



# Training is the answer

**The mission of the Agricultural Research Council is to promote the agricultural and related sectors through research, technology development and transfer to:**

- **Enhance the natural resource base and environment**
- **Sustain a competitive agricultural economy**
- **Provide new economic opportunities**
- **Ensure high quality and safe food**
- **Support an informed society**
- **Encourage the national growth and development of South Africa**

The Institutes at the ARC-campus, Irene, have been doing research on the improvement of livestock and their products for many years and are recognised as experts in the field of animal improvement worldwide.

In 1995 it was decided that the knowledge and expertise acquired through research should be made available to prospective farmers in the commercial market, but more importantly to the emerging farmers. To ensure technology transfer, the Technology Transfer Department was established.

It is generally accepted that farmers can only become more productive through training. Since 1995 the Technology Transfer Department developed and presented courses in poul-

try production, pig production, beef cattle management, dairy cattle management and small stock management.

More advanced courses, for example the artificial insemination in pigs, has also been initiated more recently.

Several courses were also presented in Mpumalanga and the North West to extension officers, as well as emerging farmers.

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These courses cover all aspects of general management on a farm, for example housing, nutrition, rearing of the young, health management, etc. Where possible the trainees visit the different units where certain facts covered during the lectures are demonstrated and the trainees can gain hands-on experience.

Other courses include the making of cheese, feta cheese and yoghurt, as well as processing meat.

The ARC, Irene, strives to deliver a service to the farming community. The training courses are presented by researchers at Irene, as well as experts from the agricultural industry.

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## COURSES 2005

### **Cheese Course**

(19-22 Sept)

### **Yoghurt Course**

(13-14 Sept; 22-23 Sept)

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### **Beef Cattle Management**

(16-18 Aug)

### **Dairy Cattle Management**

(23-25 Aug)

### **Artificial Insemination in Pigs**

(22-25 Aug)

### **Small Stock Management**

(6-9 Sept)

### **Poultry Production**

(11-13 Oct)

### **Pig Production**

(8-10 Nov)

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