# In brief

Welcome to the first issue of Ubisi Mail in 2011.

This issue follows after too many homes, farms, crops and infrastructure were inundated by waters that converged on seven of the country's nine provinces during the December/January period.

In this issue we highlight some of the basic actions that one should take in the event of a flood. We also look at how tractor accidents on farms can be avoided and give some basic tractor management and maintenance tips.

In the technical arena, we look at basic veterinary care skills, including wound and abscess treatment, hoof care and the prevention and treatment of mastitis.

This issue focuses on bluetongue, a disease that mainly affects sheep, but can also affect cattle and as such it is essential that dairy farm workers can identify the symptoms and take immediate, correct action to prevent the spread thereof.

We do hope this issue will give our readers more information on some of the pressing issues at farm level, and would like to hear from you on matters you would like us to address in future issues.


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