

From the editor

Spring is a time of promise and excitement for farmers and farm workers. To celebrate spring, we give you an edition that is packed with news and information.

We focus on feed supplements and explain the basics of supplementation for dairy cows. In our technical section, we look at silage-making, the do's and don'ts of bulk milk collection, the importance of forestripping in the milking parlour, and the dangers of three-day stiffness.

We also kick off with the first article in a series on pig farming. We learn how to plant carrots the right way and then we study zoonoses – diseases that can be transferred from animals or animal products to humans.

I would also like to use this opportunity to thank all our readers for the great response to our reader research. Remember to send in your form (included in the June 2009 edition of *Ubisi Mail*) and stand the chance to win a 54 cm television. The winner will be announced in the December edition.

Remember: The more you read, the better you farm.

In our next edition: Milk recording, work with a cow wheel, sheep diseases, save electricity.

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