



Collection, processing and dissemination of national and international information for the dairy industry.

(PRJ-0010-2013)

Milk Producers' Organisation

Year 2013 (January 2013 till December 2013)

Project goals

Goal 1 - International dairy information: Supply Milk SA quarterly with a list of relevant IDF publications and other international publications that were used / applied.

Achievements

Comprehensive list of publications and websites used was supplied. The latest list is included for information.

List of international and local publications used in 2013

International Monetary Fund: World economic outlook, April 2013 and updates

World Bank: Outlook, June 2013

CNIEL, Conjuncture, monthly issue

FAO, Food price index 2013

IDF, World dairy situation, 2012/ 2013

CLAL, Dairy markets fact sheet,s

USDA, Agricultural marketing service, Dairy market news, biweekly

LTO Nederland, International milk prices Monthly (

Fonterra Global dairy trade platform

SA Reserve Bank Quarterly Bulletins and Monetary Policy Review

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 2 - International dairy information: World Dairy Situation (September issue): Summary report to Milk SA in November.

Achievements

Report supplied. in November. November issue of Lactodata expanded to include information form WDS 2012.

(See World Dairy Situation Report and article in The Dairy Mail (appended))

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 3 - International dairy information: Attendance of World Dairy Summit: Written report after attending the standing committees and conferences - due in December 2013

Achievements

WDS 2013 was attended. Written report on attendance of standing committees and conferences was supplied to Milk SA in December 2013. (appended)

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 4 - International dairy information: International bench-marking through the model of the IFCN (Identify farms in February 2013, collect farm income and cost data in March 2013, IFCN dairy report in November 2013, Project leader report to Milk SA on the competitiveness of SA dairy farms in January 2014.

Achievements

Three South African typical farms namely a 230 cow mixed farm, a 520 cow grazing farm and a 630 cow intensive total mixed ration farm were included in the farm comparison. These three farms cover an estimated 80% of milk produced in South Africa and are thus typical of the South African primary sector.

The IFCN mission is to create a better understanding of milk production worldwide. Scientists from 95 countries cooperated in the work of IFCN in 2013. It analysed the production and cost of 178 typical dairy farms in 57 countries and published the results in the 2013 Report. Copies of the report was supplied to Milk SA and other interested parties. The report on the competitiveness of South African dairy farms was supplied to Milk SA in February 2014. The report concluded that South African dairy farms are larger than farms in many other countries. Milk yield and cost of production is comparable to dairy farms in developed countries. However production cost is higher than in South America and New Zealand. Argentinian dairy farmers pay less for grain as there is an export tariff on grain while South African farmers buy grain at import parity prices. Both the large TMR and large pasture farm in South Africa can compete with similar farms in other countries. Report appended.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 5 - Statutory information, Milk SA: Incorporation of Milk SA statutory information in the Milk SA publications.

Achievements

Milk SA statutory information forms the basis for the estimation of total milk deliveries quoted in the monthly issue of Dairy Digits. A revised estimation process was standardised in 2013. Milk SA statutory information is also included in Lacto Data.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 6 - Statutory information, Milk Producers' Organization: Posting of return forms to producers in October 2013 & the collection of annual returns by 15 November 2013; Submission of report i.r.o. the variables indicated in the project plan, in December 2013.

Achievements

Questionnaires were posted and sent out by E-mail to producers in October 2013. It was followed up with a second posting and two additional E-mail requests during October. Another follow-up was done in November, followed by a telephone follow-up in December. Data validation took place in December and the first half of January. The report was finalised at the end of January 2014 and sent to Milk SA in February 2014. Four hundred and sixty seven questionnaires was received. This provided sufficient information to determine the structure of milk production in South Africa at a significant level. Report appended.

Non-achievements / underperformance

The report was supplied in February and not in December as mentioned in the project goals.

Reasons for non-achievements / underperformance

Data validation took longer than estimated and non-responders had to be followed up by telehhone.

Planned remedies for non-achievements / underperformance

It is proposed that the schedule is changed so that the final report can be supplied in February.

Goal 7 - Investigations: Possible investigations as required / requested.

Achievements

None requested

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 8 - Publication: Lacto Data (May, November 2013)

Achievements

Lacto Data published in May and November 2013. November 2013 issue expanded to include information on the global dairy industry.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 9 - Publication: Dairy Industry Review (March, August, December 2013)

Achievements

Dairy Industry Review was published in March, August and December 2013.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 10 - Publication: Dairy Digits (Monthly)

Achievements

Monthly issue of Dairy Digits was published in The Dairy Mail and supplied to Milk SA for use in other publications and posting on Milk SA website.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Income and expenditure statement

Income and expenditure statement	Finances 2014.pdf
Unnecessary spending during period	No

Popular Report

No file has been uploaded

Additional documentation

[The World Dairy Situation Report.docx](#)
[IDF World Dairy Summit Report Milk SA.docx](#)
[The international competitiveness of the South African dairy industry.docx](#)
[Statutory report October 2013 survey.pdf](#)
[TDM Jan 2014 - The world dairy situation.pdf](#)

Statement

Levy funds were applied only for the purposes stated in the contract	Yes
Levy funds were applied in an appropriate and accountable manner	Yes
Sufficient management and internal control systems were in place to adequately control the project and accurately account for the project expenditure	Yes
The information provided in the report is correct	Yes