

VFO holds DAIRY MULTIPLIER FARM FORUM



Participants of the Dairy Multiplier Farm Forum – October 11, 2013

Administrator Grace J. Cenas giving her inspirational message.

Dairy can be tough and mastitis does not always have to be a clinical matter. These were some of the lessons gathered by the representatives of eleven multiplier farm owners who attended the Dairy Multiplier Farm (DMF) Forum sponsored by the National Dairy Authority last 11 October 2013 at the Cebu North Winds Hotel.

The participants, led by Ms. Minnie Yuvienco of the Maria Cristina Farm expressed the need for a well-equipped diagnostic laboratory where animal diseases can be ascertained and preventive measures can be taken to lessen animal mortalities.

Common issue of mastitis control was also brought up, where it was explained by Dr. Gabby Lagamayo that even if the cow is given a bath before milking, the undried water from its body will drip and often will carry bacteria into its teats or enter into the suction tube of the milking machine. He also said that a cow has its own immune system against mastitis.

By the end of the forum, there were calls for a more organized group of multiplier farm owners in Visayas as a venue for airing problems and resources. Administrator Grace Cenas on the other hand, mentioned the possibility of reopening the shelved plan of a Visayas Dairy Development Board, and said further that papers on this matter may be sent to interested multiplier farm owners for them to study.



(Participants from Negros Occidental were Roberto Montelibano (Standing) and Dwight Carbon (Seated) of Prism Farms and Jimmy Villan of the Negros Occidental Project Management Team)



Participants from Iloilo were Mr. Johnny Que (left) and Frank Recabar



Participants from the Negros Occidental Provincial Multiplier Farm was led by Provincial Veterinarian Dr. Renante



Ms. Minnie Yuvienco of Ma. Cristina DMF in Cebu Province, talking with Dr. Jimmy Lopez on the necessity of a diagnostic laboratory.