



MPO mentors met with the Intervet MPO Institute for Dairy Technology (IDT) to give feedback on mentorship programmes in Qwaqwa, Delareyville, Potchefstroom and Lichtenburg. At the back from the left are Kotie Annandale, Wicus Lourens (IDT), Christo van Niekerk, Gert van Niekerk and Johan van Niekerk. In front are Bill Eyman (USAID), Dr Nico Schutte (CenDel), Jas Wasserman (IDT), Dr Hendrik Geldenhuys and Kobus Theron

# US banker shares his wisdom

by Liza Burger

**Bill Eyman, an American banker, USAID volunteer and farmer with decades of experience, recently shared his knowledge with the Intervet MPO Institute for Dairy Technology (IDT) in Pretoria.**

According to Mr Eyman, the Milk Producers' Organisation has done a lot to train and help developing farmers. The MPO does this work through the IDT. Mr Eyman has shared his wisdom in other African countries such as Ethiopia, Kenya, Uganda and Zambia.

"I am a volunteer for the International Executive Service Corps, an organisation funded privately as well as through USAID. My work here with the IDT is to assist in training especially developing farmers on the financial side of dairy farming." He assisted developing farmers with basic business skills like bookkeeping, cash flow management and budgeting.



On the right is Frans Dibete, the project manager of the Rampiergierfontein Agricultural Project near Polokwane in Limpopo, where they farm with milk and meat goats. The MPO has been involved in training the 19 men and women working on the farm. On the left is Bill Eyman and in the middle is Kimberley Lucas of USAID

Eyman travelled with the IDT and teams of CenDel and met with mentors from the Free State and North West. He also paid visit to various farms where new farmers and community farming projects are establishing dairy projects. **UM**