If corn costs too much, what else could we feed livestock?
According to Harouna Maiga, Ph.D., UMC Department of Agriculture professor, mustard bran—the outer-layer of whole mustard seed and a by-product of mustard milling—can be fed to beef and dairy cattle, sheep, and swine. When mustard bran was substituted for some of the soybean meal and all of the beet pulp in dairy cattle feed, daily milk production increased by about 4 pounds and did not change milk composition or feed intake. The mustard bran did not cause any changes in milk flavor or color, and it is a less expensive option than other feeds—something that could be especially important as more feed crops are used for biofuels like ethanol.