

From the editor

With the economy looking the way it does, we are becoming more aware of the fact that we need to sustain ourselves. And no-one is in a better position to do this, than farmers. In this edition, we once again give you the tools to equip yourself for this task.

In our feature article, we explain the most popular milking systems used on South African dairy farms. We also explore the possibilities offered by the hardy milk goat, and give some tips on how to fix a "hanging" farmgate.

In our technology section we continue both our series on building a milk shed and vegetable gardening, this time concentrating on potatoes. We discuss dry cow therapy and we kick off with the first in a series of articles regarding the processing environment. We also discuss the methods used to castrate a male calf.

In our enrichment section we discuss the different names and terminology used for milk, and we also discuss the importance of including dairy in your growing child's diet.

Enjoy reading this edition and keep farming!

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