Tips For Proper Managing of Dairy Cows
On Indonesian Smallholder Farms

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All dairy cows have one thing in common, their milk production and quality are directly related to the way they are looked after, and the way they are milked. Caring and gentle treatment directly affects a cow's well-being, improving its milk production and general health.

A. Housing for Dairy Cows

To ensure that the cows are in a proper environment resulting in higher milk production, the animals must be in proper shelters;

1. The cows must be in comfort with adequate light and ventilation
2. The cows must be under cover protected from strong winds, rain, high or low temperatures. The shed should have good air movement, i.e. open structure with rain proof roof
3. The shed must have a well drained floor for ease of cleaning. The floor should be kept dry and preferably made of concrete
4. The shed should be situated on a well drained and preferably elevated site, manure disposal should be done properly
5. Adequate supply of clean water is necessary
6. The shed must have clean and smooth surface feed troughs to prevent accumulation of feed waste