**Dairy Research and Development Center (DRDC).**

The Dairy Research and Development Centre was established in 2014 by ATBU, where a committee was set up to ensure the smooth and full development of the centre. The center is partnered and collaborates with University of Florida USA, Dryland Agriculture (BUK), kano, International dairies limited Vom, Plateau State (IDL) and Bauchi State Agricultural Development Program

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The objective of dairy research and development centre is to provide a mega platform for research into all aspects of the dairy value chain which include Nutrition, Breeding, Reproduction, Environmental, Health, Processing etc. The center oversees the administration of proper nourishment and the screening and controlled production of appropriate breeding that is proper breeding is screened for and reproduced in a controlled manner.

The center is also responsible to generate and distribute improved dairy crossbred cattle at subsidized price to farmers (“Day-old-calves”) to enjoy the benefits of improved stock, the center also advocate and popularize peri-urban dairying concept for possible adoption. The center features over 40 bulls, around 30 cows, and roughly 10 calves that are used for research and sales, along with over 10 interns who are being educated to support the advance rearing of cows.

The center conducts a diagnostic survey for inventorization and characterization of the Nigerian dairy industry. The facility has carried out between 10 and 30 procedures (diagnostics, surgery etc) and is available for consultation in the nearby communities. It also identifies communities and individual farmers engaged in dairy production. The center performs sensitization to local farmers on the modern breeding, milking and intensive care for health and environment of animals especially the cows.

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1. To establish Bulk Milk Collection Centers (BMCCs) for milk collection and processing (value addition).
2. To develop testing and selection schemes for further improvement of dairy and economic merit.
3. Establishment of improved pastures for research, cattle of the Centre and sales to farmers.
4. Introduce short courses in the Centre for the training of youth and interested farmers on dairying to improve dairy production and reduce poverty.
5. Support MSc and PhD students undergoing study in dairying.
6. The rare Dairy equipment available at the Centre should be utilized for training of students and interested farmers in the science and art of Dairying.

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