

AFMA MEMBER UPDATE

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Welcome note

Dear AFMA Members,

Welcome to the latest edition of the AFMA Member Update newsletter, where we bring you insightful updates on the initiatives, projects, and developments within the animal feed industry. As we embark on the journey through 2024, it's paramount to reflect on the strategic discussions held by the AFMA Committees, setting the tone for our collective efforts in advancing the industry.

Since 2014, the AFMA Committees have been pivotal in driving strategic conversations at the onset of each year, aiming to evaluate ongoing projects, identify new actions, and align committee endeavors with AFMA's overarching strategic vision. Initially initiated by the Technical Committee a decade ago, these sessions have evolved to encompass all committees, fostering cross-sharing of ideas and solutions to common challenges. This year marks a significant milestone as the AFMA Board directors actively participated in these joint committee sessions, enhancing alignment and synergy between committee actions and board objectives.

Furthermore, discussions at the General Meeting held on April 4 shed light on key industry dynamics, including insights from Mr. Gerhard Schutte of the National Animal Health Forum on the status of animal diseases in South Africa. The meeting provided a platform for AFMA committees to share progress updates and planned actions for the upcoming year, emphasizing the collective commitment towards industry advancement.

In regulatory matters, significant developments such as the release of

revised farm feed registration tariffs and the phase-out of CMR substances underscore the industry's proactive approach towards compliance and safety. Additionally, upcoming events like the Antimicrobial Resistance Workshop highlight collaborative efforts to address pressing industry challenges and foster knowledge exchange.

Amidst these initiatives, AFMA membership remains a cornerstone of industry excellence, with a commitment to producing safe feed for safe food exemplified through adherence to the industry Code of Conduct. As we navigate challenges and pursue opportunities, member participation and engagement remain pivotal for the success of our endeavors.

In this edition, a full event calendar is made available, and members are encouraged to plan their participation and attendance to make full use of the opportunities. Highlights include a student outreach to the University of KwaZulu-Natal and an AMR workshop in April, the AFMA Golf Day in August, the AGM in September, and the Symposium in October. Training opportunities this year includes the highly anticipated Feed Miller short course in May and a Writing skills workshop in June that will also offer CPD credits to animal scientists wishing to improve their technical writing skills.

In closing, let's embrace the opportunities that lie ahead, fuelled by collaboration, innovation, and a shared commitment to advancing the animal feed industry. Together, we can make a meaningful difference and shape a prosperous future for our industry and the communities we serve.

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AFMA Committee strategic outcomes for 2024

Since 2014, the AFMA Committees have held strategic discussion sessions at the start of each year to evaluate ongoing projects, identify new actions, prioritize outcomes, and aligning committee actions with AFMA's strategic vision. It started with the technical committee ten years ago, but have since been expanded to include all committees and have gained momentum and added benefit due to the sessions being held jointly between committees. The cross-sharing of ideas and common challenges facilitated robust discussions amongst the committee exco's consisting of the chairperson, vice-chairperson, and secretary. This year, the directors of the AFMA Board was able to participate in the joint committee strategic session and added tremendous value to the alignment of committee actions with that of the Board.

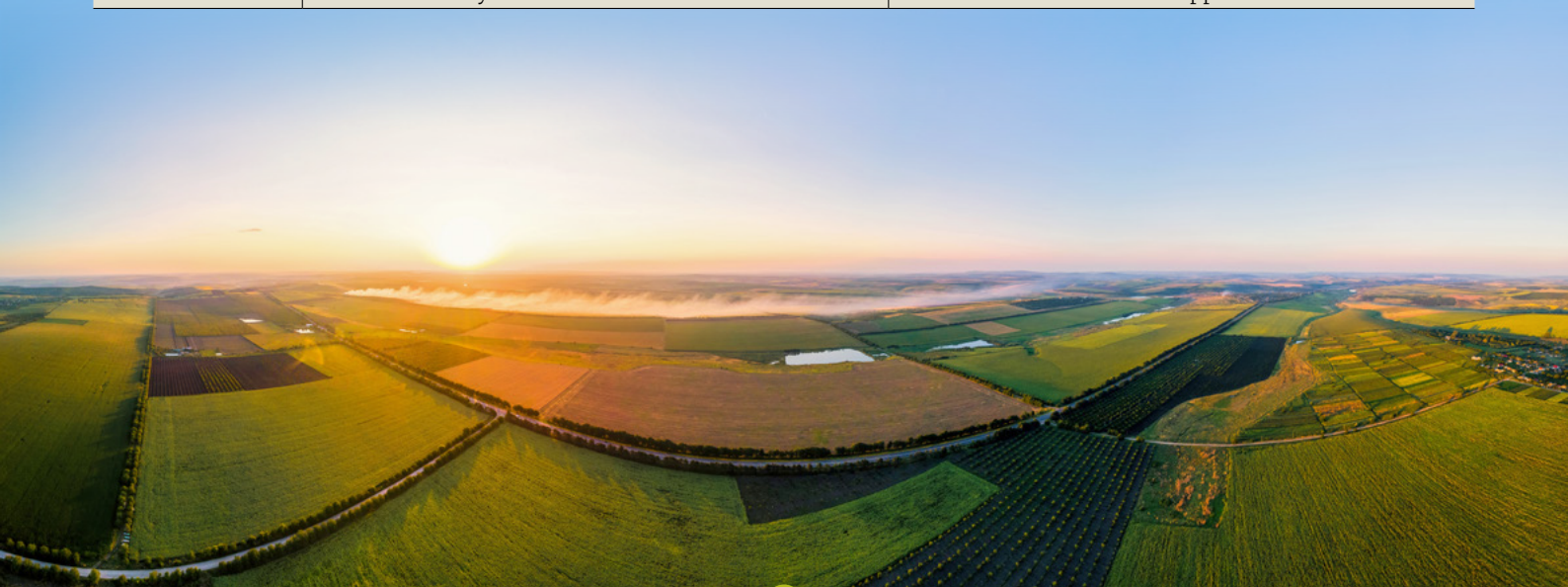
Each committee presented their current projects, proposed new ones that will benefit AFMA members, and finalized the priority actions and outcomes for 2024. In addition to

the priority projects, each committee also has a watchlist of projects that will be kept on the radar and addressed when priority outcomes have been achieved. The following projects were identified for the coming year – *see table below*.

Other challenges were discussed and include a proposal to incorporate ethical research practices in AFMA's Code of Conduct as an illustration of the industry's view on responsible animal trials, as well as a need for AFMA to engage with SACNASP and SASAS regarding the protection of professional animal scientist standards.

It is a full portfolio of outcomes for the committees once again for 2024, and a focused approach is needed from the Committee chairs to drive the actions and achieve successful outcomes. Member participation is critical for the success of the projects, and members are encouraged to volunteer their expertise and time to assist in the achievement of the industry objectives. Together we can make a difference!

Committee	Priority projects	Watchlist
Regulatory	Farm feed regulation amendment	Farm feed registration guideline
	Feed and pet food bill	Code of Conduct surveillance audits
	CMR Substance prohibition	Code of Conduct modernization
	Code of Conduct member survey	
Trade	Soya/sunflower oilcake import duty	Gene editing provision in the GMO Act
	JSE oilcake future contract	Leaf services
	Grain passport system implementation	
Technical	Nutrient Guideline revision of farm feed	Revision of salmonella guideline
	Antimicrobial resistance advocacy	Ingredient Quality: Sunflower O/C
	CMR substances prohibition	Laboratory analysis – interpretation of results and methods
Training & Skills	Marketing of Livestock Feed miller e-learning program	Internship program for the feed industry
	Internship options on website	CPD credits for training courses
	Skill needs analysis	Increase student outreach opportunities



Feedback: AFMA General Meeting

AFMA held its General Meeting on 4 April at the Grain Building Auditorium in Pretoria, and the hybrid meeting was very well attended with over 50 people participating.

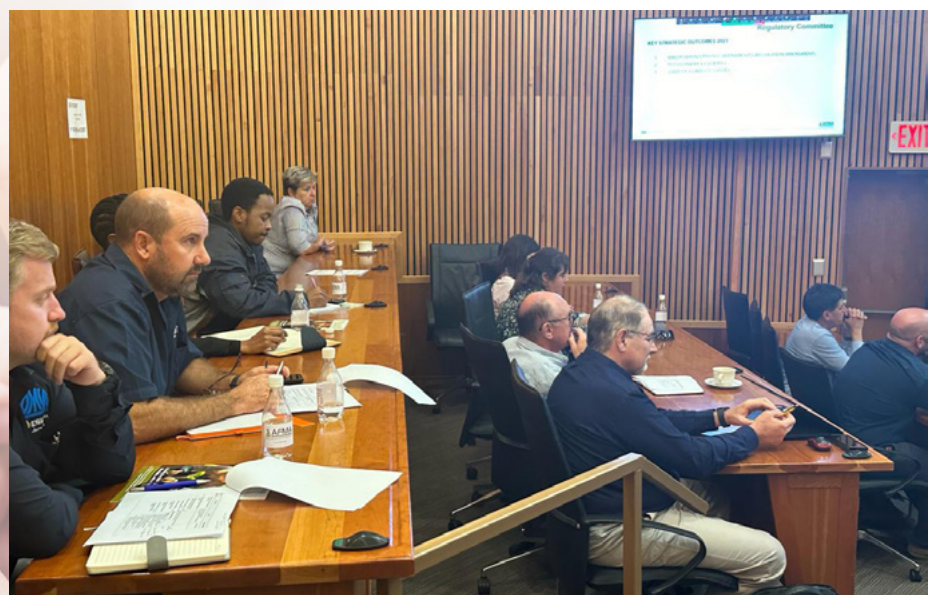
The chairperson, Ms. Anina Hunter, officially opened the meeting with a key remark on the volatile and challenging environment in which the feed industry operates and acknowledged the resilience of feed businesses to continuously combat these challenges. She reiterated that AFMA is here to serve its members and invited rigorous comments and engagement.

Mr. Gerhard Schutte, chairperson of the National Animal Health Forum (NAHF), was invited to share his view on the current status of animal diseases in South Africa and how it affects the livestock sector and the greater agricultural value chain.

During the meeting, several topics were discussed, including the progress of ongoing projects, the alignment of AFMA with the vision of influencing food security, and upcoming events. The participants also discussed the intention to amend the MOI (Memorandum of Incorporation) and the proposed changes to the board rotation policy. The resolution to amend the MOI was approved, and the amended version will be filed with the CIPC (Companies and Intellectual Property Commission).

The meeting concluded with expressions of gratitude to the attendees for their participation and to the AFMA staff for their hard work.

Overall, the meeting provided an opportunity for knowledge sharing, collaboration, and planning for the future.



New Farm Feed registration tariffs for 2024/2025 now available

We are delighted to inform our members about the release of the revised registration tariffs for farm feeds. These changes, as mandated by the Fertilisers, Farm Feeds, Stock Remedies, Agricultural Remedies, and Pesticides Act, have been officially released on March 8, 2024, and have come into effect starting April 1, 2024, through March 30, 2025.

To ensure you have all the necessary information, please visit our website at www.afma.co.za/act-36-of-1947. Here, you can access the latest gazetted farm feed tariffs, along with a detailed summary of the registration tariffs for the 2024/2025 period.

Current insights on registration progress: Key updates you need to know!

During the Animal Feed Forum meeting on 13 February 2024, AIC reviewed the farm feed registration activities from 1 November 2023 to 31 January 2024.

Here are the key highlights:

- ➔ **Registration Summary:** This registration cycle saw 800 new applications and 971 completions, leaving 1,459 registrations outstanding, with 655 pending processing.
- ➔ **Current Processing Focus:** Efforts are currently concentrated on **December 2023** submissions for new applications and **November 2023** for amendments or minor applications.
- ➔ **Completion Trends:** An increase in completed applications was noted, with amendments/minor applications prevailing.
- ➔ **Application Submission Patterns:** A slight decrease in new applications was observed (244 new and 566 amendments/minor applications), with pet food applications increasing.
- ➔ **On-hold Applications:** A rise from 22% during previous cycle to 33% in on-hold applications suggests tighter assessments, with concerns over processing delays.

➔ **Operational Challenges:**

Processing of registrations certificates at outbound is impacted by limited staff and influx of applications from large technical assessment team, prompting a review of the two-week processing target to ensure it aligns with actual capabilities.

- ➔ **Renewal delays:** Extended renewal times for rendering and sterilizing plant registrations necessitate better coordination between plant licensing (S-number) and product registrations (V-number).

For the first time since 2020, DALRRD is maintaining a four-month registration timeline which AFMA appreciate. New registrations are being processed in two months and amendments are now processed within 3 months. However, the backlog in issuing certificates remains a concern. Members are encouraged to report prolonged on-hold applications for resolution.

The upcoming meeting on 14 May 2024, will continue to focus on addressing the outbound backlog and other pertinent matters, aiming for strategic improvements and enhanced operational efficiency for the industry's benefit.

The phase-out of CMR substances – an update from the fertilizer industry

During the latest AFMA Regulatory Committee meeting held on 28 February 2024, Ms. Hannelie Marais delivered crucial insights into the ongoing phase-out of CMR substances within the fertilizer industry, aligning with the Global Harmonization System (GHS) for chemical classification and labeling.

Key Takeaways:

- ➔ **Global and Local Compliance:** South Africa is moving to eliminate high-risk CMR substances (categories 1A and 1B), mirroring global safety standards.
- ➔ **Urgent Deadline:** The sector faces a 1 June 2024, deadline for phasing out these substances, necessitating swift action from agrichemical and fertilizer companies.
- ➔ **Derogation Process:** Companies needing to use certain CMR substances must submit detailed derogation applications, supported by toxicological assessments and expert credentials.
- ➔ **Industry Impact:** The phase-out will significantly influence the industry, pushing for the identification of safer alternatives or, if necessary, restricted handling by trained personnel.
- ➔ **Regulatory Enforcement:** The enforcement of the phase-out beyond the set deadline remains uncertain, with Marais advocating for clear and effective regulatory mechanisms to ensure compliance.
- ➔ **Enhancing Safety through Labeling:** The importance of accurate labeling, including GHS pictograms, was stressed to guarantee the safe transportation and handling of chemicals, reflecting a commitment to safety and regulatory adherence.
- ➔ **International Compliance for Exports:** Exporters must adhere to the GHS requirements of destination countries, necessitating vigilant compliance efforts to international regulatory developments.
- ➔ **Collaborative Efforts:** Ongoing industry-government collaboration is vital in navigating the complexities of the phase-out and process and exploring the safety of potential alternative substances.

Ms. Marais underscored the need for proactive measures in readiness for the phase-out of CMR substances, highlighting the criticality of submitting derogation applications on time and complying with both local and international regulations. This approach represents a major step forward in ensuring a safer and compliant fertilizer industry in South Africa.

Let's talk antimicrobial resistance

AFMA, in partnership with SAAHA, is gearing up to host a pivotal workshop focusing on antimicrobial resistance (AMR), aiming to unify and clarify antimicrobial programs across different industry sectors. This collaborative effort seeks to address the pressing need for effective control and surveillance of AMR.

The event will be hosted at the **Willows Country Lodge, Pretoria**, on **23–24 April 2024** and is set to offer a detailed look at AMR trends and initiatives, fostering knowledge exchange and encouraging collaboration to enhance our collective understanding of AMR complexities. The 2-day programme will include insightful presentations, culminating in a round table discussion titled **“Tackling AMR together”**. Stakeholders from the livestock value chain are invited to attend the workshop, including producers, suppliers, manufacturers, researchers, veterinarians, and policymakers, and to join in this crucial conversation on AMR management.

Workshop Goals

- ➔ Initiate AMR dialogue among supplier and producer organizations within South Africa.
- ➔ Explore global AMR developments and trends.
- ➔ Increase awareness of antimicrobial usage, control, resistance, and surveillance strategies.
- ➔ Facilitate sector-specific program updates and sharing of implementation progress.
- ➔ Showcase local research and advancements in AMR.

Program Highlights

Keynote speaker Prof. Shabbir Simjee, renowned for his work in infectious diseases and antimicrobial resistance, is a highlight of the workshop. His pioneering work in AMR since 1992, especially in gene transfer research at the US FDA, has set benchmarks in the field. Now leading Elanco

A promotional poster for the AFMA-SAAHA Antimicrobial Resistance Workshop. The top half features a dark blue background with a microscopic view of various bacteria in shades of red, orange, and blue. Below this, the AFMA (Animal Feed Manufacturers Association) and SAAHA (South African Animal Health Association) logos are displayed. The text on the poster reads: 'AFMA-SAAHA ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE WORKSHOP', '23 & 24 April 2024', 'Willows Boutique Hotel and Conference Venue', 'The Willows, Pretoria'. A pink banner at the bottom contains the text: 'Draft programme available! Only 3 days left to register! Workshop won't be repeated in 2024.' and a black button with white text: 'REGISTER BY 18 APRIL 2024'.

AFMA-SAAHA ANTIMICROBIAL RESISTANCE WORKSHOP

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The Willows, Pretoria

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Animal Health's antimicrobial stewardship efforts as Chief Medical Officer, Prof. Simjee's contributions to the VetPath AMR monitoring program and his editorial role in significant journals have earned him global acclaim. Don't miss his insightful presentations at the AMR Workshop, where he will share his extensive knowledge and engage in critical discussions on antimicrobial resistance.

Don't miss this opportunity to be part of a vital initiative that aims to enhance our approach to antimicrobial resistance. This workshop represents a crucial step toward advancing our understanding and management of AMR, contributing to improved health outcomes industry wide. Don't miss this chance to engage with leading experts and shape the future of antimicrobial resistance management.

AFMA TRADE

Maize grading regulations amended

A significant event occurred on February 16th in the agricultural sector as the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform, and Rural Development (DALRRD) released amended maize grading regulations through official gazetting. AFMA has played a pivotal role in shaping the recently gazetted maize grading regulations.

Leveraging its expertise and industry insights, AFMA actively participated in the regulatory procedure by providing valuable



feedback and suggestions aimed at improving the efficacy and applicability of the updated standards.

Consequently, it is imperative to evaluate the maize grading procedures and protocols and make adjustments to ensure compliance with the regulatory framework. Moreover, it is advisable to provide training and equip personnel involved in maize grading with the necessary skills to conduct precise and consistent grading evaluations in accordance with the new regulations.

Introducing the new AFMA Animal Feed Report

Welcome to the new edition of the AFMA Animal Feed Report. As we navigate the dynamic landscape of the animal feed industry, comprehensive monthly reports are needed to provide valuable insights into the significant trends, challenges, and developments shaping the animal feed industry. With each report, a wealth of data, analyses, and commentary were gathered to provide a comprehensive review of the animal feed market. The aim is to perform actionable analysis to help



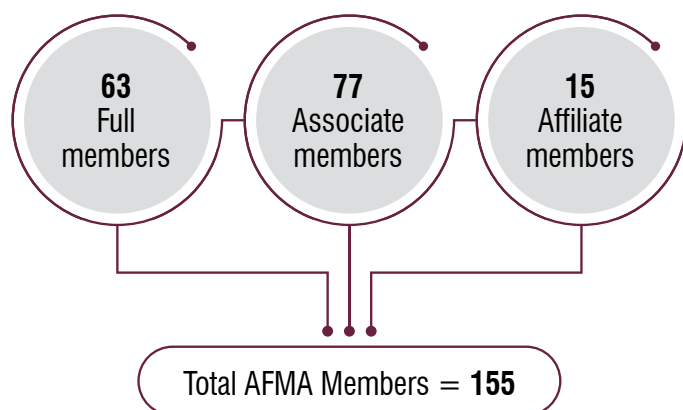
AFMA members stay informed about the performance of the feed market and stay alert to challenges affecting the industry. The report is

circulated via email to all members monthly after the publication of the industry statistics results on the [AFMA website](#).

AFMA MEMBERSHIP

AFMA membership and Code of Conduct

AFMA Membership consist of:



AFMA wishes to welcome **Norkem Chemicals (Pty) Ltd** and **AJ Oils CC** as **Associate Members**.



As part of an industry self-regulation initiative, Full and Associate members of AFMA show commitment towards producing safe feed for safe food through verified conformance to the industry code of conduct. Renewal audits are conducted at each AFMA member facility biennially by independent auditors appointed by AFMA to verify conformance. Commitment to adhere to the industry code is prescribed in the AFMA MOI.

The following membership status update with regards to the COC was recorded since January 2022:

- ➔ **108** renewal applications have been received since Jan 2022
- ➔ **127** facility audits conducted
- ➔ **103** COC certificates were issued
- ➔ **57** New membership applications received

General non-conformances recorded during the audits include:

- ➔ Labeling not in accordance with approved labels
- ➔ Legal entity not in accordance with section 7(1)(a) – it is registered under this Act under the name or mark under which it is so sold.
- ➔ Section 9 invoicing not included in bulk delivery documentation
- ➔ Raw materials not identified;
- ➔ OHS risk assessments and committee meetings are not in place;
- ➔ PPE not in use;
- ➔ Housekeeping not in order;
- ➔ Loss of continuity with personnel changes lead to 21.1% of the audits conducted to record non-conformances.

The current COC compliance status of members is as follows:

STATUS	FULL MEMBERS	ASSOCIATE MEMBERS
APPROVED	46*	42*
RENEWAL IN PROCESS	15	20
OUTSTANDING	2	15

The new format of AFMA membership lists (indicating AFMA Member CoC status) is available on the AFMA website. To view the lists visit www.afma.co.za

AFMA EVENTS – Make sure to mark your calendar for these important dates:

AFMA Feed Miller Short Course

6–16 May 2024
Conclave Country Lodge



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BACK BY POPULAR DEMAND!
REGISTER NOW!

AFMA Feed Miller Short Course
6-16 May 2024
The Conclave Country Lodge,
Welgedacht, Pretoria

NEF Feed Milling Consulting
Hosted by AFMA in association with Ernst Nef – Nef Feed
Milling Consulting (Ernst Nef – Former Executive
Director of the Swiss Institute of Feed Technology, SFT).

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AFMA received an incredible response for the 2024 course, and it has sold out within the first two weeks of registration opening! If you missed out on securing your spot, don't worry, you will have a chance to join us for the next course. Simply reach out to Bee Oelofsen to have your name added to the waiting list for the 2025 Feed Miller Short Course. Inquire about available sponsorship opportunities that are available at events@afma.co.za

AFMA Symposium

31 October 2024
CSIR International
Convention Centre

More
information
coming your
way soon!



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AFMA Symposium 2024
Thursday, 31 October 2024
Diamond Auditorium
CSIR International Convention Centre, Pretoria

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For enquiries, contact Bee Oelofsen on +27 (0)12 663 9097/3282 or events@afma.co.za

AFMA Technical Writing Skills Workshop

12 June 2024
Centurion Country Club

Registration for the highly anticipated **2024 AFMA Technical Writing Skills Workshop** opened on 10 April 2024. With just 30 seats available at R1,400-00 pp (excl. VAT), it's first-come, first-served!

Register Now



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AFMA Technical Writing Skills Workshop
Wednesday, 12 June 2024
Centurion Country Club

www.afmatechnicalwritingskillsworkshop.co.za

AFMA Golf Day

7 August 2024
Centurion Country Club

On **25 April 2024**, head over to www.afmagolfdays.co.za to scrutinise the details about our sponsorship and participation packages for the upcoming golf day. This early release gives you the chance to plan your day and make sure you don't miss out on any of the action.

And that's not all!

Be ready on **23 May 2024** when we kick off the highly anticipated sponsorship "qualifying marathon." It's going to be an electronic race to see who can snag their preferred sponsorship package first. So,



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AFMA GOLF DAY

7 August 2024
Centurion Country Club

SPONSORSHIP BOOKINGS
FIRST-COME, FIRST-SERVED
Online bookings open
on 23 May 2024 at 9am

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www.afmagolfdays.co.za

get ready to get in the game and secure your spot. Don't miss out – stay tuned for more updates, and let's make this event another one to remember!

AFMA Annual General Meeting

5–6 September 2024, Cathedral Peak Hotel



We're thrilled to invite you to the **77th AFMA Annual General Meeting** at **Cathedral Peak Hotel** in KwaZulu-Natal! Join us on **5 September 2024** at 18:00 for a welcoming cocktail dinner, setting the perfect tone for what's to come.

On **6 September 2024** the AGM will start with a closed session for members and followed by an open session with a panel discussion of invited guest speakers. So, mark your calendars and join us for the prestige event of the year!

AFMA attends the 2024 WPSA



AFMA attended the 40th WPSA (World's Poultry Science Association) Symposium, focusing on "Scientific Solutions for Poultry Challenges," held on 5 and 6 March 2024, at the CSIR. The event brought together over 400 delegates and featured a diverse range of speakers from both international and local arenas.

The symposium offered a comprehensive program that delved into the latest challenges facing the poultry industry, providing scientific insights and innovative solutions. The sessions were engaging and offered numerous opportunities for networking, facilitating knowledge exchange and collaboration among industry professionals.



Diarise local events

GLOBAL Good Agricultural Practices (G.A.P.) Tour16-17 April 2024 (Paarl)
SA Large Herd Conference26-28 May 2024 (Gqeberha)
AGBIZ Conference5-6 June 2024 (Sun City)

Diarise international events

IDMA Exhibition2-4 May 2024 (Istanbul)
AKEFEMA Exhibition & Conference17-18 July 2024 (Kenya)

Intervarsity Writer's Cup

Congratulations to the Round 2 winners.

Read their articles in the April edition of the AFMA Matrix. Round 3 of the AFMA Intervarsity Writer's Cup closes on 15 April 2024 and the

winning articles will be published in the July edition of the AFMA Matrix.



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2024 AFMA INTERVARSITY WRITER'S CUP COMPETITION

The AFMA Intervarsity Writer's Cup competition allows you to share your research in the AFMA Matrix magazine, a quarterly publication dedicated to the animal feed industry in South and Southern Africa, with articles based on scientific research and the latest industry news.

DEADLINES

ROUND 1 Article submission date: 6 November 2023
Publication date: January 2024

ROUND 2 Article submission date: 12 February 2024
Publication date: April 2024

ROUND 3 Article submission date: 15 April 2024
Publication date: July 2024

Who may enter?

Final year Animal Science students or Postgraduate Nutrition Science students, studying at a South African university.

Article themes

- Feed industry: Legislative environment;
- Trade environment (economy/pricing/trade)
- Feed science: Additives
- Nutritional science: All species
- Feed processing: Milling/mixing/formulation/packaging

Competition categories

- Own research
- Literature review

Prizes

AFMA INTERVARSITY WRITER'S CUP CHAMPION:
The university represented by the overall winner of the own research category will receive a cash prize of **R10 000** and a floating trophy as the AFMA Intervarsity Writer's Cup Champion.

OWN RESEARCH CATEGORY:
Authors of winning articles published quarterly will each receive a cash prize of **R2 000**. The author of the overall winning article and his/her promoter will each receive a cash prize of **R7 000**.

LITERATURE REVIEW CATEGORY:
Authors of winning articles published quarterly will each receive a cash prize of **R1 000**. The author of the overall winning article will receive a cash prize of **R3 000**.

PLEASE NOTE:
The highest-scoring articles in each category will be published in the relevant edition of the AFMA Matrix.
The overall winners will be chosen from all the articles that were published in the AFMA Matrix.
Published own research articles will be considered for the AFMA Intervarsity Writer's Cup award.
The overall winners in both categories will be allowed to present their submitted articles at the annual AFMA Symposium.

Stay in the loop with the AFMA Intervarsity Writer's Cup - follow AFMA on social media for the latest competition updates!
For more information contact the AFMA Office - Telephone: +27 (0)12 663 9097 - E-mail: events@afma.co.za
Visit www.afma.co.za/afma-intervarsity-writers-cup for more information.



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WINNER ROUND 2 OWN RESEARCH

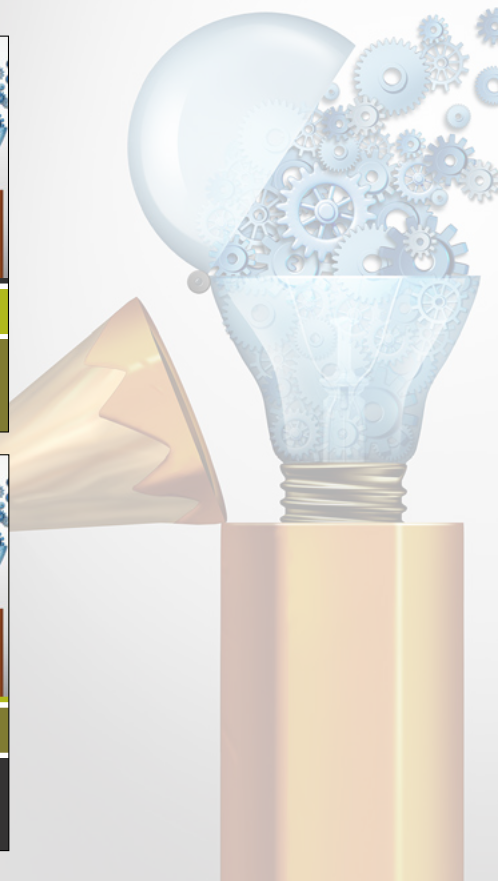
Student name: Soné Nell
University: Stellenbosch University
Article title: The effect of *Ulva lactuca* in feedlot lamb diets on methane emissions and animal performance

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2024 AFMA INTERVARSITY WRITER'S CUP COMPETITION

WINNER ROUND 2 LITERATURE REVIEW

Student name: Jamie Fourie
University: University of Pretoria
Article title: The importance of understanding phosphorus digestibility in poultry production



Be on the lookout for the call for nominations for the following AFMA Awards:

AFMA Student of the Year (Koos van der Merwe) Award for 2024

The AFMA Student of the Year award is presented in honour of Dr Koos van der Merwe who significantly contributed to the animal feed industry in South Africa during his time. By recognizing exceptional graduate or postgraduate students in the field, AFMA hopes to encourage and inspire the next generation of professionals to continue Dr van der Merwe's legacy and make significant contributions to the animal feed industry in South Africa, particularly in the field of Animal Nutrition.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All animal science graduate or postgraduate students who wish to further their studies and have registered in the field of Animal Nutrition.

THE PRIZE

- The winner will receive a cash prize and a floating trophy as the AFMA Student of the Year award winner. The award will be presented during a suitable function at the University, during the

AFMA symposium or any other occasion.

- The winner will also receive special recognition of his/her achievement through acknowledgement in the AFMA Matrix magazine, electronic AFMA newsletters, and on AFMA's social media pages.

EVALUATION OF NOMINATIONS

The AFMA Student of the Year award committee will evaluate all nomination(s) received according to the following criteria:

- Research contribution to animal nutrition
- Industry Involvement
- Promising students that shows general commitment towards the animal feed industry

CLOSING DATE

Applications to be submitted to AFMA **on or before** the closing date of **2 August 2024**.

AFMA Technical Person of the Year (Barney van Niekerk) Award for 2024

The AFMA Technical Person of the Year award is presented annually to honour the memory of the late Dr Barney van Niekerk and recognize an animal scientist who has demonstrated exceptional dedication, hard work, and significant contributions to the field of animal nutrition.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

All animal scientists that are professionally registered with SACNACP who have made valuable contributions in the field of Animal Nutrition.

THE PRIZE

- ➔ The winner will be allowed to deliver an acceptance speech during AFMA's 77th Annual General Meeting, which will take place on **Friday 6 September 2024**.
- ➔ The winner will receive a cash prize and a floating trophy as

the AFMA Technical Person of the Year award winner.

- ➔ The winner will also receive special recognition of his/her achievement through acknowledgement in the AFMA Matrix magazine, electronic AFMA newsletters, and on AFMA's social media pages.

EVALUATION OF NOMINATIONS

The AFMA Technical Person of the Year award committee will evaluate all nomination(s) received according to the following criteria:

- ➔ Industry relevance related to Animal Nutrition
- ➔ Industry Technical contribution
- ➔ Mentorship related to the animal feed industry

CLOSING DATE

Nomination(s) should reach AFMA **on or before 5 July 2024**.

AFMA Person of the Year Award for 2022/2024

The AFMA Person of the Year award is presented annually to give recognition to an individual who has made an outstanding and noteworthy contribution to the animal feed or feed-related industry over the past two-year period. This prestigious award is presented during the AFMA AGM, honouring the recipient's outstanding achievements and significant impact on the industry. The recipient will have the honour of sharing their thoughts, insights and experience with other esteemed industry professionals. The winner can reflect on their accomplishments, share their vision of the future of the feed and feed-related industries, and inspire others to continue working towards progress and growth in the industry.

WHO IS ELIGIBLE?

AFMA recognizes and celebrates the exceptional achievements of distinguished individuals from all facets of animal feed and feed-related industries, including animal feed and ingredient manufacturing, industry support, university, laboratories, equipment manufacturers, and government.

THE PRIZE

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- Industry relevance
- Industry contribution

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The AFMA Matrix

Read the latest edition of the
AFMA Matrix here:

Digimag link:

[Click Here](#)

Online PDF:

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About AFMA

The Animal Feed Manufacturers Association (AFMA) is the official representative body of the South African feed industry in the livestock sector and plays a pivotal role in the larger agricultural environment.

AFMA members consist of animal feed and -ingredient manufacturers as well as suppliers of feed ingredients and related services such as consultants, laboratories, and feed-system installations. AFMA members feed 100% of the broilers in South Africa and represent 60% of the total animal feed produced in South Africa.

AFMA provides a unified voice and promotes the animal feed industry as an integral part of the food chain to deliver safe, nutritious, and affordable food for all. For more information on AFMA please visit www.afma.co.za.

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