



Progress at KLBO 2008-9

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In the year under review we were able to enter into a working MoU with ILRI. This has helped us in the area of developing and acquiring computer software called MISTRO used in maintaining breeding data. ILRI also helped in the training of KLBO Secretariat staff on the new software.

This new software that ILRI helped us to source is going to enable us to do both registration and recording. The acquisition of some hardware was by the courtesy of East Africa Dairy Development Programme being run by Heifer International. These included: - 4 computers. Heavy duty colour printer.

Currently DED (the German Development Service) is discussing a partnership and have just assisted us finalize the Strategic Plan for KLBO. The proposed partnership will see the placing of an advisor with KLBO as well as the placement of two national staff for Extension as well as ICT.

GTZ (German Technical Assistance) & Promotion of Private Sector Development in Agriculture (PSDA) are working with KLBO. There scope is there for future collaboration. We have just completed our strategic Plan which will herald a new beginning. KLBO would like to acknowledge the assistance from ESADA (East and Southern Africa Dairy Association) and the task force that worked with KLBO Consultant to put the draft of the strategic plan together

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The low registrations during the year 2009 are attributed partly to the post election violence at the beginning of the year and the introduction of the new computer program in the month of September. We will be printing the first certificates off the new system beginning June 1, 2009.

We are still calling upon the Pig, Sheep and Camel Breeders to actively engage themselves in promoting Kenya's genetic pool by registering and up-grading their stock. The Nyanza dairy goats breeders have also agreed to start registering the Saanen and British Alpine Goats with us.

The Annual General Meeting was held in March and was attended by the Minister of Livestock Development Dr. Mohamed Kutu. We have received a grant from the Government through the Ministry of Livestock Development. The Minister promised to increase this grant.

Animals registered for year 2006/2008.

Breed	Year 2008	Year 2007	Year 2006
Friesians	1,639	4,872	4,287
Ayrshire	315	1,648	1,132
Guernsey	60	168	222
Jersey	329	141	265
Borans	234	641	511
Charolais	73	74	41
A/Angus	9	18	19
Sahiwal	23	-	7
Red Polls	11		8
Kenya Alpine	779	1,596	974
Toggenburg	44		
Sheep	36	125	224
	3,552	9,291	7,682