

STATUS REPORT 1 – AZAGRA FARM



shown on left, where each owner has given a right-of-way of perhaps 2 meters each. Theoretically, the property line is at the roads' center.

The gate, and the completed barb wire fence -- three strands held up by "go-ud" bamboo poles and coconut trunks, around the entire property -- is enough to keep away the neighbor's cows.

Eventually, the fence will be re-enforced by fast-growing ipil-ipil and madre-de-cacao shrubs. These serve also as food supplement for the cows.

Once the true demarcation of property is set, after a cadastral survey, mahogany saplings will be planted along the property line, especially at the back side. As of now, the barbed wire follows the line of coconut trees. Exceptions are the road as



support up to 30 cows. Of course, Nitoy already has 2 or 3, and Sandra has one, etc.

We are being helped along by William Saga, the local gov't animal husbandry expert. His wife is a Banogon. He looks at Azagra as a farm model that he can show to his bosses. With cows, chickens, and perhaps eventually goats, plus of course more fruit trees.

The second cow we bought is a mestizo, from a neighbor. When it is in heat, it will be AI'd (artificially inseminated), so the calves will be better stock. Same with the first cow that is undergoing de-worming and should fatten up pretty soon. When the fattened calves are sold in a year or two, 1/3 of the net profit goes to Nitoy. We intend to get more cows. William believes the area can



Photo shows Lisa and Norma Quinit on the sofa, flanked by William And Nitoy. The bamboo frame attached to the coconut tree in back-ground is where the cows are secured during AI, etc. Further beyond is the area where eventually, the goat house will be built. Further out barely visible are the banana plots of Nitoy which will be supplemented and fenced in for better productivity. On the south side, we will plant 30 dwarf mango trees, which bloom in 5 years. We are grooming Nitoy's son to help him out; with salary, etc. Should improve their lot.



Left photo shows the area where the chicken coop is being built. The area along the line of coconut trees on the right, and on the left, and extending to beyond the manzanita trees will be all enclosed by a 10 ft high nylon mesh, so to keep the chickens in. A chicken house is partially finished on the right photo, taken a week later, with nipa roof, and ground covered with gravel/sand, to be topped by rice husk.



A water line extending from the existing water meter to the center of the chicken coop area already has been run, buried, and hooked up. Photo on left shows part of it abuilding.

Photo on right shows the electric meter set up last year at the property line adjacent to the Torres property, whom Lourdes sold her share to. The wire runs 340 meters to Nitoy's house.



Photo on left shows the large baete tree, supposed abode of elementals, whom Norma says she has sensed to be benign and non-malevolent, so long as they are not disturbed.

Inset on the right. Harvesting coconuts at the Malubog farm.

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