



Manager - Animal Health and Welfare Program of the DRDC

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Dr Mark Chimes

Quarter 2 2024/2024 (April 2024 till June 2024)

Project goals

Goal 1 - To attend 4 x DRDC quarterly meetings and give inputs as required

Achievements

Attended the meeting on 6 June.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 2 - To attend 4 x NAHF quarterly meetings and give inputs as required

Achievements

Attended the meeting on 19 June where I emphasised action that needs to be taken regarding the FMD outbreak in the Eastern Cape. I was tasked to set up a JOC to open the channels of communication. At this meeting I was also officially appointed as the chairperson for the Brucellosis steering committee. The minutes of the meeting are attached as well as the letter appointing me as chairperson of the Brucellosis steering committee.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 3 - To attend 4 x LWCC quarterly meetings and give inputs as required

Achievements

Attended the meeting on 31 May and gave feedback that I have been contacting the SABS every month to set a date for the revision of the standards with no success.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 4 - To represent South Africa on the IDF-subcommittees for Animal Health & Welfare as well for Antimicrobial Resistance

Achievements

Attended IDF webinar on AMR on 14 June

Compiled and submitted a report on AMR in dairy in South Africa (copy of report attached)

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 5 - To attend 2 x IDF-subcommittee on Animal Health & Welfare annual meetings and give inputs as required

Achievements

Attended the 1st IDF SCAHW meeting online on 16 April (copy of minutes attached)

Gave a presentation at the SASDT on the role of SANCIDF and the IDF in animal health and welfare (copy of powerpoint presentation attached)

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 6 - To attend 2 x IDF Farmer's meetings and give inputs as required

Achievements

Remotely attended the first IDF Farmers meeting on 12 June.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 7 - To be appointed to the SABS Technical Committees that are tasked with revising SANS 1694 & SANS 1488 and to make recommendations regarding the standards for the benefit of the dairy industry

Achievements

I have contacted the SABS every month to try and set a date with no success. I will continue to put pressure on them.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 8 - To represent Milk SA by securing appointment to the Ministerial Advisory Committee on Antimicrobial Resistance and present inputs

Achievements

I contacted the committee to enquire about my appointment. I was told that the committee has not been compiled yet and this will only be done after the election.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 9 - To represent Milk SA as a guest lecturer on dairy animal welfare and health at at least 2 universities

Achievements

The university of Stellenbosch has indicated that they would like me to present some lectures towards the end of the year when the dairy module is taught.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 10 - To present 2 webinars for the DSA

Achievements

I will be presenting my 2nd webinar for the year on 17 July with the subject "Dairy calf welfare - trends, suggestions and solutions".

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 11 - To represent Milk SA at the RUVASA congress

Achievements

I attended the RUVASA congress as part of the World Veterinary Association Congress held in Cape Town from 16 to 19 April.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 12 - To represent Milk SA at the Large Herds Congress

Achievements

I attended the Large Herds Congress in Queberha on 27 & 28 May

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 13 - To represent Milk SA and South Africa at the IDF World Congress

in Paris

Achievements

I have booked and paid my attendance fee for this congress.
My flights and accommodation is till to be booked and confirmed.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 14 - To initiate the project to collect data on the status of calf welfare in South Africa

Achievements

Data is slowly being collected. There are still glitches with the system since we do not always have cellphone reception on the farms. This is being solved by printing the questionnaire. The next step would be to consider putting the questionnaire onto our I-pads that are used for audits. This will make data analyses a bit more cumbersome.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 15 - To assist the Red Meat Industry on how to set up a Biosecurity and Traceability system through the Veterinary Network based on my experiences in dairy farm audits

Achievements

A consulting company called BIOSEK, that specialises in assisting farmers with complying with a certified standard of biosecurity, has been set up. I merely assisted and gave my inputs to guide them on biosecurity matters for cattle.

I met with the Food Safety Agency. They are developing the software to incorporate disease reporting with abattoirs. Some parts have been completed.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 16 - To assist in establishing a disease monitoring system through the abattoirs

Achievements

See above

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Goal 17 - To support Milk SA by: a. Advising on matters pertaining to animal health and welfare b. Attending farmer days and presenting talks

as required c. Compiling advisory documents for farmers on matters relating to animal health and welfare

Achievements

I gave the same 2 talks for farmers on 3 Lactalis Farmer Days at 3 venues.

I gave several interviews for the press, radio and TV on the bird flu outbreak in the USA as well as the FMD outbreak in SA.

I have compiled various guidelines, letters and reports on avian influenza in dairy cattle and especially on FMD. Copies of these documents are attached.

No Non-achievements / underperformance has been reported

Income and expenditure statement

Income and expenditure statement	Expenditure 2nd Quarter 2024 - Dr Mark Chimes.xlsx
Unnecessary spending during period	No

Popular Report

[MIS - Popular report for the period 1 Apr - 30 Jun 2024.docx](#)

Additional documentation

- [1. USE OF ANTIBIOTICS ON FARMS - Lactalis farmer days.pdf](#)
- [2. CHIMES - Disbudding of calves - lactalis talk.pdf](#)
- [3. SAFM - Bird flu - 11 Apr 2024.m4a](#)
- [4. Bird Flu in USA dairy cows - Is South Africa at risk - 11 April 2024.pdf](#)
- [5. SCAHW Draft minutes mid year meeting 2024.docx](#)
- [6. Grootplaas - Video - Voelgriep in melkbeeste 18 Apr 2024.docx](#)
- [7. Avian Influenza in Dairy Cattle Update - 26 April 2024.pdf](#)
- [8. Protocol for Dairy Farms in case of Foot and Mouth Disease.pdf](#)
- [9. MAKLIKE GOEDKOOP ONTSMETTING VIR BEK.pdf](#)
- [10. SAVA - Fedco Minutes - 4th May 2024.docx](#)
- [11. Role of the IDF in Animal Welfare and Health.pdf](#)
- [12. Protocol for Dairy Farms in case of Foot and Mouth Disease.pdf](#)
- [13. 192nd LWCC MEETING AGENDA - 31 May 2024 Draft.docx](#)
- [14. MILK SA - 2023.06.03 Letter to Chief Vet - Movement of dairy cows within the FMD quarantine areas.doc](#)
- [15. 2024.06.07 FMD Press Release - Milk SA - Final.doc](#)
- [17. Signed Affidavit - M Chimes - Albertinia calves.pdf](#)
- [18. AMR - South Africa- Animal health report - IDF \(2\).docx](#)
- [19. AMR - Photos and Tables - AMR in South Africa- Animal health report - IDF \(1\).docx](#)
- [20. RSG Plaasmedia TV onderhoud oor BEK.docx](#)

Statement

Levy funds were applied only for the purposes stated in the contract	Yes
Levy funds were applied in an appropriate and accountable manner	Yes

Sufficient management and internal control systems were in place to adequately control the project and accurately account for the project expenditure	Yes
The information provided in the report is correct	Yes