

## Milk Quality Control Training Workshop

The key to sound dairy enterprise development is to ensure safe and standard milk and milk products for the consumers. This can be achieved through capable and well-trained Quality Control (QC) personnel in the dairy plants. Quality Control (QC) personnel are responsible in assuring that only high quality milk in terms of physico-chemical and microbiological properties are processed for the market. Knowledge on milk quality testing of QC officers would produce less milk and milk products spoilages, less product rejects/recalls, standardized quality of products and higher confidence for the local milk consumers.

A two day training workshop was held from September 12-13, 2013 at the NDA Conf. room with the objective of producing safe local milk and milk products for consumers; confident local dairy farmers and assisted dairy processing plants in their milk and milk products and competent milk quality control officers in the NDA assisted dairy zones. It is expected that at the end of the training, they will be equipped, competent and responsive quality control officers in performing milk quality tests thereby increasing confidence on the safety of locally produced milk.



The course content focused on the scope of quality control, quality program per area, milk quality standards and quality monitoring and principles and procedures of different milk tests, antibiotic screening and somatic cell count



NDA Quality Control officers from North Luzon, South Luzon, Visayas and Mindanao field offices participated in the two day workshop.

Ms. Judith Platero, Head of the Milk Quality Assurance Unit facilitated the workshop and supported by in-house resource persons from the NDA Central Office namely: Dr. Ithiel Maalihan, Ms. Myrlo Beldia , Dairy Technologist from NDA Visayas and Ms. Esther Sobremonte, Dairy Technologist from NDA Mindanao field office and Ms. Judith Estropigan, lab analyst from the central office.

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