

Who is Kenya Livestock Breeders organization (KLBO)?

The KLBO is a farmer's body formed under the auspices of the Agricultural Society of Kenya with a specialized function of promoting and coordinating livestock breeding in Kenya.

Kenya Stud Book (KSB)

This is the livestock registration center with a major objective of recording and maintaining accurate and authentic ancestral and identification information of animals with due regard to dates of birth and extended pedigree details.

Functions of the Kenya Stud Book are: -

- Setting up livestock registration rules in liaison with the breed societies:- Breeds standards of excellence as secretaries to numerous breed societies.
- Registration and issuance of certificates for both Grade and pedigree stock.
- Promotion of proper animal identification.
- Effecting livestock transfers and issuance of export certificates.
- Running the Up-grading scheme.

The Up-Grading Scheme in Dairy animals.

Foundation Class

Refers to a Cow typical of a particular breed by inspection and clearly identifiable but with very scanty details on its ancestry or none at all.

Intermediate Class

This is a female progeny of a Foundation animal sired by a registered pedigree sire with proof of service.

Appendix Class

A female progeny of an intermediate animal that is officially milk recorded. This is automatic with proof of service with a pedigree-registered sire.

Pedigree Class

A progeny of an appendix or pedigree cow that is officially milk recorded sired by a registered pedigree sire with proof of service and conforming to all laid down breed standards.

Procedure for Livestock Registration

- Interested individuals or enterprises fill in the Kenya Stud Book joining form-giving details on their breed of livestock kept, contacts, physical locality, and they also apply for a herd prefix (the name by which the pedigree herd is known by).
- On approval of the herd prefix, specific letters are issued to the prospective breeder together with the livestock registration forms.
- The breeder fills in application for livestock registration form for each animal to be registered and liaises with the Kenya Stud Book or the breed Society on inspection of the stock.
- He then forwards the duly filled application for livestock registration form to KSB for issuance of registration certificate.
- A minimal fee is paid for each animal registered depending on the class, breed and sex.

Dairy Recording Service of Kenya (DRSK)

This is the country's Milk recording center. Here Systematic measurement and recording of daily milk yields of dairy stock plus the systematic sampling of the milk for quality analysis all of which is summarized in form of reports at the end of a lactation period.

Functions of the Dairy Recording Service of Kenya (DRSK) include:-

- To collect and collate lactation data from registered farms.
- To prepare lactation certificates for registered herds.
- To process herd average reports.
- To maintain and avail relevant production data to the Bull Purchasing Committee for purposes of the Contract mating scheme.

- To avail relevant data to the Livestock Recording Center for the purposes of progeny testing (evaluation of genetic merit of Artificial Insemination bulls) and recruitment of dams for contract mating.
- To offer advice on good livestock husbandry through extension service.

Procedure for Milk Recording

- Fill in DRSK joining form.
- Fill in the individual cow entry form for each lactating cow where the farmers give the cow's identification, ancestry records of the animal, parity (calving number) and date of calving.
- The form is then submitted to the DRSK office.

The farmer also submits milk yield details for each cow on:

- The 5th day after calving.
- The 14th day p.m. and 15th day a.m. of every month including all details of events happening within the month in the monthly milk sheet.
- The dry date and the last day milk yield.

In addition to milk recording the farmer undertakes butterfat testing. At least 4 times in a lactation. The tests should be well spread out at intervals of at least 2 months.

The Butterfat test service is offered free of charge the Ministry of livestock Production through the six Butterfat test laboratories. The butterfat laboratories are in Mtwapa, Kabete, Karatina, Nakuru, Kitale and Maseno.

Reports/ Lactation Certificates

A certificate is issued at the end of the lactation, while herd average and lifetime production certificates are issued on request. The certificate as a report shows the days the animal has been on milk, calving interval, quantity of milk produced, and butterfat content in kg and %.

Advantages of Livestock Registration and Milk Recording

At the farm:

- i. At the farm milk record reports guide the farmers on monitoring the performance of the farm managers.
- ii. They form the base in making management decisions e.g. - selection, culling, claims, feeding, breeding.
- iii. Value addition-registered and recorded stock fetch better price compared to unregistered ones.
- iv. Consistency in breeding and milk recording guarantees ownership of pedigree without necessarily spending a fortune.
- v. Chance to benefit from the contract mating and progeny testing schemes.
- vi. Marketing opportunities- through entry to the Kenya Stud Book Volume, Exhibitions during the Agricultural Society of Kenya Shows, Kenya stud Book office and Bulls at the Central Artificial Insemination Station.

Nationally:

- i. Important for national Dairy Cattle Breeding Program
- ii. Important as resource materials for research by Research Institutions, Universities and for national planning purposes.
- iii. For the national livestock breeding program. Efficiency leads to increased production and hence improvement in national food security.

Cost of Livestock registration and recording

To register and Milk record livestock, farmers have to pay a minimal fee that varies depending on the various categories of registration. Other charges include; A fee for producing a lactation certificate and any other production or performance reports requested by the farmer. A fee charged for transfer of livestock whether local or export.

A detailed price list can be found on our website

Registration Charges for Dairy Cattle Breeds

Grade/Class	Cost
Pool (Cross breed) cow	Ksh. 200
Foundation cow	Ksh. 250
Intermediate cow	Ksh. 300
Appendix cow	Ksh. 350
Pedigree cow	Ksh. 400
Dairy Bulls only Pedigree	Ksh. 1000

NB: The charges are met once in the lifetime of an animal.

Milk recording Charges

Details	Cost
Cow Entry (once in lifetime)	Ksh. 100
Lactation Certificate/Report (end of lactation)	Ksh. 500
Herd average report (on farmers request)	Ksh. 500

Payment Options

Deposit the amount to our bank account and send us the original copy of bank slip.

Account Name: **Kenya Stud Book**
 Account Number: **027 6077759**
 Bank: **Barclays Bank**
 Branch: **Nakuru East Branch**

Or to our **M-PESA PAYBILL** Account: **998 200**

Kenya Stud Book Dairy Recording Service of Kenya



Vision

'to be the best livestock registration and recording center and bring livestock and recording attain international standards of excellence.'

Mission

'to improve livestock breeding through effective and efficient livestock registration and recording and help farmers, institutions and entrepreneurs reach an international market with our expertise in recording and registration.'