

Future Farms wins gold at the National Convention on Quality



Members of the Future Farms Limited team that won Gold at the 24th National Convention on Quality

Future Farms (Pte) Limited trading as Rooster Poultry bagged the Gold Award at the 24th National Convention on Quality (NCQ), which was organised by the National Training and Productivity Centre (NTPC) on Friday last week. It is the third year in a row that a team from Future Farms have won gold at the event.

The two-day competition saw eight organisations from the public and private sector competing on the best practices using productivity tool Quality Control Circles (QCC). The teams travelled from around Fiji and made presentations before an audience of 190 on the theme of “Sustainable Productivity” at the Fiji National University’s (FNU) Namaka Campus.

The winning team was led by team facilitator Pritika Swami who works as a graduate trainee with the company. Swami’s team presented a project on how their team altered the amount of lighting received on their farms to ensure the poultry receive longer hours of rest as well as a more sustainable feeding time.

“When reducing the amount of light by two hours that is from 18 hours to 16 hours on all broiler farms, the mortality has reduced and the chicken uniformity and immune system development have both improved. The change in light hours resulted in lower feed cost and improved the overall feed conversion of the broilers,” she said.

Swami said their project began as an idea in January and their team were able to standardise their implementation process by July.

She said the project could be easily replicated on similar farms with positive results.

The facilitator said their team were very proud of winning this year’s NCQ saying their hard work had paid off. The team had won silver at last year’s NCQ and had worked hard to ensure their project encompassed this year’s theme of “Sustainable Productivity”.

The other major winners at the event were the team from iTaukei Land Trust Board (TLTB), who won the Silver Award, and Sofitel Fiji and the Ministry of Education, Heritage and Arts were declared joint winners of the Bronze Award.

NTPC’s Manager of Department of Quality Awards, Bob Kolitagane said he was impressed with the turnout during the event as well as the quality of the projects presented.

He said this year many teams showed significant improvement in their Quality Circle journey and had presented quality papers on their projects.

Kolitagane said the ideas presented in this platform are shared with different organisations with similar needs and can be adapted to their specific requirements.

“This will, in turn, increase their productivity,” he said.

Kolitagane has assured next year’s NCQ, which will be its silver jubilee event, will be “bigger and better”, encompassing more organisations from Fiji to share their Quality Circle journeys.