Project title: Improving dairy production in Pakistan through improved animal nutrition and enhanced milk collection systems

Project co-coordinators: Associate Professor Peter Wynn, Dr Russell Bush

Project description: ACIAR are funding a project sponsored by the Federal government to provide assistance to the Pakistani dairy industry to boost production efficiency both cow and buffalo herds. There is an opportunity for a postgraduate student to be involved in the training of extension personnel working with the Punjabi ministry of Agriculture and the National Rural Support Program (NRSP). The aim is to increase knowledge at the small farmer level on how best to feed cows and to minimize metabolic diseases and pathologies associated with a loss of productivity, particularly through mastitis. The project could focus on the extension process itself, or on milking cow/buffalo nutrition or herd health or a combination of these. The person involved would be required to travel to Pakistan at frequent intervals during the two year period to assist in the co-ordination of workshops. It is envisaged that this program would lead to a Masters degree in the first instance.

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