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# MILK BULLETIN

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## **Milk production still below 2015**

In spite of an estimated increase in milk intake in September 2016, the total milk production during the first nine months of this year has still been 2,2% less than in the same period last year. More favourable production conditions in pasture-producing areas have contributed greatly to drive the increase in production. Milk intake figures are supplied by Milk SA. Intake figures for August and September 2016 are still preliminary and will change as more complete information is provided.

## **Sampro CEO elected as director of IDF**

Alwyn Kraamwinkel, the executive head of Sampro, was elected as a director of the International Dairy Federation at the World Dairy Summit recently held in the Netherlands. The MPO congratulates him on his appointment.

## **MPO economist elected as member of IDF Science Program Coordinating Committee (SPCC)**

Dr Koos Coetzee, MPO Economist was elected as member of the SPCC at the recent IDF General Assembly in Rotterdam, the Netherlands. The SPCC is the committee that coordinates the work of the IDF's 17 standing committees. The MPO congratulates him on his appointment.

## **School Milk Day celebrations continue in North West**

MPO North West continued its Schools Milk Day celebrations at 11 schools in Lichtenburg on Tuesday, 18, Wednesday, 19 and Thursday, 20 October. 10 370 pupils from Grade R to 7 each received a 250 ml bottle of milk, which was distributed by regional coordinator Benita Oelofsen and other MPO representatives. Presentations about where milk comes from and why it is important for children to include dairy products in their diets were made at two of the schools visited.

MPO North West thanks all sponsors, dairy farmers and others who contributed to the success of these events.

## **Lessons learned from farming in a drought**

Aidan Bomford from Intelact gave an inspiring presentation on the lessons learned from farming in a drought at the MPO's congress held at Lythwood Lodge, Lidgetton on 7 September 2016. To watch this interesting video, click [HERE](#).

## **Male veterinarians an endangered species**

The South African Veterinary Council (SAVC) recently submitted its 2015/2016 annual report to Parliament's Portfolio Committee on Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries. The SAVC stated that South Africa currently has only 3 180 registered veterinarians, which is not enough to service the country. There is a significant shortage regarding expertise relating to animal production. Dr Clive Marwick, an executive member of the SAVC, said that although the number of registered veterinarians and specialist veterinarians had increased during the financial year the number of animal health technicians had decreased.

To read more, click [HERE](#).

### Please complete MPO survey

Milk producers are requested to complete the MPO's electronic questionnaire that was sent to them recently. According to MPO economist Dr Koos Coetzee, the MPO uses the information on milk production and herd numbers to give members timely and accurate statistics on the primary dairy industry. The MPO administers a statutory measure in terms of the Marketing of Agricultural Products Act, (Act 47 of 1996), which requires milk producers to register with the organisation and provide it with records and returns. Since the MPO collects and assimilates the information, its confidentiality is guaranteed. No individual information will be supplied to anyone.

The MPO wishes to thank producers who have already completed and returned the questionnaire. Producers who have not yet completed the questionnaire are urged to do so as soon as possible. If you require more information, please contact Dr Koos Coetzee at 012 843 5600 or email him at [koos.coetzee@mpo.co.za](mailto:koos.coetzee@mpo.co.za).

Producers can use the following link to complete the survey:

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/SJM53FH>

### International market

#### The Dairy Declaration of Rotterdam

The Food and Agriculture Organisation of the United Nations (FAO) and the International Dairy Federation (IDF) signed the Dairy Declaration of Rotterdam on 19 October 2016 during the IDF World Dairy Summit.

The representatives of the one-billion person dairy community present at Rotterdam are committed to developing the dairy sector sustainably so as to generate benefit for people and the planet. The declaration aims to reiterate the integrated approach that the dairy sector takes to promote the sustainability of dairy systems, while considering their social, economic, health and environmental dimensions. To read more, click [HERE](#).

#### Power to the people

Power to the people takes on a new meaning for the management of R&R Ice Cream, the world's largest ice cream manufacturer. With their new project they turn byproducts from their ice cream factory into biogas to power UK homes. The byproduct consists of sugar, fat and protein, left behind after product-line cleansing. It can then be transformed into biomethane, a biogas – to generate power. To read more, click [HERE](#).

#### Wholesome and healthy

Camel milk is a wholesome and healthy beverage. Desert Farms, a company that sells camel milk products in the US, wants to expand their market by selling camel milk and camel milk ice cream to US health-conscious consumers. One of the company's missions is to educate consumers on the health benefits of camel milk. According to them it is a low-fat beverage which is considered to be a natural super food. To read more, click [HERE](#).

### Training

## Training courses for dairy herd managers

The MPO and Milk SA will be presenting a second course for dairy herd managers: A dairy farm business management course at the MPO offices in Pretoria from 7 to 11 November 2016. The course will be presented by various industry experts and topics critical to effective and efficient dairy management will be covered. All dairy herd managers are invited to attend the course.

The Farm Business Management Course will cover:

- farm business management;
- farm labour management;
- financial and stock management; and
- natural resource management.

The registration fee per course is R500. Contact Helene Pheiffer at the MPO Institute for course details and registration at 012 843 5600/4759 or 079 528 1394 or [helene@mpo.co.za](mailto:helene@mpo.co.za). For more information, click [HERE](#).

## The Dairy Mail

### To be precise

Precision feeding enables a producer to address individual cow requirements during lactation. Nutritionists and technical advisers use modelling programs to formulate farm-specific rations depending on breed, level of production, raw material availability and environment to meet the nutritional need of cows during different production phases. Turn to page 56 of the November issue of *The Dairy Mail* for an interesting article by Hannes Beukes, technical adviser at Meadow Feeds. To read the digital copy of TDM, go to [www.agriconnect.co.za](http://www.agriconnect.co.za).

## Events

### How to manage waste water

Milk producers in KwaZulu-Natal and the Western Cape have the opportunity to find out how to manage waste water in terms of the requirements of the National Water Act, Act 36 of 1998 and the Waste Act, Act 59 of 2008. Following successful workshops held in the Eastern Cape last year the Department of Water Affairs and Sanitation (DWS) and the MPO decided to roll out the workshops to milk producers in KwaZulu-Natal and the Western Cape. Workshops will be held in KwaZulu-Natal on 8 and 9 November 2016 and in the Western Cape on 15, 16 and 17 November. The interactive workshops will focus on the registration and authorisation of effluent dams for the storage and discharge of waste. Officials from the DWS and Department of Environmental Affairs (DEA) will make presentations and address dairy farmers' concerns in this regard. The departments are eager to explain the requirements of the Acts to dairy farmers so that the farmers can comply with them. The workshops are scheduled to take place at various venues in the following towns from 10:00 to 14:00.

#### KwaZulu-Natal

Date	Town	Venue
8 Nov	Ixopo	Highflats Farmers Association
9 Nov	Estcourt	Empangweni Lutheran Church

#### Western Cape

Date	Town	Venue
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15 Nov	George	Outeniqua Experimental Farm
16 Nov	Swellendam	SSK Lecture Room
17 Nov	Malmesbury	Laerskool Swartland Sports Centre

The MPO supports the departments' efforts and urges farmers to attend the workshops. For more information contact Barbara Bieldt, MPO manager: market protection and development at 083 235 2629 or send an email to [barbara@mpo.co.za](mailto:barbara@mpo.co.za).

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