

# UGM-Australia Partnership Conduct Cattle Breeding Training

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Universitas Gadjah Mada's Faculty of Animal Sciences has organised cattle breeding training, *Commercial Cattle Breeding and Management Training Program Batch IV*, which is a cooperation with Indonesia-Australia Red Meat and Cattle Partnership to last from 2-25 September 2019.

Dean of the Faculty, Prof. Dr. Ir. Ali Agus, DAA., DEA., IPU., said the training was to encourage efficiency of cattle breeding through different approaches. These include reproductive management, nutrition, and cattle health by using local potential to address real problems in the business.

"Through this training we want to refresh the participants' theories, research outcomes and experience sharing," he said whilst opening the event on Monday (2/9) at Grand Aston Hotel, Yogyakarta

Ali Agus described the importance of cattle breeding in order to meet the national demands of beef, which continue to increase. Hence, intensive efforts need to be made from business players to fill the gap between supply and demand.



Alireja, Team Leader of Advisory and Support Group, Indonesia-Australia Red Meat and Cattle Partnership, said as many as 20 participants joined the training. They will join training indoors and field visit to see breeding and rearing in Indonesia from 2-15 September and Australia from 16-25 September.

Participants will see different cattle farms that have different characteristics. “We want to share experience, collect and identify problems. After the training, the participants will conduct a series of competence tests to be Cattle Breeding Manager,” he said.

Course leader, Ir. Panjono, S.Pt., MP., Ph.D., IPM., said at the end of the training the participants would be assigned with individual projects for 3-6 months, which can later be applied in their own work.

The Partnership programme is initiated by the Australian Government since 2013 to 2023. Earlier, the programme has already given training in cattle pregnancy examination, cattle reproduction management for veterinarians, meat processing training, and training for shareholders.

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