

FRANK -FARM ESTATE

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LOCATION:

The farm is located in Sembabule District its bordered by Mubende District to the north, Gomba District to the northeast, Bukomansimbi District to the east, Lwengo District to the south, Lyantonde District to the southwest, and Kiruhura District to the northwest. The town of Sembabule is approximately 48 kilometers, by road, northwest of Masaka, the largest town in the sub-region meanwhile the farm is located at Balita village, Lugo parish, Mawogola sub-county, Sembabule District.

3.0. Background

The common practice in Uganda is that when a parent dies, the business they founded also dies. If they were farmers, oftentimes the land is distributed among the children, and the story ends. But this was not the case for six siblings and their mother, who turned what their late father had started into a modern cattle farm. They named it Frank Family Estates, after the founder, Frank





Rutetebya. The estate is located in Uganda's cattle corridor in Lugushuru subcounty, Mawogola county, Sembabule district. It is one of the few family-run enterprises that has stood the test of time long after the founders departed. Sitting on a 4 square mile piece of land, the farm is jointly run by siblings and their mother, Jovia Rutetebya, as the managing director. The siblings, who are all graduates and directors, are Caleb Rutetebya, the director of international operations; Dr. Apollo Ataho director of operations; Joshua Akandwanaho the director of planning and development and Dr. Frank Banza, the director of breeding. The farm has four major breeds Holstein Friesians, Longhorned Ankole cattle and Boran-Brahman crosses. The Ankole breed unit is purposely kept to conserve the beautiful white-horned cattle for its unique features and to protect it from extinction. Each breed is grazed in its own paddocks and the cattle are kraaled at night. The family is composed of 6 six children who currently run and managed and the farm as board of directors however they do not live at the farm but their mother stays at the farm and at least every after two weeks the children come to the farm. It is a mixed livestock farm o with over 1,100 heads of cattle, 220 goats, a banana plantation on one and half acres, 23 acres of maize as feeds stuff for the animals and all this is being done on 4 square miles of land.

Acreage and size of farm

The farm is seated on 4 square miles of land

4.0. Activities and Enterprises of the farm

Activities include breeding of cattle and goats, milking dairy cows, planting of maize, spraying of the animals weekly, making of silage for the animals. The Farm also does direct Marketing of Milk and Processing especially cooling the milk.

5.0. Social Aspect (integration with the intern)

The farm is willing to host an intern who is willing and interested in the program with a positive attitude.

8.0 Facilities of the farm:

The farm has an accommodation a self-contained room with flashing toilet within the family house. Other facilities on the farm are: milking parlor/shade, 2 tractors with implements such as disc plough, planter, harrow, a single row harvester and boom sprayer. There is also a spray race for animals, a water tank of over 10,000 liters capacity which supplies the whole farm, and a family new building under construction.



9.0 Photo Gallery

















