

Dairy Farming helped upliftment of livelihood... - A success story!



Mr. Madhav Gundure, a small scale farmer, holding only 0.2 hectares of land was running a general store at his village Sangavi, Dist. Nanded. The income from general store was inadequate for his livelihood. Later he had decided to rear buffalo and adopt the new business, Dairy Farming. Considering meager resources available and capital investment, initially he bought only two *Marathwadi* buffaloes and started business. Due to sell of quality milk, in a very short span of time the product got demand. To justify the demand, he planned to increase the number of buffaloes but the land was a constraint. With this problem, he has approached to KVK Sagroli, Dist. Nanded to get a technical advice. KVK advised him regarding loose housing system, Napier fodder crop, *Azola* unit, health precautions, etc. Madhav immediately followed the advice given by the KVK staff and bought 7 buffaloes. He then planted the Napier in 0.018 hectare of land as a fodder crop, in 0.01 hectare of land constructed low cost *Azola* production unit and in rest of the area loose housing system was adopted. Now he is getting approx. 30 liters of milk per day from the milking buffaloes. His efforts and frequent guidance from KVK ultimately helped to increases his standard of living.

