

DGDP-TWG and Coordinators Hold Year-end Review and Planning Workshop



Participants to the Dairy Goat Development Project Year-end Review and Planning Workshop pose for souvenir photo at the Amontay Beach Resort in Nasipit, Agusan del Norte last December 16, 2010
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Last December 14-16, 2010, the Dairy Goat Development Project-Technical Working Group (DGDP-TWG) and the DA Regional Coordinators conducted their Year-end Review and Planning Workshop at the Amontay Beach Resort in Nasipit, Agusan del Norte. DA-CARAGA Regional Director Reniero Belarmino delivered the Welcome Address to the participants.

During the two-day event, the group discussed the status of the dairy goats, both imported and local upgrades, which were distributed to recipients nationwide. The DGDP regional coordinators presented the health and performance report as well as the training courses conducted for the dairy goat recipients. As of December 14, 2010, all of the 760 imported dairy goats and 91.3% of the 4,025 locally-purchased dairy goat upgrades had already been distributed.

Issues and concerns regarding the support for the monitoring and sustainability of the project were discussed. These included funding and support services including training for production, cooperative development, product development and marketing. The NDA plans to take an active and lead role in the DGDP, and plans to integrate this into its overall dairy program. [Wilfredo Z. Coloma, PDO IV-NDA representative to the DGDP TWG]