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Govt to embark on producing quality cows to be sold to livestock keepers

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THE Livestock and Fisheries ministry is soon to start producing cows with great ability to produce milk and meat to be sold to livestock keepers at subsidized prices.

It says the government's goal is to boost the country's livestock sector through modern livestock keeping practices.

It says the aim of the government is to produce better cows breeds that will eventually remove the cattle used by herders in the country without benefits and adds that in the plan, the government has already kept 500 cows at Mabuki Livestock Training Agency under the supervision of youth who have been empowered by the government to lift up the sector.

Abdalah Ulega, Livestock and Fisheries minister made the remarks yesterday following the visit by the Vice President, Dr Philip Mpango in Mwanza Region, saying the government had plans to boost the livestock sector using eight cows breeding centres in various areas

countrywide designed to help herders do away with challenges they face owing to the effects of climate change.

Ulega said the government has set aside eight farms that will help to teach herders commercial livestock keeping in order to have better cattle breeds that will also help in getting quality meat for sale at foreign markets.

He also said that the government was in the process of improving fodder farms and disseminating technology in various areas within and outside the African continent to help other countries boost their livestock sectors.

"In regard to Mwanza Region, we have already put in place sheds valued at 32m/- for cattle keeping and each shed has the capacity to keep 100 cows that have been fattened," he said.

Mwanza Regional Commissioner Adam Malima said the government in the region was ready to make sure the livestock sector continues to benefit Tanzanians and the youth in general in collaboration with various stakeholders in the region.