

NDA Conducted Standard Tests for Imported Animals for DMF



Dr. Andrew S. Agato and Dr. Ithiel M. Maalihan of the NDA Central Office and assisted by the staff from the Bureau of Animal Industry-Parasitology Section in Quezon City and the staff from the Regional Animal Disease Diagnostic Laboratory of the Department of Agriculture-Region 10 in Cagayan De Oro City conducted Bovine TB, Brucellosis, blood parasite (direct field microscopy for Surra) examinations and Packed cell volume/hematocrit tests to assess the nutritional status of the imported dairy animals at the NDA quarantine station at the Del Monte Farm located in Manolo Fortich, Bukidnon. The team also took blood smears for future references.

The tests were conducted from June to October, 2012 and are part of standard procedures in animal health protocols for the imported animals coming from New Zealand and Australia and as a requirement for transporting livestock from Mindanao to the other islands of the country. The tests conducted were witnessed by the Regional Veterinary Quarantine Office and the Office of the Provincial Veterinarian in Bukidnon.

These dairy animals form part of the NDA's yearly importation to increase the number of the local dairy herd and was supported by the Multi-Year Dairy Development Project funded by the US PL 480 Fund.

The NDA conducted the series of tests to ensure that the animals we are getting from these two countries comply with our animal health specifications and ensure that the animals we are importing are healthy and disease free.

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