

Meadow Opstal re-opening ceremony

The re-opening and ribbon cutting ceremony of the renovated Meadow Opstal at Bekker School near Magaliesburg, Gauteng, took place on 3 February 2009, as part of the Meadow Feeds Project: Bekker School Farm Section.

The aim of this project, initiated by Meadow Feeds and supported by industry key role-players, Alltech, Animate Animal Health, Atlas Trading & Shipping, BKB Grainco, Cargill, Cheminique International, Deltamune, Immunovet Services, Instavet, National Chicks, Majesty Oils, Poultry Bulletin and SA Outsourcing, is to prevent the closing down of the farm section and to rejuvenate and support the agricultural farm section of Bekker School.

Bekker School has 650 pupils from grade 8 to 12 and has the biggest hostel in South Africa.

The opening ceremony was presided over by Chris Schutte (Managing Director, Astral Foods Animal Feed Division), supported by Theo Scholtz (Headmaster, Bekker School) with the official ribbon-cutting ceremony. Mr Schutte unveiled the plaque of the newly renovated Meadow Opstal.

Dr Joubert Nolte (Marketing Executive, Astral Foods Animal Feed Division) welcomed all the guests and re-emphasised the goals of the project, while thanking the key-role players for their support with the project. The project leaders, André Griessel (Sales Manager, Central Region, Meadow Feeds) and Louise du Plessis (Sales Administrator, Central Region, Meadow Feeds) were also thanked for their inputs.



Bekker School's headmaster, Theo Scholtz and Chris Schutte, MD of Astral Foods' Animal Feed Division, cutting the ribbon during the opening ceremony



Dr Joubert Nolte, marketing executive of Astral Foods' Animal Feeds Division welcoming the guests to the opening ceremony



Chris Schutte unveiling the plaque at the renovated Meadow Opstal



Then Theo Scholtz thanked all the supporters of the project for their involvement and pointed out the value of this project to Bekker School. He also handed the project over to Brian Callaghan (Department Head, Agriculture, Bekker School) and Kobus Marais (Farm Manager, Bekker School) to manage internally.

After the official ceremony, a farm walk-through was conducted under the leadership of Louise du Plessis and all the guests were shown the improvements to the buildings, broiler facility, dairy and piggery as well as the newly bought feed mixer and silage shredder.

Then a braai was sponsored by Meadow Feeds, where everybody reinforced their commitment to the project. ■



André Griessel (Sales Manager, Central Region and Project Leader, Meadow Feeds), Louise du Plessis (Sales Administrator, Central Region and Co-project Leader, Meadow Feeds) and Fanie Nel of Immunovet Services



Len Hansen (Human Resources and Organisational Development Manager at Astral Foods) with Mr M Van Niekerk (AgriSETA)



Brian Callaghan (Department Head, Agriculture, Bekker School), Theo Scholtz (Headmaster, Bekker School) and Kobus Marais (Farm Manager, Bekker School)



The new feed mixer and silage shredder



Broilers at the Bekker School farm section



The newly renovated Opstal