

Govt gives 27 square miles to investor

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KAMPALA. President Museveni has promised to donate 27 square miles of land in Mbarara District to a United Arab Emirates (UAE) investor to set up a model farm.

According to a press release from State House, the investor, Dr Ahmed Eltigani Al Mansourie, will bring in new technology to fertilise cows which will produce breeds that produce more milk.

The President reportedly made the promise during a meeting with Dr Eltigani last Friday at State House, Nakasero.

Dr Eltigani, who is the envoy of the Emir of Sharjan in UAE, is also the chairman of the Chamber of Commerce of Sharjan and the chief executive of the UAE's largest dairy company, Alranabi.

The plans

The meeting was also attended by State minister for Animal Industry Joy Kabatsi, Uganda Chamber of Commerce president Olive Kigongo and Secretary to the Treasury Keith Muhakanizi.

Ms Kabatsi confirmed attending the meeting and said the model farm will be established at Nsala, near Mbarara Town.

The minister noted that Dr Eltigani will introduce technology where a cow will be able to produce more than 50 calves of high milk producing gene.

"We are trying to do this for our local Ankole cow...we are going to have those cows deliver more and more. We hope this technology will help us to preserve our local Ankole cows," Ms Kabatsi said.

She said the technology will be rolled to other parts of the country where g animals will also be selected for both meat and milk production.