

PROJECT PROFILE

# SAFE AGRICULTURE AND FOOD EXPORT PROGRAM (SAFE)

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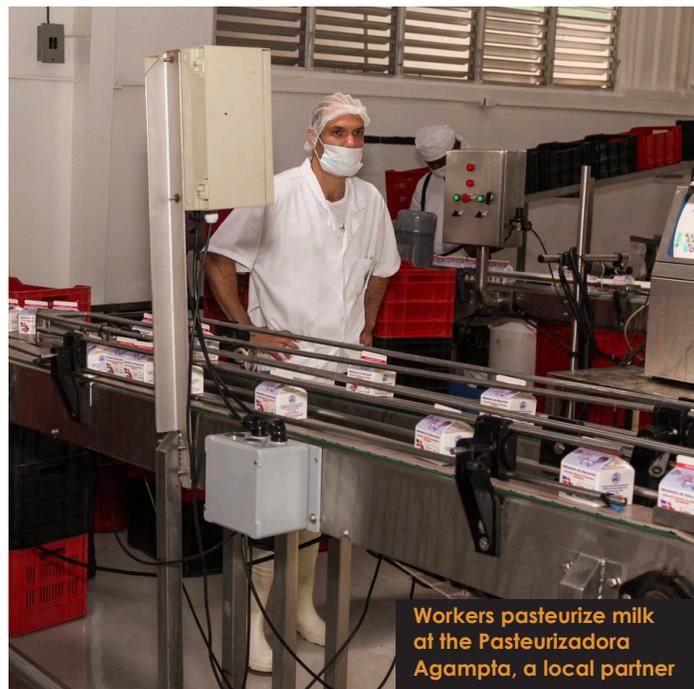
## TARGETS

INDIVIDUALS  
BENEFITTING: **66,000**

VALUE OF  
BEEF SALES: **\$553 MIL**

VALUE OF  
DAIRY SALES: **\$268 MIL**

VALUE OF BEEF  
EXPORTS TO U.S.: **\$3 MIL**



Workers pasteurize milk at the Pasteurizadora Agampita, a local partner

## SUMMARY

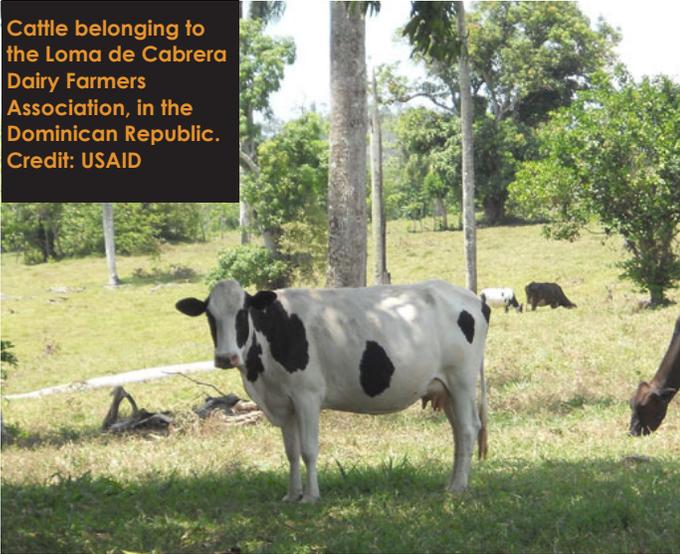
Currently in its start-up phase, NCBA CLUSA will, over the course of five years, increase the value chains in two sectors in the Dominican Republic: beef and dairy.

This project improves agricultural productivity by increasing the use of improved techniques and technologies; improving farm management; increasing the availability of inputs and use of financial services; strengthening the capacity of government institutions and key groups; and increasing the leverage of private sector resources.

Once agricultural productivity is improved, the project also aims to expand trade and export by adding value to post-production; increasing the adoptions of standards and certifications; increasing access to markets; building linkages between buyers and sellers; improving post-harvest infrastructure; increasing the use and efficiency of post-production processes; improving the policy and regulatory framework; and strengthening the capacity of key organizations in the trade sector.



Cattle belonging to the Loma de Cabrera Dairy Farmers Association, in the Dominican Republic. Credit: USAID



## IMPACT: BEEF VALUE CHAIN

Through extension agents and demonstration sites, NCBA CLUSA will train beef producers who supply beef to partner processing centers and milk collection centers. Quarterly trainings will be held at farm field schools to show demonstrations and impact on improved pasture seed and feed, artificial insemination, herd management, nutrition, and the use of veterinary pharmaceuticals.

Through exchange visits with U.S. beef producers, with our partner Texas A&M University, NCBA CLUSA will build the capacity to promote an improved policy and regulatory framework as well train on beef and dairy quality standards for export to the U.S.

## IMPACT: DAIRY VALUE CHAIN

NCBA CLUSA will work with public and private extension agents to provide trainings in improved production techniques.

For dairy, NCBA CLUSA will organize weekly trainings for 10-20 producers that supply partner milk centers, and arrange extension agents to provide training in pasture management, animal nutrition, herd management, and sanitary milking and milk handling practices.

NCBA CLUSA was founded in 1916 and has worked in over 85 countries building democratic institutions and providing technical assistance to cooperative businesses and local organizations. We currently work in Africa, Asia and Latin America providing expertise in co-op development, food security, youth empowerment, governance and natural resource management.

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