



DESTiny application nominated for international award

The Dairy Environment Sustainability Tool (DESTiny), which helps dairy producers estimate the net carbon footprint of different production options and identify the most sustainable and environmentally efficient farm management systems, was nominated by the International Dairy Federation (IDF) for this year's Innovation Award – the nomination fell under the category of sustainable farming practices. The winner will be announced on 21 October at the World Dairy Summit in Santiago, Chile.

The DESTiny application, a project of Milk SA, was developed in cooperation with ASSET Research. The research project is currently in its second phase, which includes to convey practical insights from the findings to dairy producers, consultants, and the like. Riana Reinecke, who is working on her PhD in sustainable milk production at Stellenbosch University, is the research leader. Congratulations, Riana!

SANAS accreditation for the DSA

Milk SA is immensely proud of the Dairy Standard Agency (DSA), as it recently obtained accreditation from the South African National Accreditation System (SANAS), which is the only national body responsible for carrying out accreditations in respect of conformity assessment, as mandated through the *Accreditation for Conformity Assessment, Calibration and Good Laboratory Practice Act, 2006 (Act 19 of 2006)*.

"We are proud to announce that the Dairy Standard Agency Laboratory Services (DSA Lab Services) has completed its initial SANAS assessment (chemical analysis: T1129) and is now accredited to ISO 17025:2017," said Jompie Burger, general manager of the DSA.

"Every time we test milk – whether for protein, fat, lactose, total solids, freezing point, or somatic cell count – you can trust that our results are accurate, reliable, and compliant with internationally recognised standards.

"This accreditation marks a significant achievement for DSA Lab Services and represents a broader win for the South African dairy industry. It reinforces our commitment to supporting safe, high-quality dairy products for consumers nationwide."

SANCU honours DSA

The South African National Consumer Union (SANCU) awarded the SANCU Consumer Cup to Jompie Burger and the DSA. In awarding the trophy, SANCU stated that "It was a great honour to recognise your outstanding contribution to the South African society by awarding the SANCU Consumer Cup to Burger and the Dairy Standard Agency team. Your dedication, integrity and tireless efforts in protecting and empowering consumers are deeply appreciated. Please accept our heartfelt congratulations and gratitude – this recognition is well deserved."

SANCU represents millions of South African consumers and functions as an umbrella organisation while its membership extends to vitally important grass-roots organisations across the country. The DSA manages an array of projects as part of the Milk SA statutory project portfolio. We are very proud of Burger and his team!

Milk SA discusses statutory measures

As a non-profit company, Milk SA has been designated by the Minister of Agriculture since 2005 to administer statutory measures. Nico Fouché, CEO of Milk SA, recently discussed the different requirements relating to various industry role-players, objectives of the measures, and other important information relating thereto on *RSG Landbou*. Click [here](#) to listen to the interview.