

FROM THE EDITOR

Goats are fast growing and very easily managed. They require very less care and maintenance than any other livestock animals. Anyone can venture into goat farming. You can even do better by majoring in the dairy production. Unlike yesterday, today Ugandans are embracing goat milk and projections indicate in 10 years' time the production of milk will increase by 100 per cent. Do not be left behind, start now and be part of the goat milk success story.

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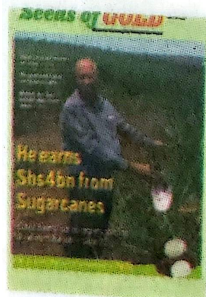
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Farmer earns Shs800m from cassava

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Cassava growing has given Sam Opio a life he had never imagined. Today, the 64-year-old resident of Olelpek, Apac District, earns Shs800m annually from cassava growing alone. The father of 10 has been able to educate his children, set up a good home and a modern cassava flour milling factory. "Before 2010, I was doing mix farming in cattle keeping, growing cereal crops like beans, maize, rice and millet, but I realised that the income I was getting was very small so, in 2010, I ventured into cassava growing," Opio says. Opio who is the managing director of Adyaka Wholesalers Limited also owns 300 acres of land at Olelpek, from his sweat. "I started growing half an acre of cassava, then two acres, five acres, 20 acres, 50 acres and now 100 acres," he says. He is growing NaSE 14, NaSe19 and NaROCASS 1 on his 100-acre farm.

