

President urges leaders on improving household income



President Museveni at his farm. He urges leaders to guide their people into poverty eradication practices such as farming

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President Yoweri Museveni has reiterated his call to all leaders in the country to guide their people on ways to improve household income.

"If only leaders could guide their people, poverty would be eradicated in society," he observed yesterday.

The President made the remarks early morning while grazing his cattle at his country home of Rwakitura in Kiruhura district.

The President, who took time off his busy schedule to also tour the farm with some of his staff, showed them some of the grass recommended for feeding livestock. The species of grass include *Ejubwe* (*Bracilia*), elephant grass, *Emburara* (*Hyperanea-Lusiasis*) and *Pancam-minima/Maxima*.

According to a release from State House, Museveni explained that he grazes his cattle in paddocks on a rotational basis to replenish the pasture.

"This paddock was closed for four months to allow the grass to grow and I grazed the cows in the next paddock for eight months. But I am going to close it to allow the grass



Some of the Friesian cows on President Museveni's farm

here to also grow," he said.

The President also showed his staff trees he planted in 1967 to mark the borders of his land.

"You see these trees? While the boys were dancing in Mbarara, I was here planting these boundary trees called *omutumba* in the local language," he said.

During the tour, he interacted with his neighbours including Peninah

Kaititimba, who heeded his counsel to rear Friesian cows for better milk yields and income.

The two-and-a-half hours' tour of the farm demonstrated President Museveni's determination not only to walk the talk he has been educating people on, but also to focus on ensuring that wananchi in Uganda get out of poverty in leading by example.