

# INSTITUTE FOR DAIRY TECHNOLOGY

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## COMPANY PROFILE

The Institute for Dairy Technology (IDT) is an affiliate training company of the Milk Producers' Organisation. Our focus is capacity building through skills development training programmes and technology transfer to commercial farmers, emerging farmers and farm workers.

The IDT was established in 2003 and has since trained more than 13 000 emerging farmers and farm workers in dairy and livestock. We are an accredited Agriseta training provider presenting skills development programmes in Animal Production Levels 1-4. (Provider Code: PAET 7675, ETQA ID 694). The IDT is a BEE Level 3 contributor.

Training is presented on farms or at agricultural institutions throughout South Africa. Our facilitators and assessors present the skills programmes in indigenous African languages or language of choice. The skills programmes vary between one and five days and are presented on a 30% theory and 70% practical demonstration basis.

## MISSION

Empowering through needs driven and practical agricultural training to stimulate sustainable growth.

## OBJECTIVES

- To empower previously disadvantaged farmers and farm workers to farm sustainably and increase competitiveness.
- To improve agricultural production techniques and practices to promote increased productivity.
- To promote food security in rural and urban communities.
- To increase income and quality of life in rural and urban communities.

## FUNDING

We utilise grants and statutory funds from Milk SA and Agriseta in order to provide training free of charge to emerging farmers and farm workers.

## SERVICES

The IDT acts as a training provider to the Milk Producers' Organisation, Red Meat Producers' Organisation, Feedlot Association and various agricultural businesses/agricultural co-operatives.

The IDT presents Agriseta accredited skills programmes as well as other market driven skills programmes.

Our most sought after skills programmes include:

- Caring for farm animals and animal husbandry.
- Dairy production.
- Feedlot practices: Feedlot livestock handling & Feedlot unit controller.
- Artificial insemination.
- Animal health and treatment.
- Animal feeding and nutrition.
- Productivity and the free market.
- Motivation and work ethics.
- Business and marketing skills.
- Tractor maintenance.

Additional services include consultation on milk recording systems and the evaluation of dairy production facilities.



## PARTNERSHIPS

The Institute is in partnership with a range of industries that represent the dairy production spectrum. Together with these partners we run approximately 18 information days per year across South Africa. During these information days the newest technology is conveyed to both commercial and emerging farmers.

