



SLWCS Farm Project Update – July 2010

The following construction activities are ongoing. The goal is to have them completed by the end of July barring any unforeseen delays such as the arc-welder that was rented to weld the steel rafters of the roof burning out.

1. A source of reddish brown gravel soil was located nearby to the land which was excavated, transported and deposited into the foundation floor area of the cattle shed.
2. The soil was initially compacted using a JCB.
3. The soil will be further compressed using an earth whacker which has already been hired for the job prior to laying the concrete.
4. Concrete mixer hired to lay the concrete floor of the cattle shed.
5. The land for the two loose housing paddocks on either side of the cattle shed was cleared of the undergrowth.
6. The earth in the two loose housing paddocks was scraped and leveled to make it safe for livestock.
7. Large root-balled shade trees have been purchased and they will be planted next week.
8. Planting holes to plant root-balled shade trees along the two paddock perimeters have been dug.
9. Materials for the roof had been purchased but awaiting transportation from Colombo, slight delay due to the arc-welding machine problem.
10. Letters to the DAPH submitted. Waiting to receive the forms to apply to import livestock.
11. Letter to the NLDB requesting to purchase cows from their farms already submitted. We have been given the assurance that they will send their reply by this week.
12. The search for good cows from other private sources is continuing but has not met with much success yet.
13. Pasture under development.
14. June/July invoices submitted.

Photos:



Gravel soil been unloaded and spread for the cattle shed floor



The floor area filled with gravel soil



The loose housing paddocks been prepared



The root-balled shade trees that will be planted along the perimeter of the paddocks