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Canadian experts help operate dairy farms in Malawi

Several Canadian agriculture specialists and a number of Canadian dairy animals are involved in a five-year program in Malawi designed to help the African country become self-sufficient in the supply of liquid milk.

The Canadian International Development Agency is funding the project with a federal government grant of \$7 million and the province of New Brunswick is managing the operation. The government of Malawi is providing the land and labour for construction and the farm work.

There are two 900-hectare dairy farms 400 kilometres apart in the project: Katete Farm, near the new capital city of Lilongwe, and Ndata Farm, near the country's other major city, Blantyre.

Canadian specialists

Canadians working on the venture include: project manager Alan Walls, a former farm diversification specialist from Manitoba and more recently the program manager of a dairy cattle project in Swaziland; Clerk of the Works (building

engineer) Ted Henry, former chairman of the Nova Scotia Farm Loan Board who is primarily responsible for the farm buildings at both sites; the farm engineer responsible for machinery and building maintenance on the farms, Graham Peabody, from Woodstock, New Brunswick; farm manager Frank McCullough from Keswick Ridge, New Brunswick, responsible for Katete Farm; farm manager Bill Pratt from Hartland, New Brunswick, responsible for Ndata Farm; veterinarian Brian Bedard from St. Andrews, New Brunswick; herd supervisor at Katete Farm George MacLeod from St. Stephen, New Brunswick; accountant Dale Wilson from Cole's Island, New Brunswick; and Dale Cleghorn from Harvey Station, New Brunswick, who is supervising the building of the barn at Ndata Farm.

Each Canadian has a Malawian counterpart who will run the operation on behalf of the government of Malawi at the end of the five years.

Since the project began in 1979, Ted Henry has overseen the design and construction of all the buildings now on the



New Brunswick farmer Bill Pratt directs workers in farm operation.



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