

MPO mentee progress

Daniel Motsoeneng has been involved in the MPO mentoring programme for 18 months. He has 20 cows, of which 16 are currently in milk. At this stage he is renting his farm. Daniel is also the chairperson of the MPO Milk Producers' group in Qwa Qwa.

The MPO Mentoring Programme has undertaken 18 projects so far, each running for about five years. Emerging dairy farmers who are passionate to succeed in dairy farming and who already have their own land, could benefit from the programme. For more information on the MPO's mentoring programmes, contact Dr Nico Schutte on 012 843 5600.



From the left is Kotie Annandale, MPO mentor, Ms Vangelihle Titi, deputy director-general of the Department of Agriculture, and Daniel Motsoeneng

Paprika project

Unilever SA, the Development Bank of Southern Africa (DBSA), the Eastern Cape Department of Agriculture, the University of Fort Hare and the Amahlathi Municipality have formed a partnership to uplift poorer rural farmers. The farming community in the Eastern Cape was identified as a priority and the Sidalukukhanya Project was launched, creating 218 new jobs.

This is a community-based project involving the production of paprika. Technical support and irrigation infrastructure is supplied at no cost to the farmer, enabling him to develop from a subsistence farmer to a commercial farmer.



Gail Klintworth, chairperson of Unilever SA, and Mlulani Manjezi, divisional executive of the DBSA, in the fields where the first crop of paprika was harvested

MPO trains at Edenville-Liebenbergstroom



Right at the back: George Stander (left) and Gert Stander. At the back from the left are Jonas Mokati, Isaac Nthoba, Elias Motsoeneng, Josua Selefe and Piet Tsotetsi. In the third row from the left are Moses Motaung, Gert Molaheleki and Johannes Qhelani. In the second row from the left are Johannes Lebeko, Samuel Segonetso, Simon Rooi, Katrina Xangani, Klaas Tshabalala, Flavius Chechane and John Segonetso. In the front row are Hezekiel Matlamela (instructor), Joseph Dlamini, Motseki Ruben and Joseph Mokoena

The Milk Producers' Organisation's Institute of Dairy Technology presented a successful course in caring for beef cattle at Senrick Bonsmaras on the farm Edenville-Liebenbergstroom. For more information on courses, phone Jas Wasserman on cell 082 490 2465.

Milk SA moves office



From the left is Nicolette Teichmann (PA to the CEO), Nico Fouché (CEO, Milk SA), Ardené van der Riet (senior administrative officer) and Vincent Mafate (administrative assistant) in front of Milk SA's new offices on the ground floor, Lobby 4 in the Bank Forum Building on the corner of Veale and Fehrse Streets, Brooklyn, Pretoria. The telephone number has changed to 012 460 7312 and the fax number to 012 460 9909. The web address is www.milk.co.za and general inquiries can be made to admin@milksa.co.za 