

Ildfonso Montefalcon
Jasaan, Sta. Cruz, Laguna



At first, Mr. Ildfonso Montefalcon did not have any inkling on raising dairy animals as he is a poultry guy. But now, he takes pride in showing his dairy lot. Guess who is the culprit? The guy on the right side of this photo, who happens to be his father-in-law, was instrumental in what has become of him nowadays.

His father-in law is a veteran cow caretaker(now retired) at DTRI in UP Los Baños. He gifted the then newly wed Ildfonso and his daughter, with a carabao and 3 head of cattle, This started it all. Ildeng learned the rudiments of taking care of dairy animals, how to feed them and most importantly how to milk them. It did not take long before Ildeng knew it was the best way to source the milk requirement for his child. To Ildeng, if he has milk for his child, half of his food problem would have been solved already. At first, he only had a liter , then 2,3, 4 up to the time his herd increased.

Now he boasts of 150 liters per day from his 12 cows on the milk line. To date, he has 33 dams composed of 3 heifers; 3 yearling heifers; 1 growing heifer; 1 yearling bull; 1 bull 1 growing bull; 2 female calves; and 4 male calves of dairy animals. Total production for the month amounts to 2,718 liters. Blessed is he, that by the time the cows calved, they are always females, which added to his milklime after a year or two. Ildeng couldn't ask for more. Maybe it was divine providence, or call it luck...now there's no stopping Ildeng in bearing the fruits of his in-law's tutelage and his own labor, raising and maximizing milk production. It does not only supply his child's daily milk requirement but adds up to the total milk production of the Katipunan ng Kooperatibang Maggagatas, Ink,(KKMI) of which he is a member!

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