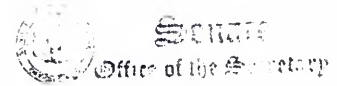


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EXPLANATORY NOTE

One of the important components of the agriculture sector in the country is the livestock industry. It significantly contributes to the economy in terms of income and employment, among others. As quoted in the paper, "Perspectives of the livestock sector in the Philippines: A review" published in 2021, the Philippine Statistics Authority recorded that "animal production provides livelihood to more or less 2.2 million households in 2015, either as sole livelihood or as part of a more extensive farming system and ranked highest among the various sectors in terms of total employment in 2016. In 2019, the Philippine livestock sector's gross output value was 328.1 billion pesos."¹

The Philippine government commissioned a six-month study regarding the competitiveness of the country's livestock sector. The study benchmarked the competitiveness of the country's livestock, poultry, and dairy industries against the

¹ (PDF) [Perspectives of the livestock sector in the Philippines: A review \(researchgate.net\)](https://www.researchgate.net/publication/350111111)

neighboring Southeast Asian countries, and looked into strategic means to improve domestic production and bring down meat prices.² This measure is the product of the said study.

The "*Philippine Livestock Industry Development Act of 2022*" seeks to promote the livestock industry through an enabling environment, establishment of more responsive government policies and support programs, and tightening of regulatory functions on food safety and quality standards on livestock produce and processed products, to ultimately achieve self-sufficiency in food and livestock commodities.

This legislative proposal is consistent with the call of the National Economic and Development Authority (NEDA) to pursue holistic livestock industry development to help keep prices stable. It is supported by the Department of Agriculture (DA) to allow the livestock industry regain its positive stance in contributing to the growth of the entire agriculture sector.

This measure was filed by Senator Cynthia Villar in the previous Congresses.

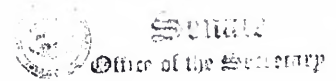
In this light, the immediate passage of this bill is highly recommended.



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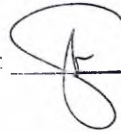
² [DA backs Senate's proposed bills to boost Phl livestock industry | Official Portal of the Department of Agriculture](#)

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Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Philippines in Congress assembled:

1 Section 1. *Short Title.* - This Act shall be known as the "*Philippine Livestock*
2 *Industry Development Act of 2022*".

3 Sec. 2. *Declaration of Policy.* - It is hereby the declared policy of the State to
4 promote the development and competitiveness of the livestock industry, particularly
5 the small-hold farmers and backyard raisers, in order to increase the supply of meat,
6 poultry, dairy, eggs and other livestock products, improve the domestic supply of
7 breeders as well as feeds and forage, promote food safety and quality standards of
8 livestock products, and attain greater self-sufficiency in food and livestock
9 commodities. It is likewise the policy of the State to increase the income of farmers
10 and farm workers and to alleviate rural poverty through improved productivity and
11 competitiveness, product diversification, job generation, enhanced production
12 efficiency and protection of the livestock industry from pests and diseases.

13 Towards this end, the State shall nurture an enabling environment, establish
14 more responsive government policies and support programs, tighten the regulatory
15 functions on food safety and quality standards on livestock produce and processed

1 products, and give prime focus to the development of the livestock industry in the
2 country.

3 The State recognizes the vital role of the private sector as partners in the
4 various facets of the livestock industry and shall provide incentives and the needed
5 support to encourage these activities and promote livestock farmers organizations.

6 *Sec. 3. Definition of Terms.* – As used in this Act, the following terms and
7 phrases shall mean as follows:

8 a) *Department* shall refer to the Department of Agriculture (DA);

9 b) *Livestock* refers to any domestic or domesticated animal that is grown,
10 kept or raised in captivity for food or in the production of food or other by-
11 products, regardless of age, location or purpose of breeding. This includes
12 all domestic animals that are slaughtered for human consumption,
13 maintained for draft animal powers, and for recreational purposes, such
14 as, but not limited to cattle, carabaos, buffaloes, horses, sheep, goats,
15 hogs, deer, rabbits, ostrich and poultry, among others. Products of
16 hunting or fishing of wild animals shall not be considered part of this
17 definition;

18 c) *Native animals* refer to domesticated animals which contribute to food
19 production found in one geographical location that have developed unique
20 physical characteristics, behavior, product attributes, adapted to the local
21 environment and are products of selection with no infusion of exotic
22 breeds for at least five (5) generations, including, but not limited to, native
23 chicken, goats, pigs, ducks, cattle and horses;

24 d) *Stock Farms* refers to the network of stock and breeding farms and
25 facilities owned and operated by the Bureau of Animal Industry (BAI) and
26 the other government livestock agencies for the purpose of demonstration
27 of livestock farming technologies and other programs.

28 e) *Philippine Native Animal Development Centers* refer to a network of stock
29 and breeding farms and laboratories dedicated to the nurturing,
30 maintenance, and development of the country's native animals for food
31 production purposes.

1 f) *Smallholder Farmer* refers to a farmer owning or cultivating five (5)
2 hectares or less of farmland.

3 Sec. 4. *Philippine Livestock Development Framework*. – The Philippine
4 Livestock Authority (PLA), established under Section 6 of this Act, shall, in
5 coordination with the Department of Agriculture (DA), Department of Science and
6 Technology (DOST), livestock growers' cooperatives and backyard raisers'
7 organizations, animal health care practitioners, local government units (LGUs), and
8 the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP), which shall henceforth comprise the
9 Livestock Development Advisory Board, formulate a ten-year Framework for
10 Livestock Development to be validated and updated every two (2) years. Such
11 Framework shall serve as guide to the formulation and implementation of plans,
12 programs and projects for the propagation, utilization and development of the
13 livestock industry, in each administrative region, including Philippine native animals,
14 as envisioned in this Act.

15 The Framework shall provide for the following:

- 16 a) Breeder Availability and Upgrading Programs. – The PLA shall endeavor to
17 increase the total population of livestock in the country in terms of
18 quantity and quality through support programs for genetic improvement
19 and upgrading, establishment of more semen banks, and natural and
20 artificial breeding stations, and animal dispersal programs, as well as
21 accreditation of breeding farms;
- 22 b) Pasture crops, animal feeds program. – The PLA shall establish enhanced
23 support for the development of pasture and forage crops, animal feeds,
24 resources and inputs, and feeds processing facilities;
- 25 c) Animal Health Welfare and Protection. – The PLA shall take the lead in the
26 implementation of prevention, control, containment and eradication of
27 animal pests and diseases by providing veterinary health services, and
28 general livestock health support programs. It shall implement continuing
29 programs on surveillance, quarantine and laboratory service, vaccination,
30 animal movement control, monitoring and management of potential
31 epidemic threats, and public awareness campaigns on livestock safety;

- 1 d) Enterprise Development. – The PLA shall promote the establishment of
2 livestock credit facilities for small hold farmers and livestock cooperatives
3 together with financial literacy programs and “farming as business”
4 training programs with technical support from the Agriculture Training
5 Institute (ATI), Technical Education and Skills Development Authority
6 (TESDA) and relevant local training institutes;
- 7 e) Training and Extension. – In consultation with the ATI, TESDA-Accredited
8 Farm Schools, state universities and colleges (SUCs), LGUs and other
9 relevant institutions, the PLA shall provide support to training extension
10 services to small farmers and cooperatives on technologies and good
11 practice in the propagation, utilization, marketing, processing and
12 distribution of livestock, dairy and native animals;
- 13 f) Market Promotion Programs. – The PLA shall support livestock auction
14 markets, trade fairs, export initiatives, and encourage contract growing
15 arrangements between farmers cooperatives and institutional buyers of
16 livestock produce. It shall coordinate with the DA-Agribusiness and
17 Marketing Assistance Service (AMAS) on price and quantity monitoring on
18 farm-gate livestock produce, eggs, meat, milk and livestock feeds and
19 other inputs;
- 20 g) Research and Development. – The PLA shall strengthen research
21 collaborations through the Bureau of Agricultural Research (BAR),
22 Philippine Council for Agriculture, Aquatic and Natural Resources Research
23 and Development (DOST-PCAARRD), SUC-based research institutions for
24 technical support in the areas of generic resource improvement programs,
25 pasture seeds and crops for animal food and product processing that
26 promote the development and competitiveness of the livestock industry;
- 27 h) Food Safety and Quality Assurance. – Consistent with Republic Act No.
28 10611 or the Food Safety Act, the PLA shall support the FDA in the
29 enforcement and regulation of food safety and quality standards on
30 livestock produce and livestock by-products. The PLA shall also implement
31 food safety and quality enhancement programs to improve the compliance
32 levels of the livestock sub-sectors to ensure higher levels of

1 competitiveness, and faster growth of the livestock industry. Subject to
2 the relevant provisions of Republic Act No. 11032, as amended or the Ease
3 of Doing Business Act of 2018, the PLA shall assist the FDA in hastening
4 the registration and approval of livestock processing establishments that
5 serve as markets for primary livestock produce. It shall provide advisory
6 assistance on technical matters to help registrants of livestock-related
7 processing facilities, packaging plants, dairy pasteurization facilities and
8 processed cheese production comply with food safety regulations and
9 standards. When such applications for registration or renewal of licenses
10 of said livestock processing establishments exceed, without compelling
11 grounds, the processing time limits set forth in Republic Act No. 11032,
12 reckoning from the date of receipt of said applications, the PLA is hereby
13 authorized to receive the applications and approve the same, in support of
14 the Food and Drug Administration (FDA), and subject to the standards,
15 protocols and criteria prescribed by it.

- 16 i) Livestock Production Networks Program. – The PLA shall formulate and
17 implement livestock cluster development programs for small hold farmers’
18 cooperatives, associations and/or federations in order to encourage
19 economies of scale, production efficiencies and mutual support.

20 *Sec. 5. Rationalization of Livestock Support Agencies.* – The Bureau of Animal
21 Industry created by virtue of Republic Act No. 3639, the Philippine Carabao Center
22 created by virtue of Republic Act No. 7307, the National Dairy Corporation created
23 by virtue of Republic Act No. 7884, and the National Meat Inspection Service created
24 under Presidential Decree No. 7, series of 1972 as amended by Republic Act No.
25 9296, are hereby merged, subject to further rationalization, to form the PLA, which
26 shall be headed by an Undersecretary.

27 The PLA shall have the following principal goals and functions:

- 28 1) To promote the competitive development of the livestock industry in
29 general and the various subgroups within the livestock sector as means of
30 attaining food sufficiency and combating rural poverty.

1 2) To undertake regulatory and monitoring services in order to ensure the
2 quality standards of production and processing, and food safety of
3 livestock produce in the country.

4 3) To harness the support of various sectors and networks in protecting the
5 livestock sectors and in responding to threats that may be brought about
6 by pests, diseases and animal epidemics.

7 The PLA shall have two (2) main Offices under it:

8 1) Livestock Regulation Office (LRO) – to be headed by an Assistant
9 Secretary, which shall oversee the following Service groups:

10 a) Import and Export Regulation Service (IERS) – shall provide
11 regulatory services as mandated under prior livestock import
12 regulatory laws, including Act 3101 (1923), Republic Act No. 1071,
13 Republic Act No. 1556, Presidential Decree No. 34 Section 105(r),
14 and coordinate with relevant units / agencies / institutions,
15 including the Bureau of Customs and the Department of
16 Transportation, in developing strategies and measures to deal with
17 the country's livestock-related imports and exports and to prevent
18 and minimize health and environmental risks. The following
19 divisions of the Bureau of Animal Industry shall be part of this
20 Service group:

21 • Animal Feeds, Veterinary Drugs and Biologics Control
22 Division (AFVDBD)

23 • National Veterinary Quarantine Services Division (NVQSD)

24 b) Meat Inspection Service (MIS) – shall inherit the powers and
25 functions, assets and the organization of the National Meat
26 Inspection Service created under Republic Act No. 9296, as
27 amended by Republic Act No. 10536. It shall continue to be the
28 controlling authority on all policies, regulations, guidelines, and
29 standards pertaining to meat produce, meat handling, safety,
30 quality, hygiene, and sanitation, including the establishment of
31 safety and quality standards for meat produce, except for the roles
32 related to import and export of meat, which shall be assumed by

1 the Import and Export Regulation Service. Through its Regional
2 Operation Centers, it shall continue to conduct inspection and
3 monitoring, in coordination with local government units, of meat
4 establishments engaged in slaughter, processing, and domestic
5 meat trade; registration of meat produce inspectors, meat handlers,
6 meat brokers, meat products processing establishments; and
7 accreditation of facilities, conveyances and service providers for
8 Hazard Analysis Critical Control Point Program (HACCP) audit as
9 well as compliance to hygiene and sanitation standards.

10 c) Livestock Protection and Disease Control Service (LPDCS) – shall, in
11 addition to the roles of the BAI mandated under Section 2, 3, 4,
12 and 5 of Act 3639 of 1930, be responsible for programs, policies,
13 surveillance and emergency action to protect the livestock industry
14 from the risk of outbreak of diseases or pests and shall have the
15 following powers and functions:

- 16 • Livestock protection surveillance, including regular
17 surveillance inspections in partnership with industry players
18 and the LGUs, coordination with counterpart offices in
19 other counties as well as the UN food agencies, and
20 implementing capability building programs in partnership
21 with the ATI to establish livestock protection surveillance
22 and emergency communications networks, that will include
23 farmers groups, LGU, the police and military, and other
24 stakeholders;
- 25 • Pest and disease emergency response, by way of
26 developing protocols and responses upon declaration of
27 any livestock pest and epidemic disease incident, including
28 regulation of movement of persons, conveyances and plant
29 material in affected areas, powers to deputize police and
30 military to control pest outbreaks, and disposal of affected
31 livestock resources and assets.

- Conducting scientific research and technology advancement programs on livestock protection by partnering with SUCs, DOST, private sector laboratories and international centers for livestock disease control.

The following units of the BAI are hereby merged and consolidated into the Livestock Protection and Disease Control Service, subject to further rationalization, to wit:

- Animal Health and Welfare Division (AHWD)
- Veterinary Laboratory Division (VLD)

2) Livestock Industry Development Office (LIDO), which shall be headed by an Assistant Secretary. The LIDO shall coordinate the formulation and implementation of policies, programs, and roadmaps to hasten and sustain the development of the various livestock and native animal sub-sectors, consistent with the pertinent industry development mandates under Sections 3-1, 6, and 7 of Act No. 3639 of 1930 (BAI), as well as in Sections 5 and 6 of Republic Act No. 7307 (Philippine Carabao Center-PCC) and Sections 3, 6, 11, 12, and 13 of Republic Act No. 7884 (National Dairy Authority-NDA) and Republic Act No. 8435 (Agriculture and Fisheries Modernization Act of 1997-AFMA). These shall include programs that enhance the value chain of the livestock sector, such as improving industry utilization of livestock research and development (R&D), supporting market development and marketing services, enhancing the quality of inputs for livestock, improving processing and diversification of by-products, as well as development of sources of feeds and forage. There shall be particular focus on developing strategic livestock production zones, clusters and networks in every province and/or rural district, and linking small hold farms, cooperatives and community-based ventures, sources of credit and financing and LGU support into sustainable enterprise ecosystems.

With these goals, LIDO shall supervise the following Services, which are hereby also created, namely:

1 a) Ruminants Service (RS) – to provide developmental support,
2 extension services, research and technical assistance programs to
3 small hold farmers of cattle, carabaos, buffaloes, goats, and sheep
4 for meat production and processing as well as for draft animal
5 purposes. The Ruminants Service shall absorb the following units
6 of the BAI, subject to further rationalization:

- 7 • National Beef Cattle Research and Development Center;
- 8 and,
- 9 • National Small Ruminants Research and Development
10 Center

11 b) Non-ruminants Service (NRS) – to provide developmental support,
12 extension services, research and technical assistance programs to
13 small hold producers of hogs, poultry and egg, ducks, geese,
14 turkey, quails and other birds, and all other livestock production
15 including, but not limited to horses, rabbits, and beehive farming.
16 The Non-ruminants Service shall absorb the following units of the
17 BAI, subject to further rationalization:

- 18 • National Swine and Poultry Research and Development
19 Center
- 20 • National Stud Farms and Horse Development Centers,
21 created by virtue of Republic Act No. 4618

22 NRS shall continue to stud and racehorse development programs
23 under Republic Act No. 4618, Republic Act No. 7952 (Philippine
24 Racing Club), Republic Act No. 7978 (Metro Manila Turf Club, Inc.),
25 and Republic Act No. 8007 (Manila Jockey Club).

26 c) Dairy Development Service (DDS) – shall, in addition to the current
27 focus on cows, include carabaos and small ruminants as priorities,
28 with the end in view of increasing milk production in the Philippines
29 towards a minimum of 10% per year. Subject to further
30 rationalization, the DDS shall assume the development mandates,
31 programs, assets and personnel of the following agencies:

- 1 • Philippine Carabao Center (PCC) created under Republic
- 2 Act No. 7307;
- 3 • National Dairy Authority (NDA) created under Republic Act
- 4 No. 7884; and,
- 5 • National Feed Resources Research and Development
- 6 Center.

7 The DDS shall continue and improve upon the dairy production and
8 livelihood programs of the PCC and NDA and their partnerships with
9 stakeholders, including state colleges and universities, especially in
10 dairy cow and buffalo breeding, propagation of dairy animals and
11 milk production technologies and the pasteurization and initial
12 processing of raw milk. It shall expand the coverage of services in
13 providing artificial insemination, bull loan program, frozen semen
14 dissemination, dairy animal modules, forage and feeds
15 development, training of technicians and farmers, R&D, technical
16 assistance and extension, analysis of milk samples, and nutrition
17 laboratory services, and marketing of dairy products and promotion
18 of dairy farmers cooperatives / associations. It shall facilitate
19 industry network and investment in milk production, collection, and
20 handling, processing, trading and marketing of Philippine milk
21 produce, including promotion through specialty dairy kiosks and in
22 international markets. The DDS shall also coordinate the
23 implementation of a national milk feeding program in partnership
24 with the Department of Education (DepEd) and/or the Department
25 of Social Welfare and Development (DSWD) and local government
26 units.

27 d) Native Animal Development Service (NADS) – The Philippine Native
28 Animal Development Center is hereby upgraded to become the
29 Native Animal Development Service (NADS), which shall be
30 responsible for the identification, conservation, propagation, and
31 promotion of Philippine native animals, including native pigs,
32 poultry, ducks, deer, and horses through the use of appropriate

1 technology as sources of meat, eggs, and other by-products, and
2 help increase incomes of farmers. It shall also be responsible for
3 the establishment of a gene pool of Philippine animals as well as
4 their registration as native animal species of the Philippines in the
5 Food and Agriculture Organization (FAO) and/or other international
6 intellectual property registry bodies. To promote the propagation,
7 processing, utilization and development of Philippine native animals,
8 there shall be created in each of the three (3) major island groups
9 at least one (1) native animal development center, to be known as
10 the Philippine Native Animal Development Center for Luzon, for
11 Visayas, and for Mindanao, respectively, to ensure the distributed
12 implementation of native animal policies and development
13 programs and make them accessible to farmers in their respective
14 island groups. PNADS is authorized to acquire properties, receive
15 donations or grants for the establishment of said centers. It shall
16 have a yearly native animals dispersal program for rural
17 communities that receive and are able to demonstrate adequate
18 social preparation and technical trainings.

19 In addition to the above, the Research and Marketing Service (RMS) and the
20 Training and Extension Service (TES) are also hereby created, which shall report
21 directly to the head of the PLA, with the following functions and objectives:

- 22 • The Research and Marketing Service shall be responsible for studies and
23 proposals for livestock and meat consumer protection, consumer attitudes,
24 buyer behavior, product satisfaction, and consumer experience apart from
25 generating information on product quality standards and new livestock
26 products. RMS shall absorb the Livestock Research and Development Division
27 of the BAI.
- 28 • The Training and Extension Service shall be responsible for organizing and
29 coordinating livestock training and educational programs in partnership with
30 LGUs, cooperatives federations, and regional offices of DA and ATI in order to
31 promote and upgrade the farmers' skills and practices in livestock production,

1 processing, storage, handling, marketing, transport and the overall
2 management of livestock farms.

3 *Sec. 6. Authority in Livestock Pest-related Emergencies.* – With the LPDCS as
4 its implementing arm, the PLA is hereby designated as the overall coordinating
5 government body in the even of any livestock pest or epidemic incident that may be
6 deemed to have the potential to reduce the livestock population in any region by at
7 least two percent (2%). The PLA head shall have the authority to call for the
8 creation or activation of the Animal and Livestock Emergency Response Task Force
9 (ALERT-TF) to be composed of key officials at the regional level from the following
10 agencies:

11 (1) Department of Agriculture – Regional Office

12 (2) Department of Interior and Local Government (DILG) – Regional Office

13 (3) Philippine National Police (PNP) and/or Philippine Army (PA) – Regional
14 Command

15 (4) Provincial governor and/or Provincial Agriculturist

16 (5) Congressional Representative of the affected district

17 (6) Mayors of the affected municipalities / cities

18 (7) Science experts on the case

19 *Sec. 7. Transfer of Supervision and Functions.* – All on-going programs and
20 functions of the merged and re-grouped divisions and center, including the NDA and
21 PCC are hereby transferred to the PLA service offices created in this bill, but shall
22 continue to be operational until such time as the head of the new agency is able to
23 implement a rationalization and re-engineering program to align their functions,
24 programs and activities to the objectives of this Act. The affected personnel who
25 may opt for early separation shall be entitled to receive separation benefits
26 equivalent to two (2) months of salaries for every year of service in government.

27 The BAI stock farms and research centers found in, among others: Gen.
28 Tinio, Nueva Ecija; Tiaong, Quezon; Lipa, Batangas; Busuanga, and Coron in
29 Palawan; Dumarao, Capiz; Milagros in Masbate; Malaybalay, Bukidnon; Ubay, Bohol
30 and the two (2) separate forage centers / stations in Labangan, Zamboanga del Sur;
31 the Philippine Carabao Center, including its headquarters in Munoz, Nueva Ecija; and
32 its regional centers in La Carlota, Negros Occidental; Ibay, Bohol and Calauit,

1 Zamboanga del Norte; and the various physical and financial assets (including all
2 receivables) of the National Dairy Authority shall be transferred under the title, care,
3 and administrative supervision of the Livestock Industry Development Office to
4 primarily serve the needs of small-hold farmers as the base locations for purposes of
5 human resource development and livestock training, gene pool support facilities,
6 livestock breeding, extension work, demonstration activities, and trade promotion
7 activities.

8 **Sec. 8. *Exemption from Taxes and Duties.*** – The OLA shall be the focal office
9 on the upgrading of breeders and may, in behalf of livestock, poultry and dairy
10 producer enterprises and cooperatives, import and shall be exempt from the
11 payment of customs duties and taxes on the importation of livestock and dairy
12 animals, veterinary and other supplies, other farm inputs, dairy equipment and
13 machineries, research equipment (including their spare parts): *Provided*, That these
14 are certified, monitored, and accounted for in terms of augmenting and upgrading
15 local stocks and breeders of small farmers, subject to the following conditions:

- 16 a) That the breeders are certified to upgrade and improve existing stocks of
17 small hold farms;
- 18 b) That the breeders shall be actually, directly and exclusively used by the small
19 and micro producer enterprises and/or cooperatives in the production of
20 livestock and/or manufacture of livestock by-products; and,
- 21 c) That a quarterly monitoring report shall be made over a two-year period on
22 the status of the imported livestock and materials.

23 **Sec. 9. *Mandated Appropriations.*** – On top of the existing budgets of the
24 relevant agencies and units of the former BAI, NMIS, PCC and NDA, the amount of
25 Five hundred million pesos (P500,000,000.00) shall be appropriated as funds for the
26 reorganization and restructuring, initial programs and operations of the PLA, to be
27 set aside from the current agriculture development funds under the Office of the
28 Secretary. The current year's remaining appropriations of the agencies, divisions or
29 units that have been merged, abolished or transferred pursuant to this Act shall be
30 turned over to the PLA. Thereafter, such sums as may be necessary for its
31 continued operation and maintenance shall be included in the annual General
32 Appropriations Act (GAA): *Provided*, That henceforth, the budget share of the

1 livestock sector shall not be lower than fifteen percent (15%) of the total
2 appropriations for the Department.

3 In addition, the Department of Budget and Management (DBM) is hereby
4 mandated to include annually, starting the year 2023, an initial aggregate amount of
5 Five billion pesos (P5,000,000,000.00) in the President's program of expenditures for
6 submission to Congress and to be allocated, as follows:

- 7 a) Thirty percent (30%) for grants to shared service facilities, including but
8 not limited to cold chain facilities and blast freezers, pasteurizing
9 equipment, feed mills, forage pelletizing equipment, dairy and meat
10 processing equipment, packaging facilities and others to serve the needs
11 of livestock growers' cooperatives and organized small hold farms within
12 each province;
- 13 b) Fifteen percent (15%) for socialized credit with minimal interest rates to
14 be managed by the Land Bank of the Philippines (LBP) for the purchase of
15 breeders, growers, multipliers, feeds, livestock housing and farm
16 equipment, under the Small-hold Livestock Farm Modernization Program;
- 17 c) Five percent (5%) for research and development, capability building and
18 technology transfer activities under the Livestock Farm Technology
19 Support Programs;
- 20 d) Five percent (5%) for marketing and local and international trade fair
21 support as assistance to organized groups of small farmers;
- 22 e) Five percent (5%) for scholarship and human resource development
23 grants for college courses in veterinary, animal husbandry and livestock /
24 dairy processing specializations, and TESDA courses related to livestock
25 production as well as dairy and meat processing.
- 26 f) Twenty percent (20%) for infrastructure support programs, including gene
27 pool facilities, refrigerated transport of processed meat products, and for
28 technical and financial assistance to help small-scale producers and
29 processors comply with regulations on food safety and quality standards.
- 30 g) Ten percent (10%P) for the development of local feed inputs and forage
31 resources as well as small-scale feeds and forage processing facilities;
32 and,

1 h) Ten percent (10%) for the upgrading of Regulatory Services, and for
2 livestock protection surveillance, testing, and emergency response
3 facilities.

4 *Sec. 10. Implementing Rules and Regulations.* – Within thirty (30) days from
5 the date of approval of this Act, the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture shall
6 convene the members of the Livestock Development Advisory Board to formulate the
7 rules and regulations for the proper implementation of this Act. Such implementing
8 rules shall, among others, provide for the following:

- 9 a) Plans, programs, policy recommendations and proposed measures necessary
10 to carry out the objectives and functions of the PLA and its offices and service
11 units;
- 12 b) Submit an annual budget and proposed supplemental budget as may be
13 needed in its initial operations, and a consultative process for stakeholders in
14 the formulation of PLA's annual budgets in line with the national budget cycle;
15 and,
- 16 c) A proposed rationalization program to update the organizational structure,
17 and plantilla of personnel of the PLA, in accordance with existing laws, rules
18 and regulations, including the early separation benefits for the occupants of
19 positions abolished.

20 *Sec. 11. Separability Clause.* – If any provision or part hereof is held invalid
21 or unconstitutional, the remainder of the law or the provision or part not otherwise
22 affected shall remain valid and subsisting.

23 *Sec. 12. Repealing Clause.* – Any law, presidential decree or issuance,
24 executive order, letter of instruction, administrative order, rule, or regulation
25 contrary to or inconsistent with the provisions of this Act are hereby repealed,
26 modified, or amended accordingly.

27 *Sec. 13. Effectivity.* – This Act shall take effect fifteen (15) days after its
28 publication in the *Official Gazette* or in a newspaper of general circulation.

Approved,