

UBISI NEWS

Zim emerges as winner

Jan Zim who farms with Holstein cows near QwaQwa in the Eastern Free State, was named the National Emerging Dairy Farmer 2009 at the National Master Dairymen competition. The prize-giving was held in February and hosted in Bloemfontein by the Agricultural Research Council (ARC). Jan was also the Free State's emerging farmer of the year in 2008. – *Liza Burger, Agri Connect*



USAAA ready to roll

According to Trevor Abrahams, chairperson of the United South African Agricultural Association (USAAA), the organisation has now established itself as the home for emerging agriculture in the Western Cape. Various actions and projects have already been planned and launched.

USAAA invites all trade organisations to make contact and indicate in which areas they will be willing to cooperate. Interested parties can contact Trevor Abrahams on 084 525 5037 or e-mail trevorsfarm@telkomsa.net. USAAA's offices can be reached on tel 021 863 0397 or e-mail usaaa@agrimega.co.za. – *Press release*



USAAA's management are: Front: Arrie Huyser (dairy). Middle from the left: Nico van der Ventel (grain), Niklaas Prins (wine) Bernie Cedras (pigs), Augusta Thomas (alternative vegetables) and Sussana Loff (essential oils). Back from the left: Colin Wynand (ostriches), Raymond Koopstad (vice-chairperson, youth), Ismail Motala (transformation), Hennie Windvogel (vegetables), Cyril du Plessis (fynbos), Trevor Abrahams (chairperson, deciduous fruits), Dirk Swart (agri-businesses) and Chris Hans (dried fruit)

Potatoes SA empowers Mzansi's hawkers

Potatoes South Africa will in the next two years employ campaigns aimed at educating South Africans about the value of potatoes. One such campaign is the Hawker Academy which was launched in partnership with the Tshwane Fresh Produce Market on 26 February this year. The campaign is unique and encompasses critical ingredients necessary to inspire, build and groom informal traders to business people of tomorrow. The hawker campaign will also be rolled out in the three other major fresh produce markets in South Africa namely: Jo'burg Market, Cape Town Fresh Produce Market, and Durban Fresh Produce Market. – *Press release*

New association for farm workers

The Hex Valley Table Grape Association (HTA) recently established a farm worker association, following an initiative by Western Cape agriculture minister, Gerhard van Rensburg, to create a forum for farm workers. The Hex River Farm Workers' Association, under chairmanship of André Plaatjies, is already actively busy communicating with farm workers in the Hex Valley.

For more information, contact Elza Jordaan on tel 023 356 2606 or e-mail elza@hexvallei.co.za

MPO trains Zaaiberg-employees

The Milk Producers' Organisation's Institute for Dairy Technology trained a number of employees of Zaaiberg Dairy in the Paulpietersburg vicinity in February this year. Zaaiberg Dairy belongs to Christo Klingenberg.

The institute offers a number of courses and courses for farm workers are offered free of charge, if the farm owner is a member of the Milk Producers' Organisation. Courses can be presented in the students' mother tongue and a registration fee of R50 is payable.

For more information on these and other courses presented by the institute, please contact Jas Wasserman on 082 490 2465, 012 843 5743 or e-mail jas@mpo.co.za.



In the front, from the left are Mqiniseni Zikalala, Mandla Mngomezulu, Sthembile Maseko, Sphiwe Ngwenya, Monkululeko, Proudence Buthelezi. At the back from the left are Fano Ndlangamandla, Doctor Shoba, Khulekani Ngwenya, Mjabuliseni Shoba, Sphamandla Shoba, Thabani Maseko, Robert Nkosi, Tallman Ngomezulu, Bonginkosi Madlobha. Sitting in the front is instructor, Justice Mathebula

IDT trains Limpopo dairy workers



Dairy parlour workers on the farm of Leon Thom, recently received training from the MPO's Institute for Dairy Training. At the back from the left are: Evans Maluleka, Victor Mathebula, Clement Molewa, mentor Charles Shirami and Doctor Bombi. In the front from the left are Suzan Malatji, Aletta Ramaila, Patience Ngoveni and Rosinah Makhubela 