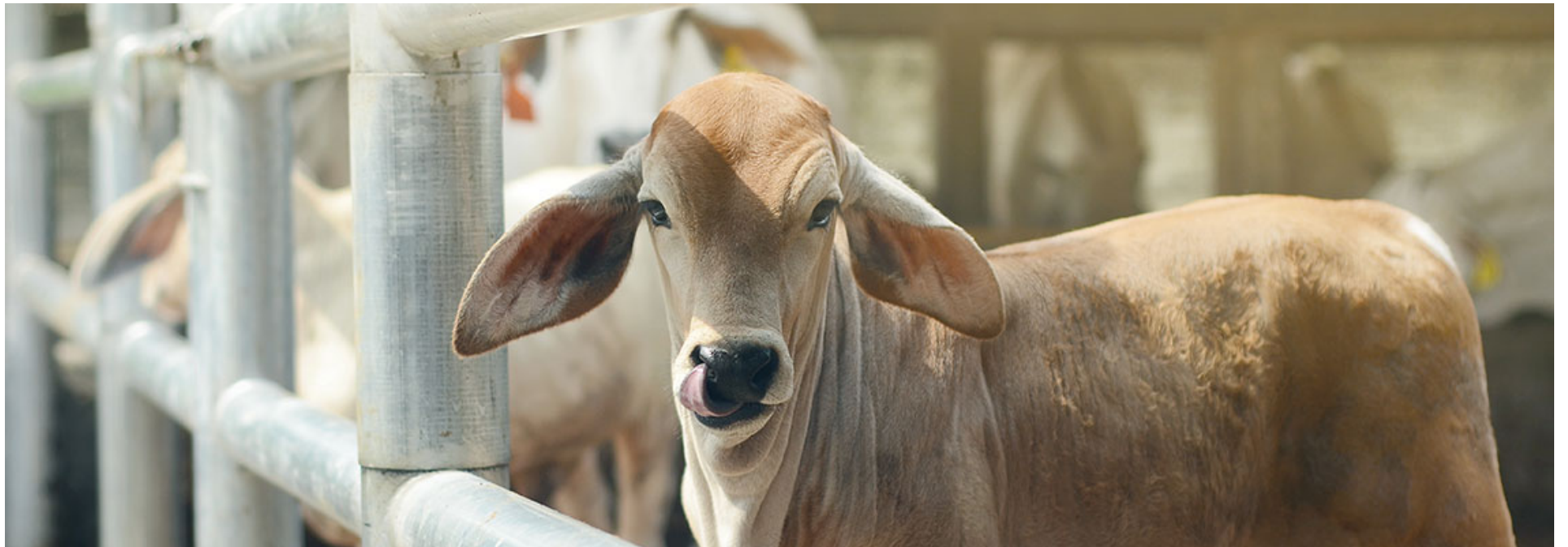


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Increasing Productivity, Trade and Investment
in the Red Meat and Cattle Sector



Monthly Update

June 2023

Governor of South Kalimantan receives Presidential Award

The SISKA KU INTIP program is a major initiative of the South Kalimantan Provincial Governor that is promoting commercial partnerships between palm oil plantation companies and smallholder farmers for cattle production within oil palm operations – known as the SISKA Nucleus Plasma model (SISKA). This flagship South Kalimantan government program evolved out the Partnership's continuous support for cattle breeding in South Kalimantan since 2016 and which continues under the SISKA Support Program (SSP).



South Kalimantan Province's Governor, H Sabirin Noor, recently received a Presidential Award on Agricultural Development (Satyalancana Wira Karya Bidang Pertanian) for the SISKA KU INTIP program. The prestigious award was handed over by the Minister of Agriculture at the National Agriculture Week Exhibition (Penas). The Minister congratulated the Governor for the highly innovative program. The Governor in his acceptance speech noted the success of program is in part due to smallholder farmer access to financing through the government's micro credit program (KUR) and from contributions from the palm oil companies' Corporate Social Responsibility (CSR) funds. The farmers can also utilize palm oil waste for cattle feed significantly reducing input costs. The SSP, which has actively supported the Governor's SISKA program since October 2021, recently identified new potential SISKA collaborative ventures in South Kalimantan, Riau, West Kalimantan, and East Kalimantan. These collaborative oil palm / smallholder farmer ventures, now totaling 39, have the potential to graze 5,773 cattle over 115,000 ha. This month the SSP supported their startup in South Kalimantan and East Kalimantan with the distribution of electric fences and training on rotational grazing.

In collaboration with Meat and Livestock Australia, IPB University and BVET (MoA's Veterinary Agency) Banjarbaru the Partnership also delivered a training program in infectious cattle disease mitigation and responses. 19 paramedic veterinarians and veterinarians working in the SISKA program participated in the training.

Indonesian Sheep Association Visits Australia



Delegates increased their understanding of the sheep and goat industry value chain in Australia through a mix of in-class and site visits.

The in-class component included an overview of the Australian livestock production systems presented by academics, practitioners and industry leaders. Delegates learnt how Indonesia could keep track of the genetics of imported and local breeds using something similar to Meat and Livestock Australia's (MLA) 'Lambplan'. Whilst at the University of New England delegates visited the Australian Genetics Institute for Agriculture (AGBU) to learn how they achieved sheep and cattle genetic improvements and AGBU's sheep genetics projects.

Sites visited included sheep and goat breeders (Yalgoo Genetics, Winrae Dorpers, Pacifica Boer Goat Stud Farm), commercial farms, a sheep and lamb processing plant (Gundagai Meat Processing Plant), a breeding centre producing semen straws (Holbrook Bovine Artificial Breeding Center) and the Kennedy Creek Livestock Exports Facility.

Participants gathered information on how Australian sheep organisations are run, how genetic management is ensured, and how Australia keeps track of breed genetics to ensure a fair business environment. One very valuable outcome from the visit was networks built with industry members including from the Dorper Sheep Society of Australia and the Dairy Goat Association of Australia. The visit concluded in the Sydney MLA office where the delegation was provided an overview of the Indonesian and Australian sheep markets and interactions between the two, and potential collaborative opportunities.



photo: Agreement signing at the National Week on Agriculture and Livestock

The highly successful visit to Australia was funded under the **Supporting the Expansion of Commercial Sheep Production in Indonesia** project. The project aims to support the HPDKI to expand sheep production in Indonesia. This Partnership / HPDKI collaboration was recently formalised by the signing of an agreement during the National week on agriculture and livestock in Padang, which was witnessed by the Director-General Livestock and Animal Health and his Directors. The project will now support HPDKI in its discussions with the DGLAHS' Livestock Breeding Commission on the need to standardise the import of sheep stock, the development of a genetic tracking / evaluation system, and to lobby industry and government to support industry growth.

Supporting Cattle Corporation Village Program (SC2VP)

In June the SC2VP project team continued to actively support improvements in cattle condition in its five CCV locations. The team provided supplementary feed and practical training in cattle feeding, and support to plant high quality forage. The project team also continued to help farmers build a mini feed-mill in Cianjur and to run the recently built Boyolali feed mill. The Boyolali feed mill is now producing 5-7 tons of feed concentrate per week that is fulfilling CCV farmers as well as farmers in the surrounding districts.

SC2VP also continued to deliver field schools on corporation management, cow calf management, and forage production. The project team also improved production facilities through infrastructure improvement such as drainage construction.

Upcoming Events

- BBIB Singosari- RMCP Pregnancy Test Training, 3-16 July 2023.
- Livestock Business Management Training, 24-30 July 2023.
- MLA-RMCP Necropsy Training, July 2023.
- FAWO Animal Welfare Training, June 2023.

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