

## Message from the head of Department

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The Vet. Farm is one of the departments in the faculty of veterinary medicine. The farm is mainly a teaching facility in the faculty of Veterinary Medicine, Faculty of Agriculture and Faculty of Engineering. The farm has highly trained and experienced staff in the areas of animal production and health. The farm keeps a herd of dairy cattle, a flock of dorper sheep, a piggery unit and layer poultry unit. These animals are reared under best management practices and are used to teach students in Faculty of Veterinary Medicine animal production and clinical subjects of medicine, surgery and Theriogenology. Students of the Faculty of Agriculture are also taught animal production using these animals at the farm.

To complement the teaching, research and training activities at the farm, various farm structures and equipment are available. Among these are a milking parlour, poultry houses and pig pens, two tower silos, grazing paddocks, animal crushes, a spray race, a tractor, baler, ploughs and forage harvesters among others. Various forage fields are at the farm for feeding animals, teaching and income generation. These include fields of hay, maize for making silage, napier grass and desmodium. These fields are also used for demonstration to farmers during open days.

As part of its outreach activities, the vet. farm every year participates in the ASK show where it has been winning trophies as well as interacting with farmers and potential customers. The Vet. Farm is also involved in environmental conservation and every year over 25,000 indigenous tree seedlings are planted at the farm.

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