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Mailbag

Maxwell Hatuma from Zambia writes:

From the time I came across the publication, *Dairy Mail Africa*, I have learnt a lot. There is a lot of information I did not know about dairy. I am a small-scale dairy farmer. I supply raw milk to Mapepe dairy cooperative. My aim is to develop my dairy knowledge by reading your publication. I do hope you will be so kind to put me on the mailing list to receive your publication quarterly.

Thomas Kipchogo Saina from Kapsabet in Kenya writes:

I'm a small-scale farmer in Mandi district, Rift Valley province in Kenya. I find the messages in your publication very brief, understandable, self-explanatory and most applicable, especially in my province. Although I'm still a young farmer, it has boosted my farming technology. As a farmer, it is my request that we should come

together to improve our dairy farming and enjoy the benefits.

I came across an article in your Volume 3 No1 of April 2008, where you mentioned the problems facing farmers, especially after the general election held on 27 December last year. It actually did contribute to a declining interest in farmers, especially those operating in the dairy sector. But interest declined even earlier, when farmers who supplied the Eldoret and Kapsabet plants, lost interest when the Kenya Cooperative Creameries (KCC) became dormant.

Up to this particular point in time, about 80% of farmers have not yet stabilised their farming ventures as they were before. In fact, one major problem I have noticed, is that most farmers are operating on inbreeding – i.e. they do not use improved breeds on their farms. Recently we had the privilege to select three farmers to attend a seminar held at Ruiru.



They visited various farms and successful farmers and they brought us pictures, videos and magazines of successful farmers from within and outside of the country. This has now built a new foundation for the farmers in this region, but we still wish to get more technological information from various contributors. Please keep sending us information, as we proceed towards improving our dairy farming sector.

Ben Kiprotich Limo from Eldoret in Kenya writes:

I came across your past editions of *Dairy Mail Africa*, and request you kindly to put me on

the mailing list of this educational, enlightening and informative magazine. I am a small-scale dairy farmer in the Rift Valley area of Eldoret, Kenya.

I would like to share experiences about dairy farming technology with other farmers on the continent of Africa. As small-scale farmers in the Eldoret area, we supply our raw milk to Brookside Dairy Ltd. I look forward to your future copies. Long live *Dairy Mail Africa*!

Jeremiah Wanyiri Wambugu from Kenya writes:

I am a small-scale dairy farmer in the semi-arid Laikipia district of Rift Valley province in Kenya. I am also the chairperson of Wimuta livestock farmers self-help group which has 35 members. When I read a friend's copy of the *Dairy Mail Africa*, I found it very useful to me as a dairy farmer and also to members of my group, because of the information it has on matters of dairy farming. Please supply me with a copy whenever it is published quarterly. 