

# UBISI NEWS

## The Eastern Cape's champion team

Last year Gerhard van Rensburg was crowned the Eastern Cape's 2008 Master Dairyman. Van Rensburg owns Blenheim Jerseys near Paterson in the Eastern Cape. The Blenheim milking team was crowned as the winning milking team at the 2008 Eastern Cape Master Dairyman competition.

According to team manager, Jomo Schoeman, the secret to his success is executing his work to the best of his ability and making sure that the rest of the team follows suit. "I have great respect for Gerhard van Rensburg and his way of doing things. It is a pleasure to do my best for him," says Jomo.

Jomo has been with the farm for 18 years and loves the farm and cattle dearly. Gerhard says this shows in Jomo's work. His calm temperament and gentle way of doing things, has a positive and inspiring influence on the rest of his team. [UM](#)



Blenheim Jerseys' winning milking team: From the left at the back are Jomo Schoeman (manager), Johnny Bokwana, Lani Henry en Tembikile Sesman. In the front from the left are Sandiswe Bosman, Elvis Rala en Sylvia Tulimani

## Students taught to vaccinate



Veterinary students at the University of the Orange Free State, completed a course in vaccination during 2008. They were trained by Hezekiel Matlamela of the Milk Producers' Organisation's Institute of Dairy Technology. At the back from the left are Simon Qomoyi Sithembele, Fonzani Sundani, Hezekiel Matlamela (training officer), Gilbert Sebela Lebogang and Sharon Mogamisi. In the front from the left are Mary Mbungela Nomalanga, Rudzani Nthangeni, Brendon Nzimande Jabulani and Faith Ntlou Takatso [UM](#)

## Farming with potential

Last year Agri Gauteng paid tribute to Impala Platinum for its role in aiding a group of new farmers to establish their own farm in the Nigel area. The group started to farm with layers in the Duduzu township near Nigel in 1999. In 2006 the group formed the Zivuseni Agricultural Cooperative.

Various other parties, including Agri Gauteng, and public and private enterprises, assisted them. Mentorship is provided by local farmer, Dawid Groesbeek. The team is now also working the 186 hectare farm, Langseekoeigat. Young maize plants cover 60 ha of land, while about 300 sheep and 45 head of cattle will provide a good income from meat sales. [UM](#)



From the left at the back are Dawid Groesbeek (mentor), Mapaseka Mofokeng (extension officer), Themba Congwane and Lucas Congwane. In front from the left are Aletta Shelembe, Zodwa Moloi, Ntombi Mekgwa (mayor of Ekurhuleni), Busisiwe Congwane, Sibongile Simelane and Phumzile Moloi

## Leadership and productivity

Employees of Van Greunen Boerdery near George in the Southern Cape, last year completed a course in supervising and productivity, presented by the Milk Producers' Organisation's Institute of Dairy Technology. For more information on the Institute's courses, phone Jas Wasserman on cell 082 490 2465. [UM](#)



At the back from the left are: Benjamin Slinger, Andries Samson (supervisor), Granwell Baadjies, Mario Lombard (manager) and André du Toit (manager). In front from the left are: Soafie Malan (supervisor), Magda Saaiman (supervisor), Petrus van Wyk (course leader), Elizabeth Willemse (supervisor), Soafie Qwina (supervisor) and Maria Stuurman



At the back from the left are: George Hartnick, Bennie van Greunen (farm owner), John Williams (supervisor), Melwin de Kock, Jannie Draai, Johannes de Kock en Edwin Scholtz (supervisor). In the middle from the left is Petrus van Wyk (course leader), Chriszelda Adams, Dawid Jantjes, Merwin van Wyk and Willem Ingani. In front from the left are: Tommie Oerson, Riaan Malan and Daniël Gertse