



Kokosa Dairy Farm

Abera Chala, Project Director

Last month at the MAI farm in Kokosa, 55 culled cows were sold. There are now 38 calves, two HF cows, and one donkey. There are currently no milking cows on the farm. One hectare of highland corn, to be used as silage, was also planted last month.

Materials for barn construction are now arriving on the farm. Seeds of greenleaf, clover, vetch, oats, and highland leucaena have also been purchased for use as forage.

Abera, along with other staff members, also held a training session for farmers on forage development, pasture improvement, and modern dairy farms. They discussed management systems and various varieties of forage crops, along with site selection, land preparation, planting methods, weed control, harvesting, hay making, and storage. A field visit and practical work demonstrated to the farmers how to plant alfalfa and other forage varieties.



Kokosa

Message from the President



Paul Morrell

Dear MAI Staff and Friends,

I'd like to tell you how honored I feel to be working with such a terrific group of people. The staff shares my vision of lifting Ethiopia out of the grinding poverty that continues to drive out hope and opportunity. It's exciting to work with a group of people so dedicated to reducing the suffering of their fellow man.

I know each day we are all challenged with seemingly insurmountable problems that seem to never go away. And yet, we persevere until we find that path over or under or through the problems toward success. I especially enjoy working with people that choose to fight on rather than give up.

I want you all to know that I believe we are in the right place at the right time doing the right things for the benefit of Ethiopia and ultimately all of Africa.

Thanks for your continued loyalty and commitment to the goals that MAI aspires to.

Paul
President, Morrell Agro Industries

Alyssa Farm

Trevor Clark, Farm Manager

Spring 2011 planting on the farm in Beltu began on April 13th. 1,600 hectares of Jefferson wheat and Buck Pronto wheat were planted before any rains began to fall. Planting in the dry dirt was brought to a standstill on April 21st, to await the rains. Planting resumed after the second rain fell on the 30th of April, and planting was completed on May 13th. After halting planting briefly in mid April, it was quite the feat to plant all of the planned hectares in such a short amount of time.

A total of 5.8 inches of rain fell on the Beltu farm in the month of May.

Spring planting totals:

Jefferson wheat: 2,540 hectares
Buck Pronto wheat: 400 hectares
Fryer wheat: 2 hectares
Iona wheat: 2 hectares
Walker barley: 35 hectares
Copeland barley: 40 hectares
Steptoe barley: 35 hectares
Faba beans (as a green manure): 49 hectares
Chick peas (as a green manure): 100 hectares
Safflower: 35 hectares



Over 3,200 hectares on the farm had been previously cleared, and all were planted. The combined efforts of all MAI staff on the farm, lead to the accomplishment of another “impossible” goal. Staff put in many hours, with good attitudes and no complaining, in order to finish planting this season’s crops. Now all we can hope for is that the rains will continue to come so that the crops can flourish.

All of the crops are up and growing. The safflower crop is showing promise, and the green manure crops are growing well. However, there is a lot of disease in the wheat, mostly due to fungi and bacteria in the ground. Staff, local and US experts, are conducting the necessary research at this time to determine the cause of the problem.

Four silos are also being built on the farm. Taz Murphy and local Ethiopian staff have been working on their construction for several months. As of now, they are about 30% complete.





MAI Seed Certification

Evan Maxfield, Consultant

The Ethiopian government continues to work on the certification process of MAI seed. So far, Jefferson wheat and Buck Pronto wheat are the only varieties released for sale throughout the country. Some barley varieties may later be added to that list. To date, a small amount of Jefferson seed has also been sold. Evan is in the process of shipping over more seed samples from the US for testing, including two new bread wheat varieties, Briggs (from South Dakota S. University) and Glenn (from N. Dakota S.U.). Almost 200 other varieties of grains, trees, and fruit plants are also being tested by Ethiopian research centers.

June 2011

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MAI Facilities & Logistics

Mamayenesh Teshome



Reception area finalized.

complements MAI with a casual sophisticated environment.

The Special Operations Department continues to acquire the needed information and data on major expansions and projects, while the Transportation Department continues to supply transportation of goods and people to and from different places. The department staff have run the staff travel fleet with excellence.

Logistics Department Continues to Strive!

Staff in the MAI Logistics Department continue to perform their day-to-day duties and excel in the endeavor to bring the office to a competent level, with skilled man power and an efficient work environment. Accordingly, the main office has completed most of its internal work and has become both a professional environment as well as a welcoming nest for both employees and guests.

In addition, the renovation of the CMC guest house is finalized. And, in order to minimize the water shortage of both the guest house and the main office, water tanks have been upgraded to a higher capacity. But, the most important task of the Facility Department was to upgrade the office generator with a heavy duty silent one, in order to have a continuous power supply to accommodate both the office and the newly welcomed restaurant in the building. A French restaurant is located in the ground floor of the main office, and it



Newly opened French restaurant.



School Farm and Farmers Training Center

Mekonen Geteneh, Project Director

2.25 hectares of potatoes and 2 hectares of haricot beans were planted on the school farm near Kersa Illala during the spring season. In April, 0.5 hectares of potatoes were also planted on the FTC. There has been enough rain for good plant growth, and both crops are growing beautifully.



Visibility Corner

Quicklist

1. Create a passenger profile.
2. Always know when your Traveler's passport expires.
3. Keep your Traveler's profile updated.
4. Keep records of the names and addresses for all international offices.

Don't wait until the last minute...

Rotation Calendar

We have a working rotation calendar. Please inform Nohamit of your planned travel dates. If these dates change for any reason please keep her updated. We use this calendar for many things and it helps when it is current

Rotation Calendar - 2011/12												
Name	Jan-Feb	Feb-Mar	Mar-April	April-May	May-June	June-Jul	Jul-Aug	Aug-Sept	Sept-Oct	Oct-Nov	Nov-Dec	Dec-Jan
Paul												
Joe	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black
Wally	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black
Marty	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black
Kimball	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green
Dennis	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black
Anthony	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black
Perry	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green
Jason	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black
Nathan	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black
Lloyd	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green
Clair	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black
Max	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black
Mark	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black
Dexter	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black
Bracken	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green
Jim	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black
Trevor												
Alan	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black	Green	Black

	Come to ETHIOPIA
	Postponement
	Back to USA

In-and-Out Processing

In an effort to smooth out the details of moving in and out of Ethiopia, Nohamit and Menen have implemented a new In & Out Processing Procedure. It allows us to better serve employee needs.

- When we receive your Itinerary you will receive, by e-mail, a Processing form.
- Please fill out the form and return it.
- This information will be used to plan for your arrival and stay in Ethiopia.
- When you arrive please meet with Nohamit and/or Menen and they will:
 - Review the dates and details of immigration documents, rotation schedules, and master calendar inputs.
 - Arrange meetings with Shimelis for communication needs, Akawak for per diem, Alebachew for transportation, and Masresha for housing needs.
 - Ensure you have an MAI badge.