

NDA with private entrepreneurs establishes Five Private Dairy Multiplier Farms in Region VII

In tandem with the Aquino government's thrust on public-private partnerships, the National Dairy Authority together with its private farmer-partners established five dairy multiplier farms (DMFs) in Region VII. Under this scheme, the Department of Agriculture (DA) through the National Dairy Authority (NDA) lends the start-up dairy animal stocks. All female offspring shall be reared, heifer-grown and impregnated before distribution. For every imported pregnant heifer received from the NDA, the DMF Partner shall pay the NDA two (2) pregnant heifers within a period of eight years. The first payment will be due on the end of the fourth year and the 2nd payment at the end of the 8th year.

Under this arrangements, the DMF Partner shall provide proper farm management while the NDA provides the farmer with technical support, assistance to access available credit facility for the establishment of infrastructure required in dairy farm operation including but not limited to: farm infrastructure & machinery like tractors, animal housing, milking shed/parlour, milk holding and farm tanks, bulk tanker as well as other logistics requirement of the breeding farm during the pre-operating period.

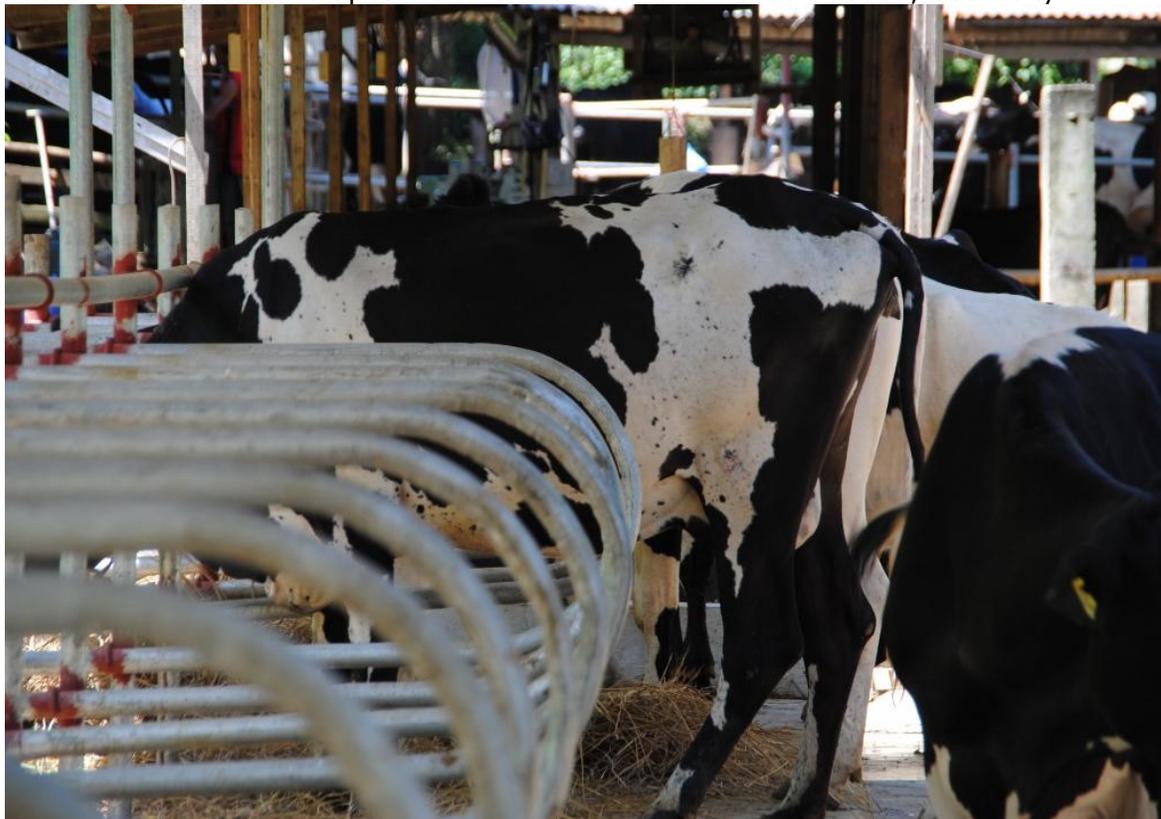
The NDA shall initially provide for breeding supplies & services, milk quality and zoonotic tests while all other farm operating expenses shall be borne by the project. These shall eventually be charged against the project.

In due time, the farms will serve as a cheap source of dairy animals, and stakeholders will no longer need import dairy cows. There will also be a significant increase in local milk production, which will result to the development in the rural areas through the creation of farm and non-farm jobs.

Two of these private owned multiplier farms are in Cebu Province, another is in Bohol, and two are owned by private universities in Dumaguete City.



At the Maria Cristina Multiplier Farm of Ms. Minnie Yuvienco in Guba, Cebu City



These multiplier farms were set up to increase the number of dairy cattle and from the resulting offspring bred on these farms, other farms will have a cheaper source of quality dairy animals without having to import from abroad.