

Amina Dairy Farm, Kunnumpuram, Andoorkonam,
Thiruvananthapuram

Muhammed Salim, Katachakkonam House, Kunnumpuram, Andoorkonam, Thiruvananthapuram who owns a dairy farm gives a different picture of dairying. There are 65 cows, 2 buffaloes and 1 bull in his farm. Out of the 65 cows 19 cows are in pregnant stage and 2 are in dry stage. Daily milk production is about 600 litres of which 90 litres is sold as lone and 160 litres as local sales. The local sale value is Rs.48/litre and the price of milk at Dairy cooperative society is Rs.40/litre.

The farm is unique in the sense that Indian breeds Gir, Tharparker, and Vechore are found here. The milk of Gir is priced at Rs. 90/litre. He also has a fish farm which is not seen in other farms. The farm is so attractive to Keralites, as both milk and fish available from here. Milk and fish have equal importance in Kerala diet. For maintaining a scientific and profitable dairying, Muhammed Salim cultivates green fodder in his land of 3 acres. Hybrid Napier is the main fodder crop he cultivates there. The greenish beauty of the green fodder is an eye catching one. Beginners of dairy farming should visit Muhammed Salim's dairy farm, from which one will get so many novel ideas about dairy farm.

The whole family of Muhammed Salim give full support and help for fodder cultivation and farming activities, which leads to the success of this project. A number of people from different strata of society are visiting the farm regularly. It is a model dairy farm in Thiruvananthapuram district. He is a role model to the dairy farming community and could be imitated by others, who wish to step into the dairy sector. He has been awarded as the best dairy farmer several times. His wife also awarded many times as member of the dairy cooperative society.

