

MEETING WITH DIARY FARMERS--KARNAL
Proceeding of the Meeting of the Progressive Dairy Farmers with Dr. R.S.Paroda,
Chairman, Farmer's Commission, Haryana

A meeting of progressive dairy farmers was convened in the National Dairy Research Institute on 07.10.2010 which was chaired by Dr. R.S. Paroda, Hon'ble Chairman, Farmer's Commission, Haryana. Dr. A.K. Srivastava, Director, NDRI, Karnal, Dr. R.S. Dalal, Member Secretary, Farmer's Commission Haryana, Dr. Balbir Singh Veniwal, GM, DMS, Delhi, Dr. Gurmeet Singh, Deputy Director (AH) also attended the meeting. More than 70 progressive dairy farmers of district Karnal, Panipat and Yamunanagar participated.

At the outset Dr. A.K. Srivastava welcomed the Hon'ble Dr. R.S. Paroda, Chairman, Farmer's Commission, Haryana and other dignitaries. He apprised the house about the various activities being carried out by the Institute in promoting the Scientific Dairying in the Haryana State in particular and in the country in general so to enhance milk production.

During the meeting various issues were discussed and the following points have emerged out for consideration by the commission:-

1. The dairy farmers suggested that the minimum standard of milk in term of fat and SNF should be revised because fat and SNF in high yielding cross breed cows is commonly below the fixed standard and at times farmers face difficulties in selling the milk of cross breed cows.
2. The farmers requested that necessary steps should be taken to prevent the sale of Adulterated milk, so that farmers selling quality milk may get remunerative price.
3. The farmers requested that the milk procurement rate should be increased so that the farmers are encouraged to increase the milk production.
4. The farmers strongly proposed that the training of the para-vets for a duration of nearly 3-4 months be organized regularly by the HAU, Hisar and NDRI, Karnal so that the dairy farm families in the villages can get better facilities after office hour and on holidays.
5. The farmers proposed that while erection of the transformers for their tube wells the electricity board has got different norms whereas when the board erects the transformers they do it in a different way so there should be common norms for both the department as well as for the farmers.
6. Farmers strongly suggested that electricity charges should be livestock & dairy sector be at par with the agriculture sector.
7. The progressive farmers strongly proposed that like Punjab Govt. the Govt of Haryana should also take initiative in providing the pure semen of HF breed and also should pursue for arranging the sexed semen for elite dairy cattle.
8. Some of the farmers proposed that the loan facilities should be strengthened for the dairy farmers for purchasing the equipments like cheff cutter, milking machine, fodder cutting machine for making silage, purchase of animals and construction of sheds.

The meeting ended with the vote of thanks of the Chair.