

Goodbye, but not farewell

It is unfortunate that our last issue is published just as the dairy industry in Africa is picking up. Agri Connect had to take the unfortunate decision to cease publication of *Dairy Mail Africa*, due to numerous logistical problems.

This is therefore the last issue and we want our readers to know that the decision was a painful one taken under a heavy cloud of sadness and sorrow. We would have loved to continue with the publication, but issues beyond the company's control have led to the death of this African dairy sector mouthpiece.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank all our partners, advertisers, distributors and contributors – it has been wonderful working with you. Special mention goes to the East African Dairy Development (EADD) initiative, Land O'Lakes, ESADA, and the Milk Producers' Organisation in South Africa, for all the support they have given over the past five years.

But this mustn't be the death of the sector and we would like to work with all of you in future projects.

In the last issue, we once again look at the continent's dairy sector. We take our readers on a visit to South Africa's Fort Hare Dairy Trust, which was set up to assist new farmers and youth with dairy farming skills. We share their secrets and celebrate their successes.

We look at EADD's initiatives in Kenya, to ensure that the dairy value chain is developed to its full potential and we also feature news from EADD's various regions. We also bring you the last in our series on dairy terminology and we study the UN's



Food and Agriculture Organisation's latest report on climate change report.

And with that, I truly hope that this edition, despite it being laid to rest, will give you reading pleasure and will remain on your desk and book case for many years to come.

Goodbye, totsienis, kwa heri.

Editor