



MOAC to pay compensation for farmers whose cattle were affected by the Lumpy Skin Disease

Following a contingency fund over 20 million USD granted by Thai Cabinet with the aim to control the spread of Lumpy Skin Disease (LSD) amongst cattle raised in the country, the Department of Livestock Development (DLD) has supplied and distributed a mass vaccination throughout the country improving the epidemic situation and returning several areas to normality. This practice has lessened infected animal into such a small number that Thailand will be able to readily reestablish its status as LSD-free country in no time, as speculated by DLD. In terms of figures, the data collected shows a total of 605,115 infected cattle in 68 provinces, of which are 523,429 recovered; 20,093 in recovery, and 61,393 dead (as of 01/20/2022).

At the moment, 20 provinces received a budget approximately 9.63 million USD from the Ministry of Agriculture and Cooperatives to compensate 12,465 farmers and 15,233 cattle. Of this amount, 2.07 million USD were credited into 2,288 farmers with 3,288 cattle and still 7.56 million USD for 10,177 farmers with 11,945 cattle are in the transaction process.

On 20 January 2022, Mr. Prapat Potasuthon, Deputy Minister of Agriculture and Cooperatives presented on behalf of MOAC at the handover ceremony of compensation budget towards farmers whose cattle were affected by LSD in northeastern provinces: Srisaket, Yasothon, Nakhon

Phanom, Ubon Ratchathani and Udon Thani. Mr. Potasuthon revealed that MOAC and Bank for Agriculture and Agricultural Cooperatives (BAAC) jointly initiated the loan grant project to assist those in cattle farming sector to regain from the loss caused by LSD. For those who might be looking for alternatives or addition household of incomes, this project is able to help them achieving their dream goals, building a career and raising incomes for agricultural and non-agricultural business, trading and business investment. The occupations or businesses that may be eligible to receive such loan should meet criteria: having a clear supported market; having a price guarantee scheme; being able to generate income in a period of not more than 6 months; having initial return for living and subsequently creating a stable future career.

There are extensive alternatives and additional sources of incomes ranging from livestock--fattening pigs, layer poultry, crickets, and fattening goats--to crop cultivation--pumpkins, squash, kaempfer and corn--and fisheries-- carp, tilapia, catfish and shrimp. Those who are interested can apply for the loan via 2 channels which are a walk-in to the nearest local BAAC and appointment making using LINE application: BAAC Family.

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