

# Ondo farm settlement ready for first harvest

Written by Biola Azeez, Ilorin. Tribune.

The first set of arable crops planted at the Auga-Akoko Farm City by the Ondo State government are ready to be harvested, it has been said.

The Chairman of the state's Wealth Creation Agency (WECA), Mr. Bisi Adegoke, said in Akure that the governor has also made good his promise to start a cattle ranch by making available the first set of 300 live male and female cows in Auga Akoko, Akoko North East Local Government Area of Ondo State.

Speaking further, he said work at various departments of the village which is the third to be established by the state government, was at different stages of completion.

He said 68 young graduates had been engaged at the site in addition to the over 1,000 participants employed at the first settlement located at Ore in Odigbo Local Government, while the maize plantation was also ready for harvest.

Governor Olusegun Mimiko, had during an unscheduled inspection visit to the farm over the weekend, expressed satisfaction with the level of work already done at the site.

The governor who confirmed that the team working there had difficulties in transporting materials for construction to the site, stated that he was satisfied with their efforts aimed at completing the project.

Adegoke said the Auga farm had since moved beyond the teething problem of transporting materials for construction to recording tangible results. "We have constructed 60 fish ponds and are now working on the residential buildings. Already, some of the participants have established their own irrigated vegetable farms which they hope will yield all through the dry season," Adegoke added.

Mimiko had during his weekend visit, said the people have no reason to be poor because God had given the state the needed resources to live a fulfilled life.

He disclosed that the participants at Ore who were into poultry farming had started reaping the fruits of their labour as each of them now produced 20 crates of eggs per day.