



2014 BHEARD Scholar  
**Bettie Sindi Kawonga**

# Profile

<b>Country of Study:</b>	USA
<b>University:</b>	University of Kentucky
<b>Department:</b>	Animal and Food Sciences
<b>Student Position:</b>	Graduate Research Assistant — Ph.D.
<b>Home Country:</b>	Malawi
<b>Home Institution:</b>	Lilongwe University of Agriculture and Natural Resources (LUANAR)
<b>Home Position:</b>	Lecturer: Dairy Science Technology
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## Research Area: Dairy Science

BHEARD PROGRAM START DATE: August 2014

UNDERGRADUATE EDUCATION: Agriculture (Animal Science), University of Malawi, MALAWI

GRADUATE EDUCATION: Animal Science, University of Malawi, MALAWI

RESEARCH INTERESTS: Dairy Systems Management (Focused on Housing)

Bettie wants to contribute to the improvement of smallholder dairy production in Malawi which she says is challenged by low productivity. Her research study will look at the interaction between housing, animal behavior and productivity for different farm management categories. Results of the study will be used to help farmers manage their animals better for increased productivity. She will also contribute to evidence based policy making in Malawi through dissemination of research results at national policy forums.

### PERSONAL STATEMENT:

Bettie's goals are to teach, conduct research, outreach and consultancies in dairy. She would like to contribute to the creation of a dairy center of excellence at LUANAR for dairy research, training, enterprise development and extension.

In her spare time, Bettie enjoys playing netball, bird watching, reading books, gardening and cooking.