



MENTORING OF EMERGING DAIRY FARMERS AT ELIM, BREDASDORP

(PRJ-0015-2013)

Milk Producer's Organization

Quarter 4 2013 (October 2013 till December 2013)

Project goals

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

Achievements

ACHIEVED

Elim now has 44 hectares under pastures.

Elim dairy produced 600 wrap bales from the dryland areas.

Pastures under irrigation is good and the following grazing management plan is in operation:

GRAZING MANAGEMENT PLAN

â€¢ Cattle graze in blocks and move to another block every new day.

â€¢ Fertilizer is applied within 3 days after grazing and be irrigated immediately afterwards.

â€¢ Target to graze on a 28 day cycle.

â€¢ Pasture needs to be cut from time to time with a mulcher after grazing, to ensure even re-growth.

â€¢ 30kg Nitrogen is applied after each grazing.

â€¢ Target to move the cattle to the grazing fields as soon as possible after milking.

â€¢ Teff seed planted before the end of November on the 2nd phase irrigation land.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

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

Achievements

AMMENDED

The target has been amended to align with the latest business plan approved by CPAC and is set as 170 cows in milk by November 2013.

The Heard Composition is as follows:

DESCRIPTION 5 NOV. 2013

COWS IN MILK 158

DRY COWS 19

HEIFERS 0-3 MONTHS 26

HEIFERS 3-6 MONTHS 13

HEIFERS 6-9 MONTHS 14

HEIFERS 9-12 MONTHS 9

HEIFERS 12- 24 MONTHS 53

HEIFERS 24 MONTHS + 43

JERSEY BULLS 2

The current average milk production is 16.7 litres/cow/day after being as low as 12 litres/cow/day (and even less) earlier this year. An average of 17.2 litres/cow/day at a certain time has also been reached. The total milk production had more than double-up due to more cows in milk and better pastures.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 3 - Sustain good herd health

Achievements

General health of cattle is very good.
Liaison with the local vets and regular herd runs are in place.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 4 - Maintain strict financial control

Achievements

ACHIEVED.

Although dairy farming in general went through tremendous financial stresses the last few years, we now experience a definite degree of improvement at the Elim dairy. A budget has been compiled for the current year and financial matters is discussed at our monthly meetings. Strict control is exercised regarding acquisition to keep within budget limits. Expenses is well managed. The dairy is currently doing better then budgeted.

In previous report it was mentioned that a new milk parlour manager was interviewed. Mr. Gideon van Zyl was appointed as new dairy manager as from 13 November 2013.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

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

Achievements

ACHIEVED.

The community is still a very important role player in the project. They have to be beneficiaries of this undertaking and the management team are therefore continuously making plans to get the community as a whole behind the project .

Consultations with the milk buyer (Parmalat) has at goal to try and get a milk scheme up in running for 5 different institutions in the Elim community.

Elim Dairy signed a lease agreement with The Moravian Church which is the owner of all Elim property (land).

There was a reduction in the so-called "loose structure-many committees" to just one management structure which is the Technical Committee. This committee has a close relationship with the Elim Dairy Board and give feedback on a regular base. The chairman as well as other members of the board also attend this meetings from time to time.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Income and expenditure statement

Income and expenditure statement	MPO ElimExpensesJantoDec2013Q4report.xlsx
Unnecessary spending during period	No

Popular Report

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Additional documentation

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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