

Field Day in Alaminos Laguna to boost dairy goat farming

The NDA, PCARRD and Alaminos Goat Farm (AGF) successfully conducted the first "Field Day" on dairy goat farming last Friday April 30, 2010 in Alaminos, Laguna. The well-attended event participated in by the government, research and dairy sector created a big boost in the development of the local dairy industry using dairy goats.

The "Field Day " was conducted to showcase the results of the " Science and Technology Based Farm Project on Goat Milk Production Using Anglo Nubian X Saanen F1 Does".

Mr. Rene Almeda explained and showed the actual performance of the said breed in full view of the crowd where top milkers produced a little over 1.7 liters for the morning milking alone. He emphasized the value and importance of good management. Dr. Gigi Salces , an animal geneticist emphasized that good management and genetics play important roles in coming up with excellent performance of the animal.

The AGF is a successful family enterprise with their father, Mr. Rene Almeda as Farm Consultant, Mr. Art Almeda as the owner/ manager and Mr. Toti Almeda as the Brand/ Marketing Manager

The Almedas believe that through hard work using the milking records as basis for selection of the next generation milking goats at AGF, the possibility of attaining 2.5 kilos per day per group average is very doable in two to three years time.

With the Almedas at the helm of dairy goat farming advocacy, supported by NDA, PCARRD and the goat farming sector , we can say that there is indeed money in dairying.

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