

NABCOR VISITS NDA



Top left picture (Fr L-R) Ms. Naomi K. Torreta, NDA Dep. Adm., Mr. Sulpicio C. Bayawa, Jr., OIC-Operations Manager and Dr. Wilfredo Z. Coloma , NDA Veterinarian, met with NABCOR Officials , last March 29,2011.Top right picture (Fr L-R): Romulo Relevo, Dennis Lozada, Melody de Guzman and Roseph Castelo of NABCOR (Photos by Ching Lumanta)

The National Agribusiness Corporation (NABCOR) met the National Dairy Authority (NDA) last March 29, 2011 to discuss possible partnership with NDA on the dairy goat projects. The NABCOR team was composed of Ms. Roseph Castelo, Ms. Melody de Guzman and Dairy Goat Development Project- Technical Working Group (DGDP-TWG) members Dennis Lozada and Romulo Relevo. NDA Deputy Administrator Naomi K. Torreta, OIC-Operations Manager Sulpicio C. Bayawa Jr., and Dr. Wilfredo Z. Coloma, DGDP-TWG member were on hand to welcome and meet them.

NABCOR is planning to develop a dairy goat business in one of NDA's Dairy Zones. Mr. Bayawa proposed the province of Bohol in Region 7, as a pilot area. Bohol is a recipient of 625 head of dairy goats, composed of imported purebreds and local upgrades, from the DGDP. With 400 does producing 0.5 liters of milk a day, expected total volume would be 200 liters/day. It was proposed that a link with the Philippine Carabao Center Processing Center in the area be arranged. The Department of Labor and Employment (DOLE) is also supporting backyard dairy processing in the area.

A business plan will be formulated which will involve a working capital to buy the milk and meat (chevon) of the goats. Possible fund sources include the Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR) for Organic Farming, the Agricultural Credit Enhancement Fund (ACEF), and a tie-up with the private sector. Prior to the preparation of a project proposal, data will be gathered from the Regional Field Unit (RFU) Coordinators for dairy goats.

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