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**Quarterly Report  
For April 1999 – June 1999**

Dates of project:	June 30, 1997 - July 1, 2000
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## I. Project Summary

This project, entitled "Accelerating Economic Growth in the West Bank," is a \$1.7 million grant from USAID's Global Bureau. Its goal is to generate increased economic return to the rural sector of the West Bank through high impact, market-driven and community development assistance in the sheep and goat farm-to-market system. Land O'Lakes, Inc., in cooperation with American Near East Refugee Aid (ANERA) and Mid-East Peace Fleece, will work with the sheep and goat producers in the Ramallah, Jericho and Jerusalem Districts. The target group is the rural Palestinian family -- men, women, and children -- who rely on sheep and goat production and marketing for jobs and income.

The project strives to improve the overall profitability of sheep and goat production by increasing the quantity and quality of milk and meat, strengthening community organizations that will further stimulate the sector's economic growth, creating a policy environment conducive to investment and growth, and strengthening domestic marketing activities. By accomplishing this, the project fits in the mission strategy for FY 1996-2000 of "Expanded Economic Opportunities" and will contribute directly to the USAID-West Bank Mission's strategic objective (S.O. 1) as stated in the Congressional Presentation: "*Small and medium producers increase the sustainable and marketable production of goods and services.*"

The project has four main components:

- **Extension Program:** A staff of field agents target 1,000 sheep and goat producers directly and 1,000 indirectly in the target areas with basic production and management information that ultimately increase the marketability of their products.
- **Improved Genetics:** The project has purchased 50 genetically superior rams from Israel and has established a revolving ram fund at the Arabeh Station in Jenin. Palestinian farmers can purchase the superior rams and breed them with their existing flocks to increase productivity.
- **Cooperative and Community Development:** The project is seeking to work with existing farmer associations and cooperatives to support cooperative and community activities. These activities are anticipated to include self-sustaining services for members such as farm supply stores. As the cooperative and community structures are strengthened, additional, more advanced services will be explored.
- **Innovative Farms:** Small capital improvements will be made for farmers who have been identified as "early adopters" of new methods of production. These "innovative farms" serve as realistic models that other farmers in the area can imitate to produce similar improved production results.

## II. Implementation and Challenges Encountered

This report covers the period of April through June 1999. The Land O'Lakes staff spent a significant amount of time in technical training during the period. Training covered intensive courses in on-farm accounting, marketing, and training-of-trainers skills. Training was coordinated and provided by Birzeit University Continuing Education Department.

**Extension:** During this period, over 385 villages and 1624 farmers with over 308,155 sheep and goats were reached. Over 230 brochures on effective lamb management and the management calendar were distributed to farmers during field agent visits. The field agents focused their efforts on the main problems facing farmers during this period. Those topics included:

- effective lamb management
- proper feeding
- proper vaccination
- the need to introduce better breeds
- protection from external parasites and safe spraying methods
- avoiding environmental contaminants

The agents also began addressing the lack of record systems on the farms. Field agents educated farmers on the importance of record-keeping systems, how to calculate expenses and revenue of the herd. This is especially challenging for the Bedouins that the project reaches, as many are illiterate.

Farmers were affected by numerous challenges during the period. The weather continues to affect farmers, especially in the Jordan Valley. There was moderate weather, with no rain showers recorded. With the 1998/99 rainfall season at a close, the West Bank experienced one of its worst droughts since the 1960s. The season's total rainfall was just less than half of that received the year earlier and will have a significant negative impact on agricultural production. Most of the winter rain-fed crops were severely damaged, resulting in a strong increase in feed prices. A significant loss in pasture areas will exacerbate the problem, with sheep the most affected part of livestock due to the dependence on range land, especially in the eastern area. These factors have increased production costs by up to 70%. The Ministry is proposing several relief programs to assist farmers. If the programs are approved, Land O'Lakes will help project participants access the programs.

**Women's Component:** During this period, 980 farms and 136 villages were visited representing the production of approximately 90,458 sheep and goats. Training included visits to individual women in their village as well as three workshops where women were introduced to milk composition, nutritional value, and proper milk processing practices. A workshop in Fosh Beit Dajan addressed the spread of Malta Fever and how improved processing practices could help prevent spread of the disease. Malta Fever has been spreading in communities similar to Fosh Beit Dajan in recent years.

Processing training was focused on those products produced in specific communities and ranged from milk and cheese processing to dry yogurt, and butter manufacturing. It is interesting to note

that the workshops had high attendance rates, despite the fact that they were held in traditional Bedouin areas. The fact that women were permitted to attend reflects the trust that Land O'Lakes has built in the communities as well as the interest and seriousness of the participants.

**Improved Genetics:** A second round of rams were purchased and sold during the period. Fifty rams were purchased from the Kebuts Ein Haround and transported to the Arabeh Awassi Sheep Station in Jenin. The Land O'Lakes program is tracking matting results of the distributed rams and will report these results during the next period.

**Cooperative and Community Development:** Much of Land O'Lakes' work during the quarter was to stimulate action on behalf of the non-functional cooperatives. The staff continues to attend monthly meetings with the Ministry of Agriculture and five local Palestinian organizations who are active in the field of agriculture.

**Jericho Livestock Cooperative:** Land O'Lakes is jointly operating a mobile service unit in the Jericho area with this cooperative. A technical intervention is planned for July 1999 to produce a working business plan that will determine whether or not the venture can serve as an income stream for the cooperative on a long-term basis. Land O'Lakes continues to use the service unit for ultra sound early pregnancy testing and informational/extension services for area farmers. Response from cooperative managers on electing a new board has been weak.

**Sheep Breeder's Association – Nablus:** Land O'Lakes helped the Association sponsor an Annual Meeting for its members in April 1999. About 150 farmers and representatives attended the meeting from different districts which represent 900 members. The meeting was followed by another in Auja village where the Board met with 50 farmers representing villages in Fasayel and Auja (see Appendix). The outcomes of the meetings were tremendous. The group decided to lobby the PNA to prevent import of sheep, request government assistance to help farmers deal with the effects of the drought, and encourage improved vaccination programs that prevent smuggled vaccines.

**Rantiss Women's Association:** Rantiss is a village 30 km west of Ramallah with a population of 2000. A small group of women have started a marketing association to sell their wool handiwork. The group is also self-financing loans among themselves with encouragement from Land O'Lakes.

**Innovative Farms:** Three innovative farms are complete. Field agents are tracking progress of the farms as well as replication by others in the community. Plans for additional innovative farms have been tabled, as less than one year remains in the project. Funds will be used to track progress of existing farms.

### III. Cooperation with Partners and Other Implementers

ANERA: ANERA continues to informally advise Land O'Lakes on various cooperative and agriculturally related nuances in the West Bank. Land O'Lakes periodically attends ANERA's staff meetings for coordination purposes.

Peace Fleece: Peace Fleece continues to be an important collaborator on the project, giving input and advice during monthly team meetings.

UNDP: Meetings were held with UNDP to discuss the role of Land O'Lakes in the Brucellosis campaign. Land O'Lakes continues to include leaflets, developed by UNDP, for inclusion in our farmer extension program. The leaflets include topics such as how to handle aborted fetuses and are given to farmers during the Land O'Lakes field trips to the Arabe Sheep Station.

Palestinian Agricultural Relief Committee: Land O'Lakes and PARC meet periodically for technical and informational purposes.

CARE/MERC: MERC, operated by Tufts University, is conducting studies on neo-natal lamb mortality. Land O'Lakes shared a copy of their baseline survey questions and baseline survey results.

#### **IV. Changes to Project Plan**

Mobile Service Unit: The MSU continues to be in trial operation and will be evaluated in early July 1999 to determine whether or not the operation can be financially sustainable through the Jericho Livestock Cooperative.

Jericho Satellite Office: A satellite office will be established in Jericho to facilitate communication and travel of field agents during their visits to the field.

Base Line Survey Results: A copy of the base line survey results is attached as a separate report. The survey results will be reviewed and distributed to key people in the Ministry and be used by Land O'Lakes as a tool for project management purposes.

## V. Monitoring and Evaluation System

The monitoring and evaluation system was put into place in July 1998. The eight field agents have recruited 30 participants each, for a total representative sample of 240 farmers. Field agents collect and record monthly data concerning specific multiple variables. Ongoing analysis of these variables over time (during the life of the project) enhances Land O'Lakes' ability to measure change in *quantifiable* terms and in the context of achieving anticipated project results.

**Because of the seasonality of livestock production, results cannot be accurately analyzed until a full year has lapsed. Year Two, beginning with the third quarter 1999 report, will include a yearly comparison of results and an analysis of those results.**

General data reflect the following:

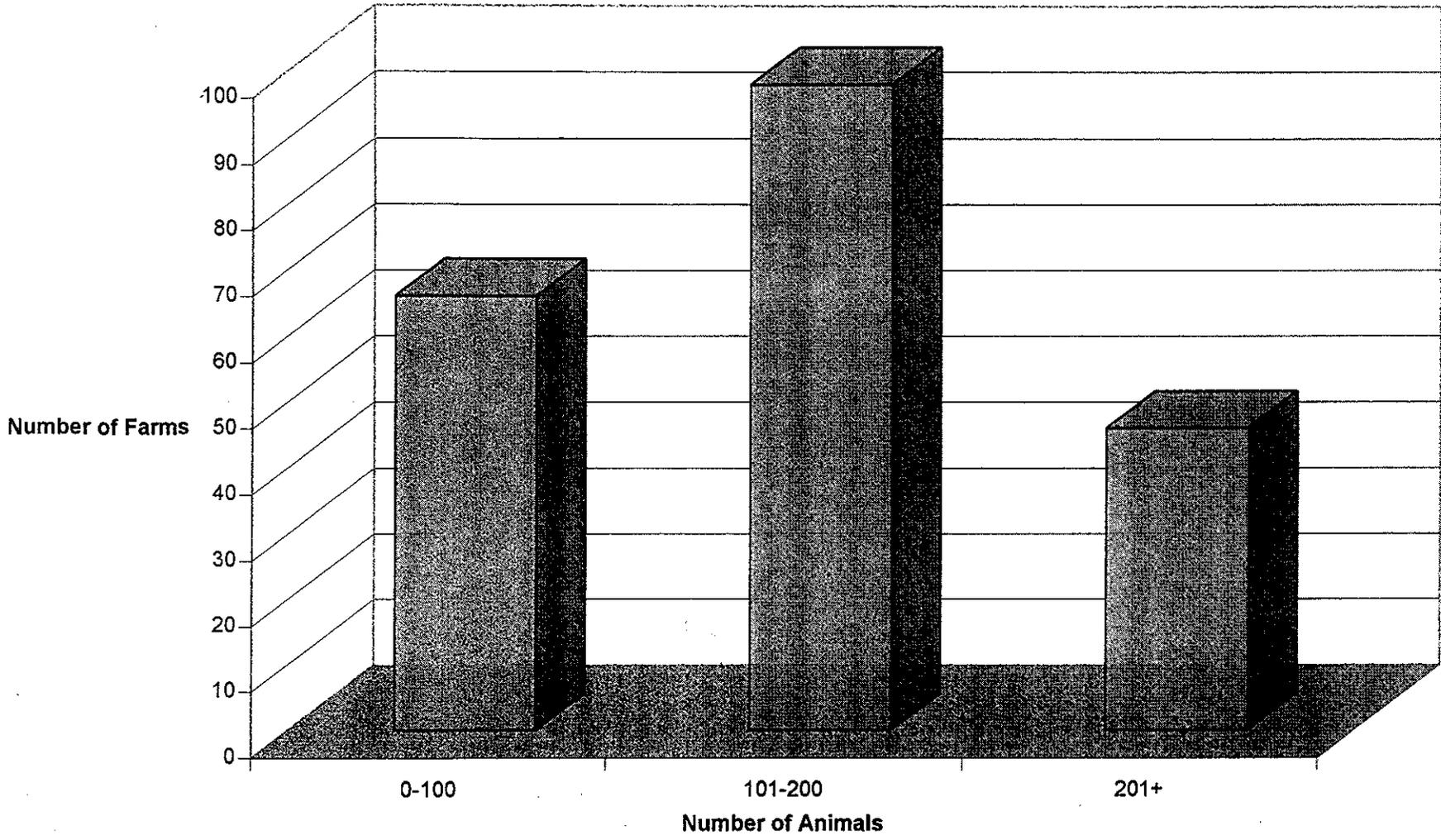
- Of the farms in the monitoring system, approximately 90% have between 100-200 animals, and approximately 62% have between 10-100 animals. The balance have 200 animals or more. This is rough representation of livestock in the West Bank.
- Average mortality rate decreased from 39% in July 1998 to 24% in June 1999. This represents a 24% reduction in mortality. Although animal mortality rate was very high during initial months of the project, mortality rate decreased significantly as live births peaked---making the greatest improvement during months 4-7 of the project. As you can see from the "live births v. mortality" chart, the mortality trendline decreased steadily over time.
- Milk yield improved 20% over the last 12 months.

Land O'Lakes, Inc.  
 Accelerating Rural Economic Growth in the West Bank  
 Multibaseline Time Series Analysis

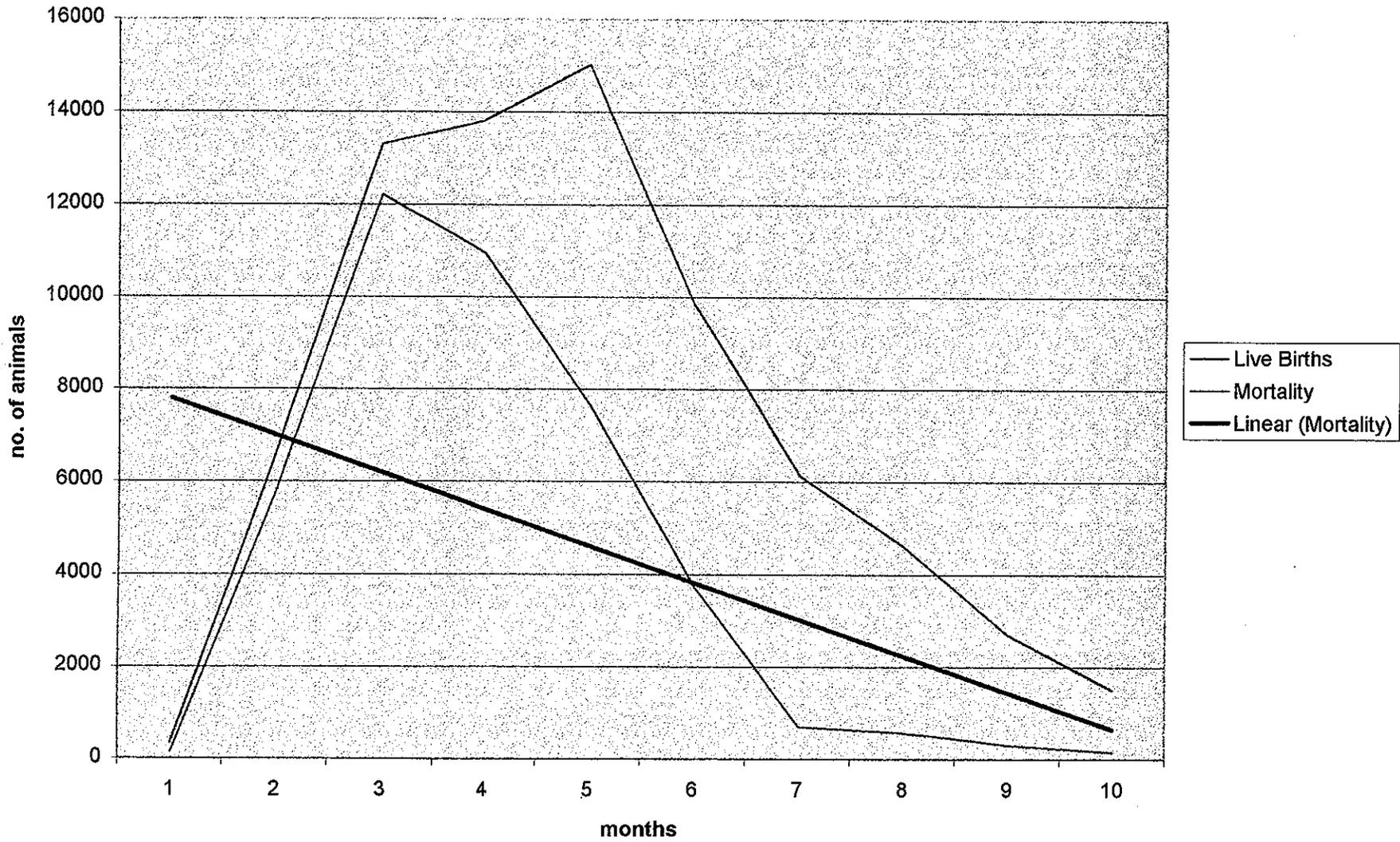
TOTAL COMPILATION

	SHEEP & GOATS											
	Meat Produced (kilos)	Live Births	Mortality	Spontaneous Abortion	Losses Due to Disease	Wool Produced (kilos)	Milk Produced (litres)	Milking Animals	Average Yield (litres)	Size of Herd		
										Sheep	Goats	Total
July, 1998	39009	332	130	47	202	736	68736	7080	10	7191	11558	18749
August	51631	6602	5798	104	171	1	40505	4375	9	5287	11208	16453
September	97491	13301	12203	132	131	0	9058	603	15	1672	11079	12712
October	50833	13811	10948	103	62	2	8495	840	10	1918	11450	13325
November	42693	15013	7644	166	115	0	24410	2177	11	3214	12302	15474
December	31631	9826	3727	172	131	8	83290	6628	13	8690	10650	19340
January	49238	6134	706	253	177	0	165200	11643	14	14680	10604	25284
February	89892	4606	577	133	86	0	207840	15064	14	15470	10598	26058
March	102037	2696	311	77	92	0	262390	18189	14	18419	10598	29017
April	133474	1495	157	23	109	11902	243370	19351	13	18073	9914	27987
May	133122	1172	99	30	62	14451	195165	15240	13	15548	10064	25612
June	63278	968	149	43	52	1546	136117	11087	12	11551	10156	21707

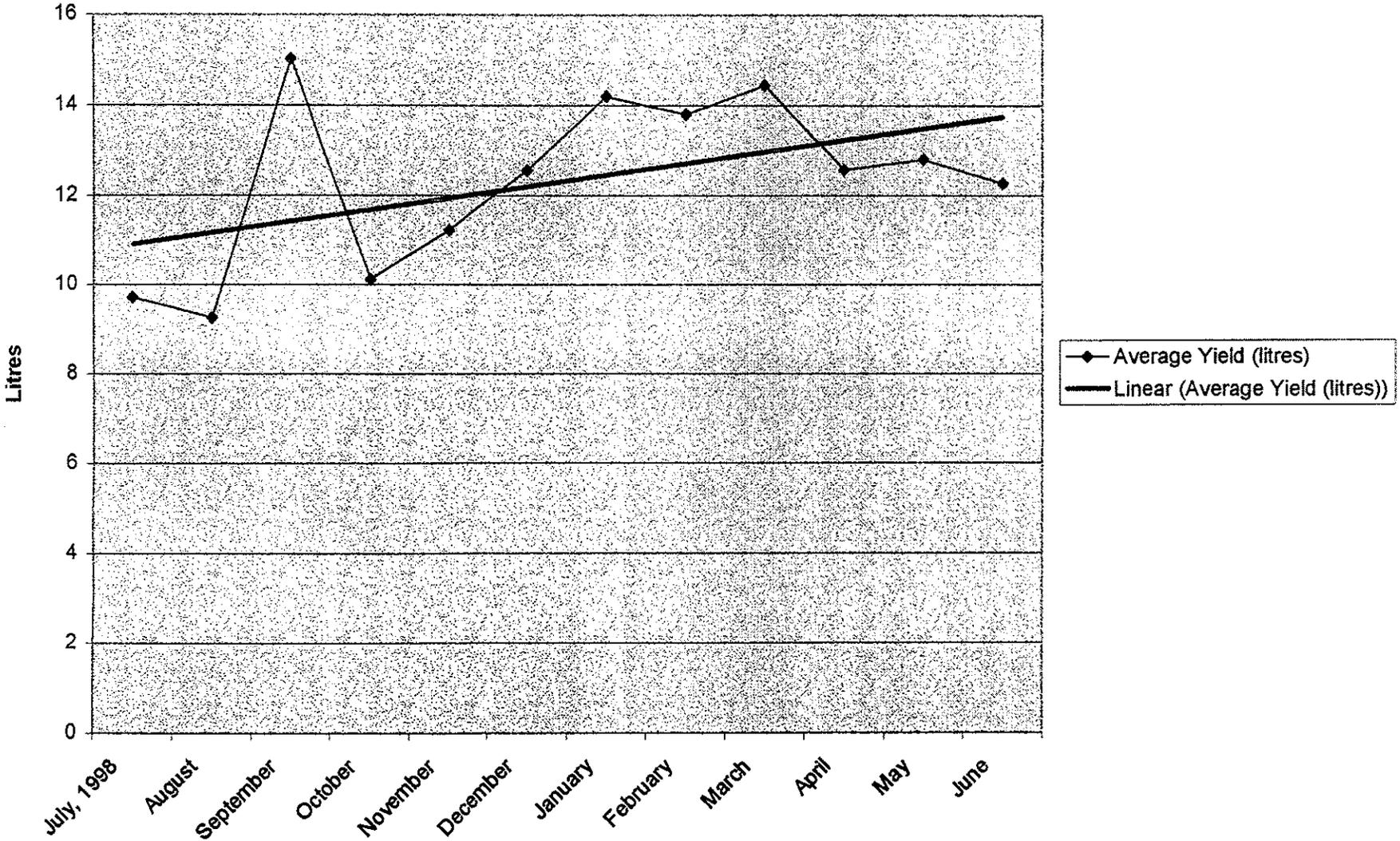
### Monitored Farms: Herd Size



### livebirths vs mortality



### Average Milk Yield



## VI. Plans for Next Quarter

**Extension:** Land O'Lakes will continue to provide extension assistance to farmers in the project. Assistance will focus on lamb and ram management as well as proper feeding practices.

**Women's Component:** Land O'Lakes will continue to target a group of women for training on proper feeding, milking and dairy processing. Training will also be provided in the area of wool processing in an effort to create a profitable use for the wool that will be inventoried after sheep sheering season. A small market study is being conducted to see if the wool product has a market in the tourist areas.

**Improved Genetics:** The ram program will be concluded and an assessment made as to how best to make the revolving program sustainable. Land O'Lakes will track matting results of rams sold to farmers.

**Cooperative and Community Development:** Land O'Lakes will continue to provide assistance to cooperatives that demonstrate they have a commitment to providing needed services to members in their areas. Special emphasis will be given to women's associations that generate income for their members.

**Innovative Farms:** Land O'Lakes will track existing innovative farms for their impact on the community.

Women's Workshop  
in Nweimeh Village  
On April 8, 1999

## Land O'Lakes - Palestine Workshop in Nweimeh Village on April 8<sup>th</sup> 1999

### Introduction

On April 8<sup>th</sup> 1999, LOL staff organized a workshop in Nweimeh village, Jericho district, 16 farmer women participated in this workshop in addition to 3 Field Agents from "LOL" & 1 Field Agent from Jericho Agricultural department Ministry of Agriculture also participated in this workshop.

### Workshop Program:-

10:00 - 10:30 : Arrival of Participants.

10:30 - 11:00 : Khaleda Khader from LOL gave a summary about milk and its products, and the nutrition value of the milk. Also she gave an idea about Brucellosis and the importance of the vaccine as a preventive medicine.

11:00-11:45 : Ahlam Alsader from MOA, gave the participants information about dairy processing (cheese, jamed and the hygienic practices in milk processing improve the quality of the production which increase the income of the farmer. All these factors make sheep and goats raising profitable job.

12:30 : Intessar Eshtayeh gave the women an idea about steps of processing but the difference here was that Intessar clarified the information by sketches in which shows the steps of the hygienic way of milk processing which made the extension more active, and the women preferred this new idea, also she encouraged the participants to work as groups and to activate the cooperative component in the farmers community. Working in sheep and goats raising in cooperative way help in solving problems facing the farmers, and she encouraged them to establish women cooperative in their village. Intessar also gave the women an idea about LOL wool project in Jericho area, which help in solving wool marketing problem.

12:30-13:00 : Break - soft drink and biscuits

13:00-13:30 : Discussion and distributing of LOL 99 calendar

Name of the women whom attended the workshop :-

No.	Woman name	Area	Sketch	No. of Animals
1.	Fatemah awath	Nweimeh	1	40
2.	Om teser	Nweimeh	1	30
3.	OM rashad	Nweimeh	1	25
4.	Khadra Awath	Nweimeh	1	25
5.	Heam Awath	Nweimeh	1	30
6.	Alham Awath	Nweimeh	1	35
7.	Seham Awath	Nweimeh	1	30
8.	Fatn Salem	Nweimeh	1	10
9.	Ysra Ali	Nweimeh	1	10
10.	Jamelh Awath	Nweimeh	1	15
11.	Hoda Sa'ad	Nweimeh	1	45
12.	Shfa Sbhy	Nweimeh	1	25
13.	Sakebh Dawod	Nweimeh	1	30
14.	Flha Awath	Nweimeh	1	30
15.	Shhera Zayd	Nweimeh	1	50
16.	Rweda Awath	Nweimeh	1	50

Sheep Breeders Association

Annual Meeting - Palestine

On April 15, 1999

**Sheep Breed Association Annual Meeting - Palestine**  
**Funded and Organized by Land O' Lakes**  
**15 April ,1999**

**Introduction:**

Sheep breed association / Nablus (SBA) established in late 1997, by a group of active and qualified farmers from the north of Palestine. This group whom are farmers suffering a lot from the absence of the real and honest cooperatives, so they decided to establish the Palestinian (SBA). The number of members in the (SBA) in the first meeting was a (120) farmer who joined after the first meeting as members. Now the number increase to about (1200) member. The main office of the (SBA) located in Nablus and they have elected branch committees in several districts in Palestine.

On 15 April 1999 the second annual meeting for SBA took place in Alfayroz hall in Nablus City, This meeting was sponsored by LOL as a first direct activity done by LOL towards the SBA, about 145 person attended this meeting. Those people are representative's farmers from different districts, others from Ministry of Agriculture, MOI, and NGO's in addition to LOL staff.

Several topics were discussed in this meeting such as: the administrative, financial, legal situation for SBA in addition to future election for anew board and the advanced 1999 annual plan.

A comprehensive discussion took place in the end of the meeting about many issues that concerning the farmers.

**Topics of the annual meeting:**

1. Discus the present situation of the SBA regard the official registration with the official dept. under the name of the Sheep Association of Palestine.
2. Budget and financial statement of the SBA and member who are carrying ID without covering the membership fee.
3. Calling for a General Assembly meeting to elect a new board.
4. Discussing the most important issues concerning and difficulties facing the farmers during the period which are:
  - A ) The dry season .
  - B ) Importing lambs from Australia and the role of MOA
  - C ) The relation of the SBA with the MOA .
  - D ) The high cost of feed and VAT issue .

Mr. Nidal Dweikat (LOL-LF"A") Nidal Dweikat- LOL welcoming the participants, briefed the meeting activities and introduced the speakers.

Mr. Abu Salah Joudeh the Chairman of SBA, Palestine, gave the participants a comprehensive report about all the activities of the association and he clarified the administrative and the financial situation, at the same time he introduced the participants a historical situation of the cooperatives during the last thirty years and the bad experience of the farmers with the cooperatives and how they try in the SBA to change the farmers idea about the coop and the cooperation and the role of the SBA to build the trust between farmers and the cooperatives and to create a new strategy for the SBA to organize farmers all over Palestine in order to help them and solve some of their problems these problems facing farmers since long time and no body found solution also he discussed the recently challenges facing the farmers as the negative affect of the dry season on the income at the farm and the national level.

Mr. Abu Salah focused on and encouraged the farmers to participate and play their role in the general election, which will be, arrange in 1999 summer. Thanks LOL for the efforts of the developing livestock sector and supporting the institutions and also for sponsoring this activity.

Mr. Azmi Khawaja - General Director MOA - Liaison Officer

Mr. Khawaja mentioned the role of the MoA in supporting and developing the livestock sector because of the importance of this sector in the national economy which reaches 45% of the agricultural income (agricultural income equal 35% of the national income).

Dr. Wahib Tarazi - Land O'Lakes Project Manager

Dr. Wahib explained to the farmers the concern of LOL in supporting build institution for the livestock community as part of the program strategy in community development. Wahib represents the farmers and focused on the importance of joining the Breed Association and become members that will guarantee their rights to practice democracy and fight for protecting their benefits towards livestock field, in the same time he expressed the commitment of Land O'Lakes in supporting technical assistant to the SBA, in both administrative and technical issues, through their team who are active in the field and through any need other support from Land O'Lakes, HQ consultants in future, or the Israeli sheep association expertise.

Mr. Ahmed Abu Arah - SBA Board Member

Mr. Abu Arah mentioned the importance of sheep and goats in the Palestine Community, and how many families working in this important sector, also he evaluated the importance and the big role of the SBA in helping and protecting the farmers. Mr. Abu Arah encouraged the farmers to attend involve in the SBA and to be more active in the Agriculture community.

Open General Discussion

- On the open discussion the farmers raised several issues and concerns especially towards the dry season and the possibility of requiring any support for the feeding cost especially barley.
- The negative aspect from importing sheep from Australia and the damage which it is caused for marketing their lambs in the local market.
- The possibility and condition required to join the SBA.

Recommendation

1. Discuss with the Minister of Agriculture the importing of sheep to Palestine.
2. Support program to the farmer as a result of ht effect of the dry season and coverage of the feed programs by the Ministry of Agriculture.
3. Late July or August as a final date to propose for election of a new board.
4. Improve and encourage the animal vaccination program and discuss with the MoA the smuggling of vaccines from Jordan

## The Meeting Schedule:

0930 – 1000	Welcome and Registration.
1000 - 1010	Nidal Dweikat introduced the speakers
1010 - 1100	Mr. Abu Salah Joudeh Chairman of Sheep Breed Association
1100 - 1115	Mr. Azmi Khawaja - General Director MOA Liaison Officer
1115 - 1130	Dr. Wahib Tarazi - Land O'Lakes Project Manager
1130 - 1200	Mr. Ahmed Abu Arah - SBA Board Member
1200 - 1330	Open general discussion and recommendation
1330 - 1430	Lunch

**PARTICIPANTS NAMES IN THE ANNUAL MEETING**

No.	Name	District	Village	Job
1.	Dr. Jamal Abu Omar	Tulkarem	Borqa	An-Najah National University
2	Naji Raja Salahat	Bethlehem	Ebedeyeh	Farmer
3	Mohamed Amen Saleh	Qalqelyeh	Kufor Hares	SBA Board member
4	Khaled A. Mashaki	Nablus	Yased	Farmer
5	Helmi Sulaiman Mansour	Nablus	Beit Foreq	Farmer
6	Faraj Mosa Ayash	Nablus	Rafat	Farmer
7	Hussein Zaydan	Nablus	Rafat	Farmer
8	Qasem Ali	Nablus	Rafat	Farmer
9	Abid A. Daragmeh	Tubas	Tubas	Farmer
10	Misbah N. Abu Karsh	Hebron	Frosh	Farmer
11	Hamdan Asmar	Tubas	Tubas	Farmer
12	Rebhi R. Abu Karsh	Hebron	Frosh	Farmer
13	Ahmed Hassan Ali	Tubas	Tubas	Farmer
14	Ya'kob Abid Abulekbash	Hebron	Frosh	Farmer
15	Mohamed Sh. Abu Awad	Hebron	Frosh	Farmer
16	Zahed M. Abu Karsh	Hebron	Frosh	Farmer
17	Ismael Ibrahim	Hebron	Yata	Farmer
18	Ibrahim Kh. Hawamdeh	Hebron	Samoa'	Farmer
19	Khaleel M. Aladarah	Nablus	Frosh	Farmer
20	Abidul Kareem Abidulah	Hebron	Frosh	Farmer
21	Yusef Ali Abu Sarhan	Bethlehem	Ebedeyeh	Farmer
22	Naji M. Abu Bsharah	Tubas	Tubas	Farmer
23	Jawdat Aqel	Jenin	Fandaqomeyeh	Farmer
24	Kheir Allah Tawfeq	Nablus	Tammon	Farmer
25	Husni Mohamed Hussein	Nablus	Beit Forek	Farmer
26	Ehab Yusef	Nablus	Beit Forek	Farmer
27	Daher M. Rawajbeh	Jenin	D. Abu De'ef	Farmer
28	Jamal Hassan Dweikat	Nablus	Rojeeb	Farmer
29	Sami Shqeer	Salfeet	Alzawyeh	Farmer
30	Mostafa Nawass	Nablus	Raffat	Farmer
31	Sameer Masod	Nablus	Nablus	Quality Control Dep.
32	Fakhri Kh. Abu Arah	Jenin	Aqaba	Farmer
33	Nabeel A. Jodeh	Nablus	Iraq Attayeh	Farmer
34	Fayez m. Essa	Nablus	Nasareyeh	Farmer
35	Yusef Hamed Msalam	Nablus	Nasareyeh	Farmer
36	Wasef Hanani	Nablus	Beit Forek	Farmer
37	Awad Hanani	Nablus	Beit Forek	Farmer
38	Ibrahim Hanani	Nablus	Beit Forek	Farmer
39	Fares Al Jabi	Nablus	Nablus	Agricultural Dep. Nablus – Director
40	Mohamed Marmash	Nablus	Nablus	Livestock Extension Director – Nablus
41	Fares AL Fares	Nablus	Nablus	Agricultural Dep. – Nablus
42	Wasef Ibrahim	Nablus	Aqraba	Farmer
43	Wasef Naser	Nablus	Aqraba	Farmer
44	Bajas Aqel	Nablus	Aqraba	Farmer

45	Abid Tawfeeq	Tubas	Tubas	Farmer
46	Kayed S. Daragmeh	Tubas	Tubas	Farmer
47	Zohdi Dweikat	Nablus	Rojeeb	Farmer
48	Sodqi Sawaftah	Tubas	Tubas	SBA Board Member
49	Mohamad M. Othman	Nablus	Beit Forek	Farmer
50	Mohamed Abidul Kareem	Nablus	Beit Forek	Farmer
51	Dorar Tawfeq	Nablus	Beit Forek	Farmer
52	Mohamad Salman	Jericho	Jeftlik	Farmer
53	Za'em Mahmod	Nablus	Nasareyeh	Farmer
54	Majdi Odeh	Nablus	Nablus	Agricultural Dep. Nablus
55	Ahmad Nemer Abu Ara	Jenin	Aqaba	SBA Board Member
56	Ibrahem I. Abu Lekbash	Jericho	Frosh	Farmer
57	Taher Bakeer	Nablus	Nablus	Agricultural Engineer
58	Fawzan Ahmed Asa'd	Nablus	Beit Forek	Farmer
59	Atef Hussein Ahmed	Nablus	Beit Forek	Farmer
60	Hassan Dawod Masod	Nablus	Beit Forek	Farmer
61	Jodeh Adel	Nablus	Irak Attayeh	Farmer
62	Ayman Khaled	Nablus	Irak Boren	Farmer
63	Mohanad Kados	Nablus	Irak Boren	Farmer
64	Omar Mana'	Nablus	Beit Forek	Farmer
65	Bassem Abdelazez	Salfet	Farkha	Farmer
66	Mohamad N'erat	Jenin	Methalon	SBA board member
67	Fou'ad Hossain	Nablus	Beit Emren	Farmer
68	Faleh Mohamad	Jericho	Bardala	Farmer
69	Abu Tarek	Nablus	Nablus	Customs Section – Director
70	Dr. Mo'away AL-Masri	Nablus	Nablus	Palestinian Legislative council
71	Dr. Abdelrahem Hanbali	Nablus	Nablus	Vet. Dep. Services – Nablus , Director
72	Khaldon Abu Salheyeh	Nablus	Nablus	Farmer
73	Mazen Aldonbok	Nablus	Nablus	Farmer
74	Mohamad Jodeh	Nablus	Nablus	Farmer
75	Abidulatef Hanani	Nablus	Beit Forek	Farmer
76	Majdi M. Mohamad	Nablus	Beit Forek	Farmer
77	Tahsen Hussein othman	Salfet	Salfet	Farmer
78	Jameel Hassan	Salfet	Salfet	Farmer
79	Afeef Kh. Abidul Raheem	Nablus	Beita	Farmer
80	Farhan Jodeh	Nablus	Iraq Attayeh	Farmer
81	Belal Bana	Nablus	Nablus	Press
82	Khaleel Abu Arab	Nablus	Nablus	Press
83	Yusef Sa'ed	Nablus	Nablus	Press
84	Omar Hanbali	Nablus	Nablus	Dana Vet. Medecine Factory
85	Dr. Fathallah Khraim	Nablus	Nablus	Private Vet.
86	Mohamad Kamel Hussein	Nablus	Yassed	Farmer
87	Azmi Al Khawaja	Ramallah	Ramallah	Palestinian MoA Consultant
88	Mohamad Mlahat	Ramallah	Ramallah	Bedouins Dep. – MoA , Director
89	Broce Harcock	Australia	Ramallah	MoA Consultant
90	Mahmod Salman	Nablus	Rojeeb	Farmer
91	Jawdat Mahmod	Nablus	Rojeeb	Farmer
92	Mostafa Al Aref	Nablus	Iraq Boreen	Farmer
93	Mahmod Abu Lekbash	Jericho	Frosh	Farmer
94	Ghassan Hanani	Nablus	Nablus	Agri. Eng. SBA
95	Salah Jodeh	Nablus	Nablus	Farmer

96	Ahmed Abed	Jenin	Kufur Dan	Farmer
97	Bassam L. Daher	Nablus	Yassed	SBA Board Member
98	Ahmad Jodeh ( Abu Salah	Nablus	Irak Tayeh	SBA Chairman
99	Youssef Shahan	Nablus	Nablus	Nablus Municipality Committee / Member
100	Dr. Azam Halaweh	Nablus	Nablus	Nablus Municipality / Health Dept.
101	Atef Daher	Nablus	Yassed	Farmer
102	M. Sayel Samara	Nablus	Beit Emren	Farmer
103	Abdelatef Ishtayeh	Nablus	Nassaryeh	Farmer
104	Fared Faiah	Nablus	Askar	Farmer
105	Saleh Abu Amer	Tubas	Tubas	Farmer
106	Ali AL Zohdy	Tubas	Tubas	Farmer
107	Adnan Sa'ed	Tubas	Tubas	Farmer
108	Mostafa Yossef	Tubas	Tubas	Farmer
109	Yousef Aydi	Tubas	Tubas	Farmer
110	Hamad Awad	Hebron	Yatta	Farmer
111	Mahmod Zbedat	Jericho	Zbedat	Farmer
112	Mahmod Jermy	Jericho	Zbedat	Farmer
113	Fadel D'aes	Jericho	Jeftlik	Farmer
114	Jaber D'eaes	Jericho	Jeftlik	Farmer
115	Mohamad Hamdan	Jericho	Jeftlik	Farmer
116	Ibrahem Hamdan	Jericho	Jeftlik	Farmer
117	Bashar Bsharat	Jericho	Jeftlik	Farmer
118	Khalel Shaf'e	Tulkarm	Thenabeh	Farmer
119	Ali Shaf'e	Tulkarm	Thenabeh	Farmer
120	Faz' Saf'e	Tulkarm	Thenabeh	Farmer
121	Ra'ed Shaf'e	Tulkarm	Thenabeh	Farmer
122	Eed Shaf'e	Tulkarm	Thenabeh	Farmer
123	Mazen Samarah	Tulkarm	Ramen	Farmer
124	Fared Alatrash	Tulkarm	Thenabeh	Farmer
125	Gassan Yossef	Tulkarm	Anabta	Farmer
126	Amer Hatab	Tulkarm	Anabta	Farmer
127	Jehad Karshan	Tulkarm	Bal'a	Farmer
128	Hamdan Mathol	Tulkarm	Bal'a	Farmer
129	Najeh Abu Ras	Tulkarm	Bal'a	Farmer
130	Dr. Wahib Tarazi	Ramallah	Ramallah	Land O'Lakes
131	Salah Abu Eisheh	Ramallah	Nablus	Land O'Lakes
132	Nidal Dweikat	Ramallah	Nablus	Land O'Lakes
133	Esmail Al-Taher	Ramallah	Ramallah	Land O'Lakes
134	Qossay Abu Dawwas	Ramallah	Tubas	Land O'Lakes
135	As'ad Abu Saleh	Ramallah	Nablus	Land O'Lakes
136	Nehro Amer	Ramallah	Nablus	Land O'Lakes
137	Mohammad Al-Sous	Ramallah	Tulkarem	Land O'Lakes
138	Salah Al-Lahham	Ramallah	Bethlehem	Land O'Lakes
139	Sahar Ereinat	Ramallah	Jericho	Land O'Lakes
140	Khaleda Khader	Ramallah	Jenin	Land O'Lakes

First Meeting between  
Sheep Breeders Association  
And Farmers from Jericho Area

On April 28, 1999

## **LAND O' LAKES PALESTINE RAMALLAH**

### **The first meeting between SBA and the farmers from Jericho area with the cooperation of LOL and Auja village Council.**

Date. April-28-1999

Jericho Area: Auja Village

Organized by: Group A Staff.

#### **Introduction:**

In Jericho Area (Oja village) LOL staff organized the first meeting between sheep bread association and representatives of livestock farmers from Jericho area. About 50 farmers participated in this workshop.

The first aim was to introduce the SBA to the farmers in Jericho and to show them how the SBA helps the farmers in defending their rights, accordingly to encourage the farmers to be a member of the association.

#### **The workshop program.**

**The Chairman of Auja Council:** Abu Ibrahim welcomed with the participants and thanked LOL on their efforts and lending a hand to the farmers.

**Director of LOL:** Dr. Wahib Tarazi explained to the participants the effects of LOL by supporting and building institution for the livestock community. Dr Wahib explained the importance of such association to the farmers and he encouraged them to be a member in this association.

**The Chairman of SBA, Palestine:** Abu Salah Joudeh introduced to the farmers a comprehensive report about the activities of the association, he clarified the importance of the association to the farmers and how it will help the farmers and support them. In addition, Abu Joudeh explained to the farmers the problems and the challenges that faced the association in the beginning of establishment.

**Mr . Ahmad Abu Arah. SBA. Board Member.** Abu Arah spoke about the procedures of how to be a member in the association.

**Open Discussion:**

- The farmers are suffering from dry season and they asked to help them by supporting them with barley and water tanks.
- At the end of the meeting, the farmers asked for opening branch office for SBA in Al Auja Village Jericho area.
- The farmers asked the SBA to work hardly to cancel the 17% tax of barley.

**Recommendation**

- The participants agreed to be a member in SBA, for this reason they elected (7) farmers to follow up the work and registration.

**Farmers list.**

NO.	Farmer Name	Area
1.	Mosa Abd Sradeeh	Oja
1.	Mohannad Ateyiat	Oja
1.	Abu Hatem Arainat	Oja
1.	Mohammad khaleel Abu Alfa	Oja
1.	Amein Zawahreh	Oja
1.	Ebraheem Khamees	Ain Al Soltan
1.	Mohammad Swaidat	Oja
1.	Khaled Swaidat	Oja
1.	Khaled Khaleel Abu Ghannam	Oja
1.	Ghaleb Al ngom	Oja
1.	Solaiman Hasan	Oja
1.	Abu Salah	Oja
1.	Helmy Solaiman	Oja
1.	Abu Ebraheem	Fasayil
1.	Zeyab Alngom	Oja

1.	Ahmad Salem Ghwanmeh	Oja
1.	Ebraheem Zwahreh	Oja
1.	Naser Al Ngom	Oja
1.	Abu Adel	Fasayil
1.	Khalaf Abu Garhood	Oja
1.	Abu Zaa'l	Fasayil
1.	Abu Azyz	Fasayil
1.	Abu Omer	Fasayil
1.	Abu Hosain Rashaideh	Alduke
1.	Abu HosainTraif	Alduke
1.	Oqab Abu Kharbeesh	Alduke
1.	Salameh Abu Kharbeesh	Alduke
1.	Esmaeil Abu Khrbeesh	Alduke
1.	Abu Naser Nawawreh	Oja
1.	Abu Jameel Nawawreh	Oja
1.	Abu Ali Taa'mreh	Fasayil
1.	Abu omer Taa'mreh	Fasayil
1.	Ali Traif	Alduke
1.	Ahmad Salah Abu Aref	Oja
1.	Moparak Abu Al Abed	Oja
1.	Salem Swairkeh	Fasayil
1.	Salameh Taa'mreh	Oja
1.	Salah Abd Al Rahman	Oja
1.	Rady Abd Allah	Oja
1.	Daoo'd Solaiman	Fasayil
1.	Abu Khader Nagadeh	Oja
1.	Abd Hameed Nagadeh	Oja
1.	Awwad Ahmad Abu Awwad	Oja
1.	Ayyad Jaber	Oja
1.	Ahmad Abu Arah	Tubas