

NATIONAL DAIRY AUTHORITY OFFERS MALE CALF FATTENING SCHEME

There are farmers who simply want to raise animals for fattening and for meat and not to go into dairying.



Cognizant of the needs of these farmers, the National Dairy Authority is offering the Male Calf Fattening Program for those who prefer to raise cows for fattening, which are mainly the male offspring of dairy cattle from existing dairy farms..

Under this scheme, the farmer-taker, upon agreement with the NDA, receives a certain number of male offspring of a given weight and body condition as evaluated by the NDA evaluation team. The dairy male calf shall be appraised of its value using the Regional Pricing Scheme and agreed upon by both NDA and farmer taker.

The NDA shall provide technical assistance and the necessary inputs, whenever needed which includes vitamins, medicines, but the cost of such inputs will be deducted from the share for the farmer.

The farmer-taker shall rear the animals according to prescribed dairy husbandry management standards and shall regularly and adequately provide safe drinking water , quality feeds and roughage, mineral supplements , drugs and biologics, and other supplies necessary. The farmer-taker shall also maintain, submit and make available all related husbandry management records to the NDA including financial and related reports.

Should there be any changes in the ownership or custodianship of the animals, the farmer-taker shall notify the NDA in writing within one week of the transfer of the animal.

Price Determination and Sharing Agreement:

The NDA evaluation team shall evaluate the weight gain of the dairy male calf. Upon determination of the said weight, the final value of the animal based on the prevailing regional price of a live weight of the dairy male calf, in the locality, shall be taken. From the gross sales proceeds, of the original value of the said animal upon distribution to the farmer-taker, shall be deducted and remitted to NDA. The remaining balance shall accrue to the farmer-taker and NDA whereby by 80% of the net proceeds shall be the share of the farmer –taker and 20% to the NDA.

Among the first farmers to participate in the Program are farmers from Balilihan , Bohol. Last June, 2013 another batch of ten dairy male calves were distributed to the Sto. Nino Farmers Association in the town of Balilihan. Bohol. This is the second time that the group availed of the NDA’s Dairy Male Calf Fattening Program.