marily for local consumption. Included here is the location of a Modern Central Stock Farm at Picard Estate to provide seedstock, training and research services, in addition to centralised milk processing facilities.

The Government will set aside sufficient, suitable lands in areas where small farmers need lands for cattle grazing, and providing proper management for these lands.

Support to ongoing enterprizes, producing meat and meat products.

Cooperation with appropriate research and finance institutions in the establishment of a supply of cheap, quality livestock feed, making the fullest use of local raw materials and technology.

AGRO-INDUSTRY

Active promotion of the development of agro-industry, bearing in mind that the only crop now available in sufficient quantity to support a full-fledged factory operation, is bananas. Here, fruit not acceptable to a fresh market would be processed into flour, wine, vinegar, rope, snack foods. The factory set up here would be a multi-purpose type capable of handling other commodities such as yams, tannias, sweet potatos, mango and other fruits, once these have recovered from Hurricane David.

The setting up of a factory unit to make full use of the coconut plant for products such as brooms, mats, housing material etc.

TIMBER

In pursuit of our plans to help house the nation, industrialize the economy, create jobs and make fuller use of available local resources, the DLM-Alliance Government will seek finance and technical training for Dominicans to implement the latest plan for a Timber Industry, drawn up by the FAO not more than two (2) years ago.

This industry can come on stream within 18 months of the Alliance assuming office.

Full support to plans of local craftsmen for establishing woodwork industries using local timber.

FEEDER ROADS

Special attention to improvement, construction and maintenance of existing feeder roads in farming areas, bearing in mind that the Agrarian Reform Programme SHALL BRING THE FARMERS TO GOOD, ACCESSIBLE LAND.

The construction of new feeder roads will be initiated primarily according to :

* Production potential of the area ;
* The existing pattern of settlement ;
* The difficulty of locating more accessible quality land for farmers now working in remote areas.

Permanent task forces for the maintenance and construction of these feeder roads as planned by the DFU/NDAP Feeder Road Construction Project, will be encouraged and supported by the Ministry of Works.

COOPERATIVES

One essential factor for the development of our country is unity, and the concrete expression of that unity through cooperative efforts. DLM-Alliance sees the cooperative approach as a key to successful reconstruction, and to the creation of productive employment opportunities among rural youth. The DLM-Alliance Government shall actively support initiatives in this sector by :

* Strengthening staff and greatly improving facilities of the cooperative Division;
* Ensuring close working relationship between this Division and the Ministry of Mobilization;
* Take steps to amend the existing Cooperative Ordinance with a view to making the law more responsive to the Dominican situation ;
* Finalise long-discussed plans for introducing cooperative education in schools and adult literacy programmes ;
* Ensure the availability of rugular training opportunities for cooperatives, leading towards the setting up of a Cooperative Training Centre for that purpose ;
* Give the same high priority to the marketing of cooperative goods through the Import/Export Agency.

FISHING

The DLM-Alliance Government plans for the modernisation of fishing include :

* The reorganisation of the Fishing Cooperative to provide effective material and educational service to all fishermen;
* The decentralization of maintenance for fishing equipment by continuing the programme of training for mechanics in each major fishing village and equiping a motor maintenance shop there;
* Training of fishermen in modern deep sea fishing techniques and ensuring the availability of equipment (cold storage, processing and marketing facilities) to handle larger catches;
* The construction of a modern fish market in Roseau where large catches can be sold, stored and processed.
* Immediate attention to improving landing sites along the East Coast ;
* Bilateral agreements with Martinique and Guadeloupe to establish fishing rights for our fishermen ;
* Setting up and equipping a Coast Guard arm of the Defence Force to ensure the safety of our fisherman at sea and protection of our fishing waters.

AGRICULTUAL CREDIT

In addition to measures already mentioned under the Agrarian Reform Programme, the DLM-Alliance Government shall encourage greater access to credit for farmers with special attention to small farmers by :

* Providing matching funds to local farmer organisations involved in providing credit to their members ;
* Encourage greater attention by the Credit Union Movement, to agricultural loans, and supporting such moves with appropriate technical staff to assist in loan appraisal and monitoring ;
* Hold urgent negotiations with CDB and AID-Bank with a view to making loan conditions even more responsive to the situation of small farmers ;
* Encourage more effective farmer representation at