

Jamaica Dairy Development Board

JDDDB Staff Profile

- **Paul Jennings, Chief Executive Officer.** Dr. Jennings has headed the Dairy Board since its inception. A Ruminant Nutritionist by vocation, he brings to the Board a mix of public and private sector experience, having moved progressively to the top of the professional ranks of the Research and Development Division of the Ministry of Agriculture in addition to stints as General Manager, Serge Island Farms Limited and Research Consultant with the Jamaica Agricultural Development Foundation. The holder of a PhD in Applied Dairy Cattle Nutrition from the University of London and a Masters in Business Administration (Finance) from the UWI, his vocational interests over the past two decades have increasingly focused on the interaction of technology and public policy in catalyzing livestock development in Jamaica. Email: pgjennings@jddb.gov.jm
- **Richard Miller, Milk Production Specialist.** Holder of a Masters in Dairy Science from the University of Florida, a BSc Agric. Degree from UWI, St. Augustine and a Diploma in Management Studies, UWI; Richard brings over three decades of private sector experience to the Dairy Board. He has worked at the managerial level at Serge Island, Bowden Estates and Castle Farm as well as in the feed manufacturing industry. His major focus is the improvement of production efficiencies on dairy farms. Email:
- **Dennis Ffrench, Marketing Economist.** Dennis brings to the Board a depth of knowledge of marketing gleaned from his residency in the United States, in combination with his training in Agricultural Economics. He is a graduate of the Prairie View A&M University, Texas, at Bachelors and Masters degree levels. He has spearheaded, since 2001, the Dairy Board's annual Survey of Cost of Production and his personal intervention with individual farmers has had lasting positive impacts on their financial performance. Email:
- **Byron Lawrence, Project Coordinator.** Byron joined the Board in September 2008 from his recent position of Dairy cattle Geneticist with the Research and Development Division, Ministry of Agriculture, Bodles. He has responsibility for the operational aspects of the Dairy Sector Revitalization Programme in addition to a specific Technical focus on the animal genetics related components. He holds a Masters degree in Animal Genetics from the University of Guelph, Canada and BSc Agric. From the UWI, St. Augustine. He is also the holder of a Diploma in Management Studies from the UWI. Email:
- **Edwin Gayle, Field Officer** also joined the Board at the inception of the Dairy Sector Revitalization Programme. His background in Farm Management at ALCAN (now WINDALCO) and with the Agricultural Development Corporation in addition to a stint as Field Officer to the

Jamaican Cattle Breeders Societies, gives him an in-depth knowledge of and close familiarity with the local cattle sector. His educational background includes Bachelors and Masters in Business Administration from Nova Southeastern University. He is also a Diplomate of the Jamaica School of Agriculture.

- **Hyacinth Phillips-Bowen** is the Administrative Assistant to the Chief Executive Officer, on assignment from the Ministry of Agriculture. She holds a Management Diploma from MIND and is currently pursuing a Bachelors degree in Management Studies at UWI, Mona.
- **Audrey Douse-Boyd** is Administrative Assistant to the Project Coordinator, Dairy Sector Revitalization Programme, on assignment from the Ministry of Agriculture. She holds the Certificate in Social Services from the UWI.