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The quality of cow's milk cannot be separated from that of the cow itself. Therefore, to determine whether a cow is of good quality or not, a special expertise is required. This job should not be overlooked when we want to improve the milk quality of dairy cattle.

This is where a dairy cow assessor plays his role; he must be able to assess whether the cow will be able to produce milk of good quality or not. It turns out that the assessment can be done with the naked eye and by observing certain parts of the cow's body. This can not be done by anyone. The assessor requires experience and specialized knowledge.

So explained by Male and Anga Sembada Prasetya in Afternoon Dialog (8/6) in RRI Bogor Branch, Pangrango, with the presenter of RRI, Dita Maharani.

They are the students of the Faculty of Animal Husbandry (Fapet) Bogor Agricultural University who won first prize in the judging contest of dairy cows for groups and individuals in the categories of students and university students. Meanwhile, the Faculty of Veterinary Medicine (FKH) IPB won the third championship. The competition was organized by the National Dairy Council, at BPPT Cikole Lembang some time ago.

In the individual category, a student of Fapet, Pria Sembada successfully won this contest. They get Trophy, certificates and development fund of one million rupiahs. Meanwhile, the group category receives the development money of two million rupiahs. The contest was followed by various universities, such as University of Gadjah Mada, University of Padjadjaran, University of Dipenogoro and IPB.
"Learning the skill of assessing dairy cows is relatively long, and can not be done in a short time. When checking the cow, we cannot do it instantly except for those who are already experts," he said.

According to them, cows with good quality milk can be seen from several factors such as, genetics, height, chest width, body depth, rear legs that are not too oblique or straight (moderate) udders (solid or not), hip width and so forth. (mtd)