



PHL and NZ partners for a profitable, equitable, and sustainable Philippine dairy sector

To continue to spearhead the expansion of the Philippine dairy industry, the New Zealand Ministry of Foreign Affairs and Trade and the National Dairy Authority (NDA) in partnership with the Dairy Confederation of the Philippines (DairyCon), dairy cooperatives, academic and training institutions, the Department of Agriculture, and farms and processors representing the private sector team up.



The five year collaborative program was dubbed as the Philippine New Zealand Dairy Program (PNZDP) which aims to provide technical and farm management interventions to enhance farmers' productivity through improved nutrition, to increase reproductive performance and milk yields, and to improve dairy policies and strategies including cow distribution practices.

Launched in the last quarter of 2013, the PNZDP have identified 12 dairy farmers in Cavite, Laguna, Batangas, Rizal and QueZon (CALABARZON) and Northern Mindanac (NM) which is categorized under small, medium and large focus farms as recipient of the program.

PNZDP National Coordinator Felix Tanedo and Mindanao Regional Coordinator Hector Baruc explains the greater picture of the program



The PNZDP-NM started the year with a program orientation held on January 8, 2014 at Pearlmont Inn in Cagayan de Oro City. This was attended by 12 NDA and PNZDP staff and 29 representatives from the six (6) focus farms namely Green Acres Dairy Farm of Ms. Annabelle Jugador, San Roque Dairy Farm of Mr. Napoleon Lancin, MOSCAT Dairy Farm, NMFDC Dairy Multiplier Farm, Wilfredo Perez Farm and Ramir Linohon Farm, all located in Bukidnon and Misamis Oriental.

Representing the Project Governance Group, Rodrigo Dumaluan asked if there is a data on income comparison between different forages with that of other crops used as feeds such as corn.

The orientation provided the details of the programs covering the PNZDP program of operations, roles and responsibilities of the recipient farms, the key players and partners. The program was further reviewed and discussed with the presentation of the memorandum of agreement between the PNZDP and the focus farms.

For NM, the six (6) focus farms are starting to establish improved pasture with forage recommended by technical Consultant Keith Milligan and Pasture and Forage Specialist Alan Robertson such as arachis pintoi, mulato, mumbasa, signal grass, stylo, and desmanthus.

To ensure efficient program implementation, an individual farm operations planning is scheduled for the month. Dr. Hector Baruc, the PNZDP NM Regional Coordinator explained that the PNZDP operates on a specific program stage. The first quarter operations will focus on pasture development and nursery establishment, this will be followed by grazing management to include fencing. The program targets to import 300 pregnant dairy heifers by 2015 just in time for the forage to be readily available for the existing and the additional dairy stocks to arrive.