

## **NDA/BAI hold DGDP-Basic Dairy Goat Husbandry Seminar**



NDA Administrator Grace J. Cenas hand milk one of the dairy goats of Ms. Angie Mendoza in Tarlac City .

The National Dairy Authority (NDA) and the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) conducted the first of two segments of the three (3)-day Dairy Goat Development Project (DGDP) -Basic Dairy Goat Husbandry Seminar last March 23-25,2011 at the Continuing Education Center (CEC) Tarlac College of Agriculture (TCA) in Camiling, Tarlac.

The seminar was held to refresh the DGDP Coordinators and the NDA Field people with dairy goat management, reproduction, herd health and to update the participants with recent developments in the nurturing of ruminants. The course was centered on building the coordinative mechanisms of the two groups to ensure working harmony and cooperation which are essential to ensure the project's success.

The government will be utilizing the P100 million Cross Commodity Fund of the Office of the President for the implementation of the project. The NDA will integrate dairy goat production into its dairy development program to generate jobs, provide income, and help alleviate the country's malnutrition problems-specially in the countryside.

Keynote speakers from the academe were Drs Ma. Asuncion Beltran, Honeylet Nicolas, Charlie Lacayanga, Lordy Pagatpatan, Regina Villarama . Speakers from BAI included Dra. Theresa Wenceslao and Ms. Patricia Cuaresma. Mr. Neo Abalos and Mr. Jeff Valencia from the private dairy goat farms complemented the roster of experts .

On the last day of the seminar participants visited three (3) goat farms in Tarlac. These were the Boer Goat Farm of former PBA sportsman Rober "Dodot "Jaworski Jr. , and the dairy goat farms of Ms. Angie Mendoza and Jeff Lim. The seminar participants saw the demonstrations on goat milking and feeding and were able to witness the actual delivery of a kid at the Mendoza Farm. Farm owners and managers answered the queries of the participants re dairy goat management.

The seminar was co-sponsored by NDA and the National Agribusiness Corporation (NABCOR).