**Is selective breeding morally correct?**

If you are running a farm, crops and livestock are your primary source of income, then it is highly important for you to find the best way to boost your efficiency. Take note that natural or organic farming does not always ensure best results, but there is one very good agricultural method for higher production—selective breeding.

Selective breeding is used to hereditarily encourage beneficial characteristics on both animals and plants. It is performed through controlled breeding. But like any other agricultural method, it also has its own set of disadvantages.

Through selective breeding, there will be increased profits for the farmers. For example, if they have selectively bred cows, these livestock can produce more milk than those typically bred, and the gene can be passed on to their offspring. When the method is used on crops, they will also grow more than the typical crops.

However, by selective breeding this can lead to the elimination of some crop or animal varieties. These varieties may not be as commercially viable nevertheless they may have some characteristics, which may not be affected by certain diseases. If diseases destroy the super crops, there will be no other crops available.

More important than profit in developing countries is the ability to feed the people. Often in the developing countries the land is poor and the weather condition are not favourable for productive crop growth, selective bred crops could be the answer. These crop varieties are able to produce a good yield to feed the country therefore stops famine in many of the countries.

There is always the concern that through the process that this can cause discomfort for the animals. For instance, cows are only able to produce large amounts of milk if they have large udders. So, we can just think that such a product of selective breeding may find it its udders heavy, causing it discomfort.

It can be argued that there are a number of advantages to selective breeding especially in developing countries. However, should we, be changing nature just to make more profit or should it just be the case that its acceptable when we can save lives by doing so/