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Thirty-three AI services technicians graduate



Thirty-three Artificial Insemination technician have graduated from a refresher course training on Artificial Insemination conducted by the Kenya Agricultural Genetic Resource Center in collaboration with Bomet. Presiding over the graduation ceremony, Chief Administrative Secretary Jebii Kilimo challenged the

new trainees to use the knowledge they have gained to enhance conception rates and reduce wastage through repeat inseminations that subsequently discourage farmers from uptake of such useful technologies.

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CAS Kilimo: Join cooperatives

Livestock and Fisheries Chief Administrative Secretary Jebii Kilimo has urged dairy farmers in the county to join the cooperative movement to bargain for better pricing and to reap better benefits from their produce. Kilimo said this at Balek Central Dairy Co-operative Society in Singorwet ward on a meet the dairy farmers tour during her two-day visit to the county.

Governor Dr Hillary Barchok together with the CAS Kilimo also visited the Liquid Nitrogen plant managed by Kenya Agricultural Genetic Resource Center in Sotik. KAGRC will soon establish an embryo transfer facility to increase the number of high-quality heifers for farmers as well as training veterinarians and veterinarian paraprofessionals to carry out embryo transfer.



Bomet produces over 310,000 Liters of milk daily with an estimated value of sh 4.5 billion annually

(Agriculture), Rosa Bett (Cooperatives) and Chief Officer Richard Sigei accompanied the CAS during the second day of tour.

Barchok meets with Turkish Ambassador to Kenya

Governor Dr Barchok paid a courtesy call on the Turkish Ambassador to Kenya Ahmet Cemil Miroğlu, Friday to discuss the framework of partnership and collaboration between Turkey and Bomet county. Among the areas that were deliberated upon include agro-processing, livestock productivity, value addition, bee keeping, technology transfer, scholarships, training and capacity building. Other likelihood projects include creating avenues for Turkish investors to invest in Bomet to spur the county into being self-reliant in agro-based activities and technology. Turkish Cooperation and Coordination Agency coordinator Eyup Yavuz Umutlu, Agriculture CEC Dr Kipchumba Toweett, Chief Officers Job Toweett (Agriculture), Dr Richard Sigei (Cooperatives) and Agricultural advisor Julius Twei were also present during the visit.



Quote of the week

"You are not here merely to make a living. You are here in order to enable the world to live more amply, with greater vision, with a finer spirit" - Anonymous

Sh. 1.4 billion Bomet-Longisa-Mulot water project enters evaluation stage

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Governor Dr Hillary Barchok, Tuesday hosted Water, Sanitation and Irrigation Chief Administrative Secretary Dr Andrew Tuimur during a one-day inspection and commissioning of the ministry projects in the county. The CAS inspected the progress of ongoing water projects worth more than Kshs 42M and also to commissioned Kabusare and Koita water projects which are complete. “The tender for ADB funded Kshs 1.4B Bomet-Longisa-Mulot water project is at evaluation stage and will be awarded soon, marking the commencement of the project which will increase water access in our county by 20%.” Dr Barchok alluded.

Dr Barchok lauded the cordial working relations between the National government and the County government of Bomet. The Ministry of Water and the County Government of Bomet have collaborated to construct 121 water pans worth kshs 20M in Chepalungu with a view to increasing acreage under Irrigation. In attendance were DG Hon Shadrack Rotich, County Commissioner Susan Waweru, CEC Water Eng Peter Tonui, Lake Victoria South Water Works Chairman Mr Dan Omino among officers from the county and national government.

33 AI technicians graduate as Bomet Receive 20 AI kits from National Government

The training was undertaken to equip AI service providers with the latest strategies to improve on conception rates in the field and improve the genetic potential of our livestock. The CAS said the Government through the Big 4 Agenda has prioritized livestock among other agricultural activities to ensure attainment of 100% food and nutrition security. Governor Dr Hillary Barchok said “we will incorporate the use of ICT and innovation to improve livestock production as well as conducting periodical evaluation to assess the uptake and performance of the AI services in the County. During the event, Bomet also received 20 AI Kits and 500 straws of semen from the State Department of Livestock and Fisheries in a bid to enhance livestock improvement and boost dairy production. The kits will be distributed to cooperative societies and private A.I service providers to enable farmers assess AI services.

Assessing Hisk Risk Pregnancy project in Bomet

Governor Dr Hillary Barchok (second left), Phillips Foundation Innovation Lead Dr. Bahaa Eddine Sarroukh (second right) Medical Services CEC Dr Joseph Sionik (right) and Kenya Red Cross Society South Rift Region Manager Vivian Kibon (left) during a courtesy call on the governor at the county headquarters on Monday. Philips Foundation through KRCS is conducting High Risk Pregnancy project in the county aimed at having reduced maternal, perinatal and neonatal deaths. Governor Barchok, while lauding development partners, said that there is a need to empower community health volunteers who are involved in sensitizing community members on maternal and perinatal health services.



Pictorials



Ms Charlotte Chelangat (left picture, holding bible) and Mr David Kipkononden Towett (right picture, holding bible) take oath as the new members to the Bomet Municipal Board during a swearing in ceremony at the county headquarters. Governor Dr Hillary Barchok witnessed the ceremony.



Governor Dr Barchok (centre), Deputy Governor David Shadrack Rotich (right), Thursday condoled the family of Mr. Justus Langat (left), a Bomet Public Service Board member, at their home in Kipsimbol, Gelegele, following the loss of his wife the late Pauline Lang'at to cancer. Dr Barchok said that his administration will partner with relevant health research institutions to seek solutions towards curbing the cancer menace in the County.



Bomet Governor Dr Hillary Barchok welcomes the new Bomet County Commissioner Madam Susan Waweru to Bomet County



Governor Dr Barchok, Wednesday joined the family and friends of Trade CECM Hon Juliah Chepkuto for the final send-off of her father-in-law Mzee John Laboso (Kiptangus) in Chepkitwal, Bomet East.