

Agri-Pinoy Livestock Program

The **Regional Agri Pinoy-Livestock Program (AP-LP)** in the calendar year 2013 continues to coordinate, cater and render major technical and secretariat services to the livestock and poultry stakeholders in the region which posted a general weighted average of 99.92 percent physical accomplishments and 100 percent financial obligations. This astounding accomplishment was due to the concerted efforts of the regional program management, the local government units, and the private stakeholders in the implementation of the Department's projects/programs and activities.

PRODUCTION SUPPORT SERVICES

Production Support Services posted an overall 120 percent of physical accomplishments. This was attributed to the continuous maintenance of the operation of the two livestock production centers, promotion of genetic improvement program through artificial insemination (AI), and responding quickly to emergency situations.

Two **Livestock Production Centers** both located in North Cotabato province namely Livestock Breeding & Production Center in Barangay Aroman, Carmen and Balindog Dairy Center in Barangay Balindog, Kidapawan City continue to operate with 225 breeding stocks (cattle, carabao, goat & sheep) and 30 hectares pasture area.

Consequently, 52 heads offspring were produced; 11 hectares pasture area was developed; and 12 hectares pasture area was rehabilitated. A total of 77,000 pieces of forage cuttings and 303 assorted forage seeds were distributed for forage and pasture development. Most of these forage seeds were distributed during the Agri-Pinoy information caravan or "Ulat sa Bayan".

The **Unified Artificial Insemination Program (UNAIP)** carries on its aim to improve the genetics of our local stocks through infusion of semen straws from genetically-superior animals, provision of AI supplies and paraphernalia, and provision of capability building to local government's AI technicians by sending them to trainings on Basic Artificial Insemination.

As a result of the initiatives derived from working with AI stakeholders harmoniously, the program recorded 125 percent physical accomplishments. In the implementation of the program, 3,850 cattle semen straws and 1,885 carabao semen straws were distributed to our partner LGUs implementing AI program.

With these interventions, 3,025 heads of cattle and 1,572 heads of carabao were inseminated, and a total of 1,346 heads of cattle and 425 heads of carabao offsprings were produced. Therefore; LGU AI technicians were granted with Cash Calf Drop Incentive. As a support to the program, the establishment of LN2 Plant in General Santos City that will definitely cater to the requirements on AI program in the region is being worked-out and expected to operate early of 2014.

On **Quick Response Services**, we were able to respond to 21 emergency situations such as animal disease incidences.

MARKET DEVELOPMENT SERVICES

Market Development Services posted a 97.2 percent physical accomplishments. Interventions included conduct of market development activities such as market matching, market linkages, market assessment, market surveys, price monitoring of livestock and poultry products and by-products, agribusiness investment fora, and participation in local trade fairs to promote livestock and poultry industries in the region.

EXTENSION SUPPORT, EDUCATION AND TRAINING SERVICES

Extension Support, Education and Training Services posted a 93.84 percent overall physical accomplishments. This was attributed to the conduct of trainings, assistance to livestock-based organizations, provision of incentives to agricultural extension workers (AEWs), as well as advocacy and information.

A total of 15 trainings out of the targeted 16 trainings were conducted this year. These included Refresher Training Courses on swine production with value chain analysis conducted in the four (4) provinces, Trainings on Small Ruminant Production, Trainings on Effective Use of MS Excel and Basic Statistics as part of the Regional Broiler and Swine Information-Early Warning System (RBSI-EWS), and Training of Trainers on Meat Processing conducted in the different congressional districts of the region. With these trainings, a total of 413 technicians and 308 farmers have benefited from these.

Further, four livestock-based organizations were assisted; a total of 121 AEWs performing activities on livestock program were given incentive; and a total of 10,450 production-related and meat processing-related IEC materials were disseminated.

RESEARCH AND DEVELOPMENT

In support to **Research and Development**, two on-going livestock and poultry research studies were conducted; one research study was completed; and three R&D stations were rehabilitated or upgraded which posted a 72.22 percent physical accomplishment.

REGULATORY SERVICES

Regulatory Services posted a remarkable over-all physical accomplishment of 117.28 percent. This was due to the services and interventions rendered by the Licensing Section, Veterinary Quarantine Facilities and Regional Laboratories (RADDL and RAFAL), and the strengthening of animal health.

Four Regulatory Laws were being enforced by the **Licensing Section** to include RA 1556 (Feed Control Law), RA 3720 (Veterinary Drugs and Biological Law), DA AO No. 3 (Livestock and Poultry Handlers/Transport Carriers Regulations), and RA 8485 (Animal Welfare Act). With this, a total of 240 feed establishments, 213

veterinary drugs and products establishments, 86 livestock and animal facilities, 186 livestock and poultry handlers, and 164 transport carriers were registered and renewed to operate which posted 164.45 percent total accomplishment.

The trend in market businesses as far as animal feeds and veterinary drugs selling is concerned is quite increasing due to the increase in production of livestock and poultry as a result of increasing demand of humane populace not just in the region but in the entire country. High accomplishments on enforcement of RA 8485, with a big leap in the number of farms and animal facilities registered (76 actual registered out of 10 targeted) was due to the initiative of DA-BAI and that of General Santos City LGU to require all establishments engaged in livestock and poultry businesses to seek for a BAI license to operate first before the release of Mayor's permit.

The **Veterinary Quarantine Facilities** continue to enforce strict bio-security measures to prevent entry of emerging and re-emerging diseases through regulating the entry and exit of animals; inspection of domestic and foreign vessels and aircrafts at seaports and airports; inspection of animals, animal products and feed ingredients in incoming and outgoing shipments; routine inspection of ranches, piggeries and slaughterhouses; and maintaining footbaths at seaports and airports.

With these interventions, a total of 7,326 veterinary clearances and permits were issued and 3,243 vessels and aircrafts were inspected which posted an overall physical accomplishment of 109.14 percent. As part of biosecurity measures, the veterinary quarantine has burned the condemned frozen suckling pigs carcasses and dressed chicken from China.

Animal Health Services was strengthened through provision of veterinary drugs and biologics for the treatment, prevention and control of economically-important diseases, and conduct of regular animal disease surveillances. A total of 188,850 doses of veterinary drugs (antibiotics, dewormer, multivitamins, trypanosides) and biologics (hemosept, hog cholera, NCD La Sota, and Anti-rabies vaccines) were distributed which posted 118 percent accomplishment. With these interventions, a total of 92,322 heads of animals were treated, dewormed and vaccinated.

The **Regional Animal Diagnostic Laboratory** (RADDL) in General Santos City continued to respond to the needs of the livestock & poultry raisers with regard to animal health and production for proper animal disease diagnosis and help implement the mandate of the agency to control and prevent the spread of animal infectious diseases through sample collection in the field for surveillance purposes.

Considering that our region has significant livestock population, the presence of laboratory services capacity is an assurance of food security and safety, safeguarding human health and security of livelihood opportunities for both small holder raisers and commercial producers.

A total of 3,417 laboratory services (pathology, bacteriology, serology, virology, and necropsy) were rendered which posted 96 percent accomplishments. High accomplishment on virology particularly rabies examination was recorded which indicates positive response to our continuous campaign with the Department of Health on Anti-Rabies Act and its Implementing Rules and Regulations (RA 9482).

The laboratory, on the other hand, facilitated the analysis of Sera samples for Caprine Arthritis Encephalitis (CAE) Test using ELISA from Region XI and CARAGA as part of mandatory requirements for transport of animals which resulted to high accomplishment on serology. Furthermore, regular sampling was done for Avian Influenza for an effective prevention and control program. The laboratory also assisted students from different schools in the conduct of their researches using laboratory animals particularly rabbits and mice.

The **Regional Animal Feed Analysis Laboratory (RAFAL)** in Cotabato City which serves as an arm facility of the program that monitors the quality of livestock and poultry feeds and feedstuffs has catered analysis of 360 feed samples with 1,656 determinations (crude fat, crude fiber, moisture, ash, microscopy, mineral, and crude protein analysis) made which posted a 98 percent accomplishment.

POLICY FORMULATION, PLANNING AND ADVOCACY SERVICES

Policy Formulation, Planning and Advocacy Services posted overall accomplishments of 99.39 percent. Field evaluations and monitoring of programs and projects were conducted. Program coordination and support activities such as conferences/workshops, dialogues, consultations, and meeting with the stakeholders were conducted.

In 2013, the Regional Agri Pinoy-Livestock Program has facilitated the crafting of the Livestock, Poultry and Feed Crops Industry Roadmap. We also conducted together with the Department of Trade and Industry the Focus Group Discussion cum Consultative Dialogue on the Livestock Industry. We co-sponsored the conduct of the National Meat Industry Harmonization and Convergence Workshop with the Department of Trade and Industry. We also conducted the Second Regional Pet Show in General Santos City as part of the Animal Welfare Week Celebration.

BOTTOM-UP BUDGETING

About twenty three percent of the CY 2013 AP-Livestock Program Budget was allocated for Bottom-Up Budgeting for municipalities that belong to poor provinces in the region.

Municipality	BUB Projects	Amount
Alamada, NC	Livestock Herd Health Management	P 450,000.00
Pikit, NC	Training on Livestock Care and Management	P 32,000.00
Aleosan, NC	Animal Health Program Conduct of Artificial Insemination Livestock Market Development	P 160,000.00
Midsayap, NC	Animal Health Training Program	P 450,000.00
Kalamansig, SK	Animal Health Program and Training	P 250,000.00
Lutayan, SK	Animal Health Program and Training	P 750,000.00
Bagumbayan, SK	Animal Health Program and Training	P 250,000.00
Columbio, SK	Poultry Raising	P 468,000.00
Maasim, Sarangani	Training on Poultry Production Barangay Animal Health Care Volunteers Retooling	P 450,000.00

	Animal Health Care Program Feed Assistance to Small Scale Swine Raisers	
Malapatan, Sarangani	Animal Health Program	P 1,150,000.00
Malungon, Sarangani	Animal Health Management Training for Paraveterinarians	P 578,000.00
Glan, Sarangani	Animal Health Program Meat Processing Training	P 240,000.00
Cotabato City	Animal Health Program Conduct of Artificial Insemination Techno Demo on Meat Processing	P 750,000.00
Total		P 5,978,000.00