



Core Values

The Jamaica Dairy Development Board (JDDB) is committed to “Transforming the Dairy Industry” through our core values:

- Results-Oriented - We focus on delivering our products and services to create positive changes in stakeholders’ access to quality forage, productivity, and efficiency in farm management practices.
- Effectiveness - We regulate, enforce, and govern the dairy industry to ensure standard compliance.
- Accountability - We assume full responsibility for resources entrusted to us, we are committed to functioning with transparency in the interest of our country, customers, and staff.
- Customer-focused - We provide consistent, reliable, and relevant information, service and training to stakeholders and to resolve issues with enthusiasm and efficiency.
- Responsive - We seek to find the solution to any challenge faced by stakeholders in the dairy industry in a timely manner.

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JAMAICA DAIRY DEVELOPMENT BOARD



About Us





JDDB Overview

Who we are...

The Jamaica Dairy Development Board (JDDB) began operations in September 1999 consequent upon Cabinet Resolution No. 13/99 of April 19, 1999. The enabling legislation was enacted with effect from February 13, 2009 and received the assent of the Governor General on March 10, 2009.

Following its enactment, the Board began operation as a statutory body with effect from September 09, 2009, with the appointment of a board of directors by the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries. The Board comprises 10 members of diverse backgrounds.

Our Mandate & Vision

Mission Statement

To effectively regulate and advance the development of the dairy industry by establishing a robust regulatory framework, technological and research systems through development programmes, services, and partnerships.

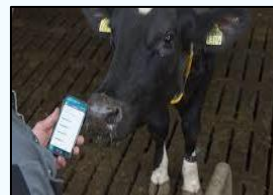
Vision Statement

An internationally competitive dairy industry which is economically and environmentally sustainable; and contributes to self-sufficiency and enhances the nation's food security.



Programmes Onstream

Dairy Records Management System (DRMS)



The implementation of this system will facilitate the capture of real time data on the farms via smart devices. Data collected will be analyzed and assist in making informed management decisions.

Artificial Insemination & Embryo Transfer



This major genetic project will utilize artificial insemination and embryo transfer in cattle and dairy goats. The goal is to provide farmers with improved and superior genetics, thereby making the dairy industry more productive and efficient.



Dairy Concessionary Loan Programme



All dairy farmers have access to the JDDB's concessionary loan programme. Through this financial scheme, farmers can simultaneously improve the genetic stock, increase their herd numbers and improve pasture development. Interest payments on these loans can be as low as 5%.



Capacity Building Partnerships

In an effort to revitalize and sustainably develop the industry, the JDDB works closely with both government agencies and private companies. This combining of action, resources and effort results in mutual growth, which ultimately fosters productivity in the dairy sector.

Capacity building partnerships are necessary for industry growth, from the smallest farmer to the largest dairy operation.

Partnerships

- JDDB partners with various internationally recognized academic institutions to keep the technical and theoretical skillset of its staff relevant.
- Working closely with RADA livestock officers islandwide to execute training sessions.
- Working with other government agencies like Bodles Research Station, Montpelier Research Station, Minard Estates, College of Agriculture, Science and Education, etc.
- Working with private sector affiliates such as Hi-Pro, Nutramix etc.
- Small Farmers Cooperatives and Benevolent Societies
- Financial institutions such as PC Banks, First Heritage Cooperative Credit Union, Sagicor Bank and Development Bank of Jamaica



JDDB Overview

A snapshot at 2020 achievements...

- Pasture Rehabilitation: 78.7 acres
- Fodder banks established: 106 acres
- Fodder Conservation Programme: 224.0 metric tonnes (MT) Silage produced
- Capacity Strengthening of Agricultural Education Institutions (Sydney Pagan, Munro College, Northern Caribbean University, College of Agriculture, Science and Education, Ebony Park, Knockalva etc.) as centres of best practices for dairy management and production.
- Procurement of equipment/service tools (silo packers, forage harvesters, etc.)
- Grant Support for all dairy farmers
- Farmers trained: 28

Functions of the JDDB

- Regulates trade in dairy products.
- Advises the Minister of Agriculture and Fisheries on matters of general policy.
- Mobilizes resources relating to dairying for and on behalf of the dairy industry.
- Formulates and monitor appropriate policy for growth of the dairy sector.
- Disseminates information and reliable statistics on all aspects of the dairy sector.

Services

- Provision of an enabling environment to aid sector investment
- Programmes to revitalize the cattle industry
- Training programmes



Programmes & Core Functions

Heifer Redeployment Programme



Distribution of grants and provision of animals on a low interest loan basis with the aim of giving farmers access to animals and the opportunity to genetically upgrade their herd.

Mobile Milking Machines



A new frontier expected to add to efficiencies and Key Performance Indicators is the introduction and usage of mobile milking machines which extract more milk in a shorter span of time, can be easily handled and transported and is more suitable from a quality standpoint than by hand.

Equipment Inventory Upgrade



JDDB recognizes the need to increase dairy efficiencies and improve performance indicators through the usage of cutting-edge farm equipment. More up-to-date silage packers, forage harvesters and forage choppers are all intended to join the current inventory. These equipment are vital to Jamaica's dairy animal production and forage conservation efforts, especially within the small farming community.



Programmes & Core Functions

Pasture Establishment



This is a core function of the JDDB. We offer assistance to farmers who request it in the form of seed distribution, land preparation, seed sowing, harvesting and conservation. Since the start of 2021, our team has established and rehabilitated **213.5 acres** of improved fodder.

Fodder Conservation



This is a crucial part of our mitigation response to climate change and the annual feed requirement that needs to be met. According to the National Feed Audit Projection 2021, the total annual feed requirement of the national herd is estimate **63,941,248kg** while we estimate that they will only consume **48,043,125kg** of feed, a deficit which amounts to **15,898,123kg**. Silage production is an applicable solution to this major problem and a drought alleviation measure.



Fodder Banks



JDDB is also endorsing establishment of fodder banks to dairy farmers as a means of combating climate change and ensuring feed availability throughout the year. Fodder banks are carefully selected areas on farms which are established and not utilized until there is a feed shortage or adverse environmental conditions such as drought and/or heavy rainfall.

