

Farmers milk money from dairy

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Two thousand farmers in West Pokot County have increased their earnings from Shs55m to Shs215m in 2017 by adopting artificial insemination services, good feeding routines, access to extension services and organised marketing system.

These practices have also increased their milk production from about 20,000 liters to 35,000 liters per day.

"For a long time, farmers in the region have experienced low milk production occasioned by poor feeding regimes due to insufficient fodder and pastures, frequent disease outbreaks, hawking of milk, inappropriate cattle breeds and inadequate artificial insemination services" said Samuel Maiyo an extension officer at the Kenya Agricultural Productivity Project (KAPP).

"With support from KAPP, farmers are able to develop workable agribusiness interventions to address the identified dairy production and marketing challenges."