



MENTORING OF EMERGING DAIRY FARMERS AT ELIM, BREDASDORP

(PRJ-0015-2013)

Milk Producer's Organization

Quarter 2 2013/2013 (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	Elim Uitgaves JantotJun2013.xlsx
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