



Mentoring of emerging farmers at Elim
(PRJ-0042-2014)
Milk Producers Organisation

Quarter 2 2014 (April 2014 till June 2014)

Project goals

Goal 1 - Establishment of irrigation pasture

Achievements

Phase 2 of the irrigation programme with a new pump station has been implemented during the first quarter of 2014.

The following planting activities took place:

- Planting of 60 ha oats silage on dry land.
- Planting of mix rye/clover artificial irrigated pastures.
- EPOL (feed supplier) took pasture samples for quality testing.

Pasture and irrigation plan are according to schedule.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 2 - Increase cows (to 200 cows in milk by Oct 2014)

Achievements

Elim herd composition is as follows:

- Cows in milk: 131
- Dry cows: 38
- Calves and heifers: 137 (Pregnant heifers: 18)
- Babesiosis (Redwater) condition that occurred in the first quarter has been solved with the help of a designated veterinarian.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 3 - Training

Achievements

Training by the Institute for Dairy Technology is planned for the latter part of 2014.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 4 - Mentorship reports (every three months)

Achievements

Between Apr - Jun 2014 the mentor paid three visits per month, followed up by monthly reports. These visits included three technical committee meetings and a directors meeting. The following information should be noted:

- Elim utilizes planting implements of the "Meganisasiesentrum" (government provided implements for local usage).
- Effort focused on the artificial irrigated pastures.
- Last available funds from AgriMega (CPAC) were spend on 8 ton fertilizer
- Milk parlour was painted.
- Elim workers received new "Elim Melkery" branded clothing.
- New technical member has been appointed at the dairy.
- Outeniqua Research Station paid a visit to Elim. Possible involvement of researchers at Elim Dairy has been discussed.

IST Master Mentor to visit Elim on 16 Jul 2015.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Income and expenditure statement

Income and expenditure statement	Copy of MPO MENTORSHIP JUNE 2014 2.xlsx
Unnecessary spending during period	No

Popular Report

No file has been uploaded

Additional documentation

[PHOTOS.ELIM DAIRY.JUN.2014.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