

## **The industrial Impact to Livestock (Dairy) Development in Tanzania by Charles Ogutu.**

Tanzania is home to over 23 million herds of cattle which has ranked it the second in Africa with the largest number of cattle after Ethiopia. By the year 1990, Tanzania was processing over 400,000 Liters of milk per day. A review undertaken during the month of November 2012 through to April 2013, showed that the processed milk volume per day in the whole country has gone down to approximately 120,000 liters. By the year 2012, Tanzania's processed dairy product imports amounted to over US\$. 7 Million by 2009. More urban dwellers prefer processed dairy products and are willing to pay a good price that they perceive to be commensurate to the price of the product. It is estimated that 2 million households could directly benefit from a well industrialized dairy sub sector.

The limited dairy products processing and increased imports of dairy is the result of a not clear systemic approach to develop the dairy sector, yet the socio economic impact is very high and transformational in nature.