

MA NESTOR GUEVARRA  
San Juan, Sto. Tomas, Batangas



Good looking , proportionally built with a lanky frame and with a soft demeanor, are just a few of the attributes that can describe Ma Nestor.

One would not know he is one of the original recipients of cows dispersed under the Coconut- dairy Based Program launched by the Philippine Coconut Authority in tandem with the national dairy Authority. That was in 2002.

Now, Ma Nestor has started with 3 dams. These grew to 11 dams by year 2004 That same year he was able to pay off his Quedancor loans a staggering 608 thousand pesos, was able to pay off NDA the four cows he took worth 90 thousand each. That same year he had 15 cows and counting.. By 2005, another 11 cows were added to his lot ( 4 dams and 7 calves)

Presently, his cows produces 20 liters a day amounting to Php 360 more for his daily cash flow.

He brings his cows to the communal milking parlor and pays Php 5/lcow milked. This fee is given to their assigned milker, Willie Malveda.

His feeding regimen consists of GROMAX feeds. He spends at least Php 8/cow /day.

Ma Nestor recommends dairying as an alternative source of livelihood there is a daily income. In dairy, you are you own "Boss", you don't rent anything. It becomes your form of exercise when you graze and milk the animals. The secret is : " Sipag at Tyaga!". As the old idiom says: No pain , No gain!

Another nugget of wisdom for Ma Nestor is this: For a group to survive, there should always be open communication, ( their group, Dairy Division, is under the mother coop of St Francis Multi-Purpose Cooperative).regular meetings be held to thresh out whatever differences, plan out programs and constant and transparent transactions.

In five years, he wants to increase his herd to 5 more. He could no longer afford more than these as he is lacking in land. However, he is very happy that he has found a new job, where he can be with his family and at the same time earn money on the side and still enjoy the fruit of his labor in the form of fresh supply of milk on their table! Let's drink to that!

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