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## Performance of small scale livestock/crop demonstration-cum-training farms in Sri Lanka

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## Abstract

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Three livestock/crop demonstration-cum-training farms have been established on plots of 0.5 to 1.0 acres, typical of the 'Kandyan Forest Garden System'. Vegetables, bananas, pepper, coffee trees are widely spaced, for intercropping with grass, and have been surrounded with live trees to provide fodder for livestock to increase the family income. Each unit is operated by a selected member of his family under a monthly incentive scheme based upon the gross margin. On these farms, the performance parameters in dairying are better than elsewhere in the Mid-Country. Economic performance analysis showed that dairying contributed most to the total gross margin of the half, one and two acre farms (61% and 69%, respectively). Next came crops (29%, 37% and 19%), poultry (22%, 0% and 0%) and

(18%, 0% and 3%). In the three farms the cash income per Sri Lankan Rupee spent was respectively. The overall ratio was 3.2 for dairying, 1.1 for poultry, 4.5 for goats and 9.9 labour in the three farms was 548, 548 and 639 days, compared to the 270, 330 and 440 days in the initial feasibility study. The average incentive payments, which were 20% (half acre), 133% (two acres) of the parastatal salary of the employee, were only insufficient for the employees in the half acre unit. Dairying and goats proved to be attractive cash earners with a dome of important benefits. Poultry did little to improve farm income.

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