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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 16 000 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 2 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
Empowerment through needs driven and practical agricultural training and information services to stimulate sustainable farming.

OBJECTIVES
• To empower previously disadvantaged farmers and farm workers to farm sustainable and increase competitiveness
• To improve agricultural production techniques and practices to increase productivity
• To increase income and quality of life in rural and urban communities
• To optimise commercial farming activities

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 IDT skills programmes.

AgriSeta accredited skills programmes:
• Dairy production: dairy husbandry, hygiene and milking machine
• Animal husbandry: beef cattle
• Feedlot practices: feedlot livestock handling, feedlot unit controller
• Artificial insemination
• Socio-economic empowerment: free market system, productivity, work ethics and personal finance
• Animal health and treatment

IDT market driven skills programmes:
• Dairy production management
• Motivation and work ethics
• Safety course
• Basic principles of supervision
• Basic business skills
• Marketing skills for emerging farmers

OTHER SPECIALISED SERVICES
• Development of training material for:
  - The dairy farm worker (general assistant)
  - The dairy farm supervisor
  - The dairy herd manager
  - Development and implementation of dairy projects
  - Agricultural business plans
  - Family business consultation

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