

In brief

Preventing disease is critical in creating a profitable farm. Vaccination is one of the most cost-effective and successful ways of shielding farm animals against disease. In this issue of Ubisi Mail, industry expert, Dr Chris van Dyk, shares his knowledge on the correct handling and use of vaccines.

Lumpy skin disease is one of many preventable diseases thanks to vaccination. In this issue, we look at the impact of this disease on dairy herds and point out the symptoms and practical ways of dealing with this disease.

The future of any dairy farm rests on healthy calves and eventually healthy follower heifers. We show you how to take care of newborn calves and the different calf housing methods.

Other topics to read about include preparing fields for forage and managing pastures. A healthy diet for you and your family is also important and we explain how to establish your own vegetable garden in the Ubisi Knowledge section.

Ubisi Mail is for you: the aspiring, developing farmer, small-holder farmer, subsistence farmer and farm worker. If you need more information or would like to share your learning experience with readers of Ubisi Mail, write a letter to: The Editor, Ubisi Mail, PO Box 1284, Pretoria, 0001.

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