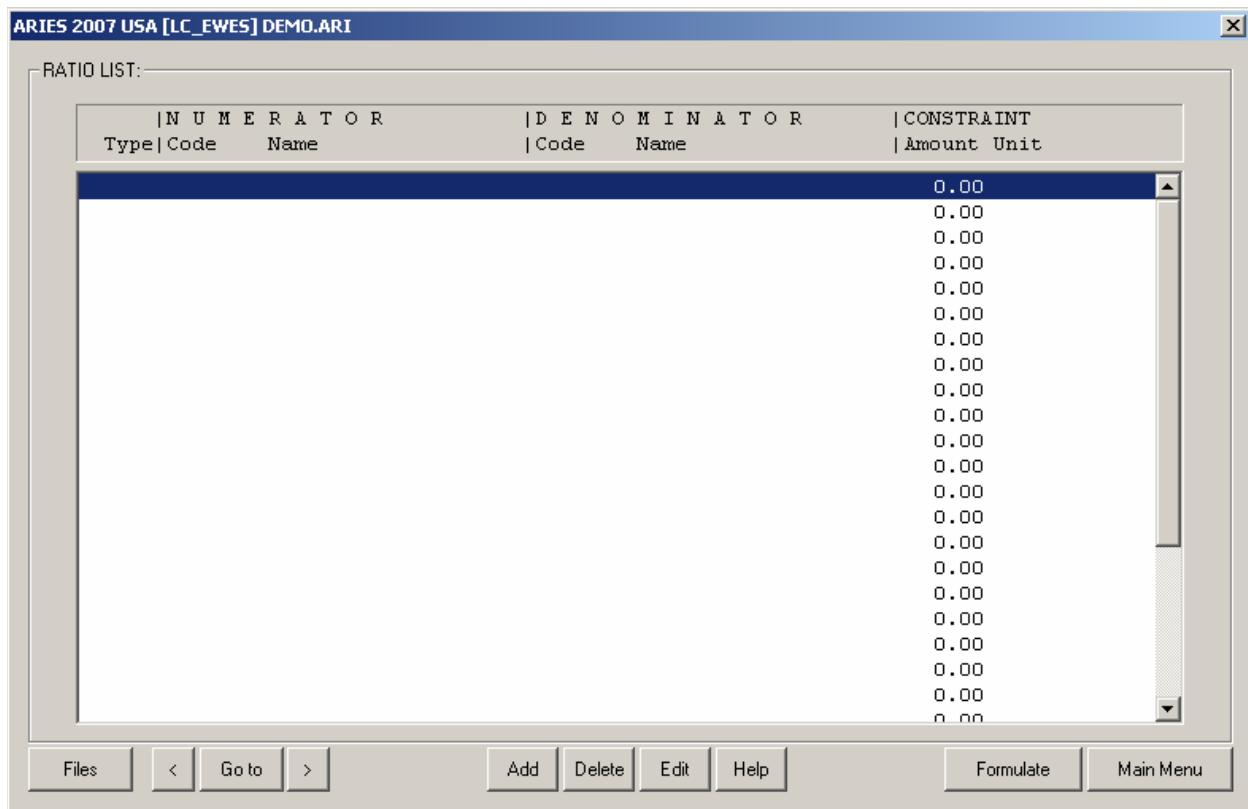
You can add, edit, or delete feeds. You can specify feed price and assign a min or max amount on a feed. You can also edit the nutrient analysis of a feed. These changes remain local to this ration file and will not reflect back to feed libraries. After you are done, click the Next button. The Group Constraints dialog box appears.

## 7. The Group Constraints dialog box:



you can specify a min or max for feed groups. When you are done, click the next button. The Ratio Constraints dialog box appears. .

8. The Ratio Constraints dialog box:



You can specify a min or max to the ratio of any two nutrients, or any two feeds, or any two feed groups.

When you are done click the Formulate button. The program will enter the formulation mode and will formulate the ration and will show the output dialog box.

## 9. The Output Screen

The screenshot shows the ARIES 2007 USA [LC\_EWES] DEMO.ARI software interface. The window title is "ARIES 2007 USA [LC\_EWES] DEMO.ARI". The main content area is titled "OUTPUT" and displays the "R A T I O N C O M P O S I T I O N" for "ALL FEEDS". The output provides a detailed breakdown of the ration composition, including the quantity (lb/day) and percentage (%) of each feed item on an "AS FED" basis. It also shows the same data on a "DRY MATTER" basis. The output concludes with the total ration values and the cost per day and per ton. The software interface includes a toolbar at the bottom with buttons for "Files", "Goto", "Combine", "DM Basis", "Feed Group", "Help", "Input", and "Main Menu".

ALL FEEDS in the ration	AS FED		DRY MATTER		---Constraints---			
	BASIS: lb/day	%	BASIS: lb/day	%	As fed -lb/day-	100% DM -%Total-	min	max
CORN dist grain	1.723	93.629	1.620	93.852				
ALFALFA early bloom	0.111	6.053	0.100	5.809				
CALCIUM carbonate	0.006	0.318	0.006	0.340				
Total Ration.....	1.841		1.726					
Cost, \$/day.....	0.11							
Cost, \$/ton.....	120.25		128.23					

By clicking the Next button you can view the following screens:

Ration Composition  
Price Ranges / Feeds Not Used  
Nutrient Analysis  
Detailed information about feeds

You can also view the results for all feeds or for a specific feed group on 100% DM basis or on AS Fed basis.

You can also print the out put or go back to the input screens and modify some entries and re-formulate the ration.