



National Disease Monitoring System for the Dairy Industry

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Milk Producers' Organisation -

Quarter 3 2014 (July 2014 till September 2014)

Project goals

Goal 1 - Collection of disease-event information from dairy farms

Achievements *From how many farms were information gathered per province?*

A total of 120 Veterinarian practices are currently participating and reports on-line while only 20 milk producers report on-line.

The provinces from where reports are generated are: Mpumalanga - (15), Gauteng - (5), Limpopo - (7), North-west - (12), Free State - (21), KwaZulu-Natal - (18), Eastern Cape - (14), Western Cape - (17), Northern Cape - (6), Feedlots - (3) and Vets at laboratories - (2).

Although $\pm 60\%$ of the veterinarian practices are reporting, it seems that approximately between 80 - 90% of the veterinarians working with dairy cattle, are covered by the on-line reporting.

Every veterinarian practice in the rural or country areas has its own data base to register clients on.

Non-achievements / underperformance

Only 20 milk producers are registered on the programme.

Reasons for non-achievements / underperformance

Milk producers are still very conservative about sharing information on-line. They are very reluctant to take on new applications and internet accessibility is usually a huge constraint to milk producers in the rural areas of the country.

Planned remedies for non-achievements / underperformance

Milk producers who participate in milk recording scheme is the next group to focus on. Veterinarians with their own data base of dairy producers will be contacted individually and requested to register their clients. Study groups will also be a point to focus on in the future.

Goal 2 - Establishment of a system for disease data collection, capturing and analysis

Achievements *When was / is it envisaged to be*

Non-achievements /

established?

Development of the new system will give the veterinarians an overview of problems that milk producers and other veterinarians are reporting on-line. This will assist in alerting them to diseases and/or problems that might occur in different areas.

underperformance *What is outstanding exactly and when is the establishment process expected to be completed; and how does the outstanding matters impact on the reports?*

An overview of areas discussed in the May 2014 report will be completed soon.

Reasons for non-achievements / underperformance

N/A

Planned remedies for non-achievements / underperformance

N/A

Goal 3 - Need identification for better training of farm workers

Achievements *List the (depersonalized) needs that were identified, for Milk SA's records confidentially.*

A system for the identifying, management and monitoring of the crippled, lame and limping animals have to be developed for the training of farm workers. Every farm should have one farm worker doing a weekly report of any abnormalities that need urgent attention.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 4 - Development of training material for livestock workers

Achievements *If training material is developed in the course of the project, please list them here. Note that the development of training material is not funded by Milk SA and is therefore not a requirement in terms of this project.*

The system for identifying, management and monitoring of crippled, lame and limping animals will be used for early treatment and to prevent financial losses due to low milk production. The PowerPoint presentation currently used for training will be expanded to accommodate the above mentioned crippled animals.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 5 - Monthly newsletter summarizing regional and national disease occurrence and trends in the South African dairy industry - with discussion about preventative measures that can be taken to improve the management of the diseases

Achievements *Mention the dates on which the newsletters were sent to Milk SA electronically.*

Since March 2014 both the newsletter and disease report was send through for posting on the Milk SA website. This is the main goal and focus point of this system. The transfer of captured information to veterinarians and milk producers is of utmost importance. On or before the last day of every month, the newsletter will be generated and send through to Milk SA to post the newsletter on their website. The national disease report is also available before the end of every month.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Income and expenditure statement

Income and expenditure statement	Income and expenditure MPO Disease monitoring system Oct 13 - May 2014.xlsx
Unnecessary spending during period	Yes
Explanation	
Steps taken to prevent unnecessary spending in future	

Popular Report

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Additional documentation

No file has been uploaded

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