



## **MENTORING OF EMERGING DAIRY FARMERS AT ELIM, BREDASDORP**

(PRJ-0015-2013)

### **Milk Producer's Organization**

**Quarter 2 2013** (April 2013 till June 2013)

#### **Project goals**

##### **Goal 1 - Establish additional 20 ha of pasture by May 2013**

###### ***Achievements***

ELIM GOAL- NOT ACHIEVED

###### ***Non-achievements / underperformance***

ELIM GOAL- NOT ACHIEVED, but ready to proceed now.

###### ***Reasons for non- achievements / underperformance***

Up till now the mentor was dependent on decisions and proceedings out of his control to achieve this goal. Decision making with regards to land resided with the Moravian Church.

###### ***Planned remedies for non- achievements / underperformance***

The Moravian church has approved the expansion of pastures and allocated more land that would allow the dairy to increase the cow numbers. A formal lease agreement is in place. Plans for the irrigation and preparation of the pastures are in place and funding from the Western Cape Province via CPAC has been approved. Pastures will be established in the coming spring period

##### **Goal 2 - Obtain more cows: milk 200 cows by June 2013**

## **Achievements**

ELIM GOAL - NOT ACHIEVED.

## **Non-achievements / underperformance**

ELIM GOAL - NOT ACHIEVED.  
Milking 116 cows at 12.0l per day on average. There are 18 dry cows. Unseasonal outbreak of Redwater caused the loss of three dry cows. There are 25 pregnant heifers.

## **Reasons for non-achievements / underperformance**

This goal is also totally dependent on obtaining more pasture land (as explained in Goal 1)  
More cows can only be accommodated when the new pastures are established.  
Again the mentor was dependent on decision making from parties outside of his sphere of control. So mentorship focus on maintaining the current herd.

## **Planned remedies for non-achievements / underperformance**

CPAC has made additional funds available purchase of additional cows.  
Culling of poor producing cows will be done to improve herd efficiency.

## **Goal 3 - Sustain good herd health**

### **Achievements**

General health of cattle is very good.

## **Non-achievements / underperformance**

General health of cattle is very good, however it is the mentors opinion that milk quality could be better .  
The wetter weather has also led to an increase in Somatic Cell Counts. The death of five dry cows due to an unexpected outbreak of Redwater was a setback. This was not due to poor management. Other farmers in the area also suffered losses from the unexpected outbreak of Redwater.

## **Reasons for non-achievements / underperformance**

Wetter weather in the Western Cape the cause of higher Somatic Cell Counts  
An unexpected outbreak of Redwater resulted in the death of 5 dry cows

***Planned remedies for non-achievements / underperformance***

The master mentor and the mentor are in discussion with the herd manager and monitoring the situation carefully.  
A range of pictures will be provided in a separate communication to show the herd.

**Goal 4 - Maintain strict financial control**

***Achievements***

ACHIEVED.

The dairy is working within budget, however the operation is still cash flow negative

***No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported***

**Goal 5 - Maintain good communication with Elim community and Moravian church governing bodies**

***Achievements***

ACHIEVED.

MCISA, the business division of the Moravian Church of RSA, has approved more land for pasture development.

A working group, consisting of a pasture specialist , an animal scientist and the MPO project leader, is attending to the project management.

The board of directors of the dairy has invited Mr Willie Cronje to act as mentor.

***No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported***

**Income and expenditure statement**

Income and expenditure statement	<a href="#">Elim Uitgaves JantotJun2013.xlsx</a>
Unnecessary spending during period	No

**Popular Report**

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# Additional documentation

[SUMMARY OF MILK SA COURSES.QUARTER 3.docx](#)

## 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