

The Palentinos  
Valencia, Bukidnon

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Realizing that raising cows is a good means to earn a living, the Palentino couple transformed their pigpen into a dairy barn. With four dams under their care, the milk that they religiously delivered to the milk processing plant has indeed helped their family of nine.

Aside from the daily cash they now have, dairying has sent their children to school and added milk to their daily diet.

From their original four dams, they now have an additional 4 head.

They average 26 liters a day. Setting aside 10 liters for the calves, the family still has some cash for their daily needs.

Feeds for their animals consists of napier and legumes. They buy a sack of green grass for Php 7.00 per sack. The couple provides 10 sacks per day for their animals. Aside from the "tahop" and molasses and an abundant supply of water.

On the average, they net Php 2,000 per week which is not bad compared to before when they had nothing. To quote the couple " makatabang man jud sa pangabuhi, kaysa wa jud paabuton!" ( the business can really help a lot, better than not having anything in to wait for...)

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