Senior Expert Corps – a Project of Swisscontact
Promoting entrepreneurship through expertise – Imparting technical skills through volunteer work

The retired professionals of our Senior Expert Corps (SEC) are qualified experts on site. Through their consulting services, they provide hands-on, cost-effective support towards sustainable development of companies and institutions.

SEC Assignment in Nicaragua, 2019
Assignment No. 3337

Location: Jinotega, Nicaragua
Client: Dairy Farm
Expert: Alois Mettler, Agroeconomist
Period: 12.11. - 02.12.2019

Family farm of four brothers and sisters with double purpose: producing milk and meat. The milk production is rather low with some 550 litres per day from 200 dairy cows. The client has approached the SEC for assistance in achieving a higher efficiency, better quality of the products and introduction of the technical methods.

Client Profile

Tasks

- Recommend better techniques based on the knowledge of the situation in the field
- Upskilling of the employees in handling the cattle and the farm in general

Results

After inspecting different pastures, accompanying workers cutting gras, observing the milking process and talking to employees, a list of proposals concerning the following subjects was set up:

- Better techniques in using the pastures and fields and in breeding
- Efficient employment of the workers
- Development of added-value products