

From the editor

For many farmers and farm workers in South Africa, black economic empowerment (BEE) is still a far-off dream. But things are different in the dairy industry. Share-milking schemes are making a big and positive difference to the lives of some dairy farm workers. Read in this issue how a share-milking scheme in the Tsitsikamma, has changed the lives of farm workers for the better.

The Intervet MPO Institute for Dairy Technology is planning many training days for farmers and farm workers in 2008. In this issue you will find a list of the dates and places where the training will take place. Be sure to attend a training day somewhere near you.

Milk recording is a very important aspect of successful dairy farming. Learn how to do your own milk recording. Also read all about weaning calves, how to prevent and control redwater, artificial insemination, cow bedding and the importance of foot baths. For our readers who have followed our series on poultry farming, we include an article on how to plan, measure and build your own poultry housing.

Enjoy this first issue of 2008 and please write to us at the address below to let us know what information you would like to read about in the *Ubisi Mail*.



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