

# UBISMAIL NEWS

## Tweespruit animal care course

A number of Tweespruit farm workers completed the MPO Institute of Dairy Technology's course in animal husbandry. In the front from the left are: Enver Botha, Andries Radiboke, Seuntjie Radiboke, Dintoe Taunyane (extension officer), Rudi Ontong and Michael Sekoere. In the middle are: Chepetsa Madeea, Daniel Mphafi, Samuel Mokhua (extension officer), Edward Tlali (NAFU youth league) and Elia Lephoi. At the back is Jan Botha, Sello Khabola (NAFU regional chairperson), Solly van Schalkwyk and Justice Mathebula (IST instructor).



## Polokwane milk goat project

Farm workers in Polokwane completed a course by the Milk Producers' Organisation in milking milk goats. In the front from the left are: Abram Mahlo, Frans Makwaeba and Hezekiel Matlamela (IST instructor). In the middle row are Caroline Machowe, Mmatlou Mogafe, Martina Mokgotho, Nora Moholane, Maria Phukubje and Lydia Monohe. At the back are Esoom Semenya, Frank Mahlo, David Sekgobela and Campbell Sepuru.



### IST training days

The Milk Producers' Organisation's Institute of Dairy Technology offers courses ranging from animal husbandry, to tractor maintenance, artificial insemination and basic business skills. For more information, phone Jas Wasserman on cell 082 490 2465.

# Adelia wears the crown

by Liza Burger

At the recent Sanlam Farm Worker of the Year Awards ceremony in the Western Cape, one of the Elim Dairy Project's staff members was awarded as the regional farm worker of the year and she received the trophy as the best junior manager for the Overberg region. Adelia Hess is proud to reap the fruits of her hard work and is very glad that she decided to join the Elim project.

The Elim dairy has a milking herd of about 70 Jersey and Holstein cows on pastures, and the current average milk yield is about 16 litres per day. Elim dairy has been up and running since September 2007 and is a unique empowerment project that involves a number of Elim's residents. The project relies on the help of farmer mentor and Western Cape Milk Producers' Organisation chairman, Dèan Kleynhans.



Adelia Hess with her awards

# Back to school

by Fidelis Zvomuya

Potato farmers who are members of the Western Free State Seed Growers (Pty) Ltd in the town of Christiana, have decided that skills development is of great importance for their workers. The farmers, in partnership with government's AgriSETA and a private owned company, Media Works, have embarked on an Adult Basic Education and Training (Abet) programme.

Farm workers from 13 farms are participating in the programme which includes basic Afrikaans (their chosen language) literacy, numeracy and basic computer education. The farmers have built training centres equipped with computers donated by Media Works. Mieta Booysen, a facilitator at Calby Farming in Christiana, says the Abet programme started in 2006 with only ten workers. The number has since increased to 29. [UM](#)



Facilitator, Mieta Booysen (in the centre at the back), with learners in the classroom at Calby Farm