



KwaZulu-Natal Top Business Portfolio Awards 2009



Agriculture finalists and winner

THE finalists in the agriculture category - which includes farming activities and forestry - are NCT Forestry Co-operative, Tongaat Hulett and Orange Grove Dairy.

NCT Forestry Co-operative

NCT Forestry Co-operative is an international supplier of quality roundwood timber and hardwood pulp chips. NCT assists its members to achieve their full forestry potential and to optimise the best financial results on a sustainable basis.

Tongaat Hulett

Tongaat Hulett has established itself as a leading large scale agri-processing business and is well positioned to benefit from the changing world of agriculture and agri-processing.

WINNER: Orange Grove Dairy

Orange Grove Dairy manufactures and distributes over 200 dairy products throughout KwaZulu-Natal. The dairy's growth - sales up 21% and employment up five percent - this past year alone shows that Orange Grove will remain a successful force for economic growth and development for many years to come.

In spite of turning 82 years old this year, and the current economic crisis, Orange Grove Dairy has continued to grow its business throughout KZN and into Mpumalanga & Gauteng.



The award for the KZN Top Business in the agriculture sector went to Orange Grove Dairy. Accepting the award from MEC Mike Mabuaykhulu is Managing Director, Dave Durham. With them are (from left) Lalita Dhasiaventura, Elizabeth Maepa - FNB CEO Public Sector Banking and David Montsho - FNB Regional Director.

During the past year, two new daily distribution routes have been introduced, taking Orange Grove products into the deep rural areas of Nongoma, Hlabisa, and the Makhathini Flats as far North as Kosi Bay. A third new route has enabled Orange Grove Dairy to begin its exciting expansion into Mpumalanga and Gauteng.

Two new products, each available in four sizes, were successfully added to the range of Nature's Best 100% fruit juice, one of which, Fruit Boost, is the first to contain added fibre.

Orange Grove's policy of buying

local led to investment in three successful companies: Mbube Security (over 600 employees), KwaZulu-Natal Marketing (over 200 employees) and Signmaster. This policy also helped the growth of numerous others and is a key factor in re-establishing dairy farming in northern KZN.

The dairy's success and its policy of building integrity and loyalty in its supplier relationships were key to Nampak's decision to build a blow moulding factory on-site at Orange Grove Dairy.

The dairy has developed a strong

working relationship with a local doctor's practice and private clinic, where employees have access to HIV/Aids counselling and treatment. The clinic and its staff, who are working and trained at the cutting edge of HIV/Aids and related complications research and treatment, are achieving remarkable results. Orange Grove Dairy actively supports the HIV/Aids awareness programmes of Dundee & Umzinyathi.

The company's ongoing involvement in the community is reflected in its support for numerous

and diverse projects including Dundee Crises Centre, Arrive Alive, feeding schemes, sport sponsorship for events such as the Orange Grove Imamba road race in Empangeni, and for individuals such as comrades runners, as well as top local athletes who have been helped to successfully compete on the international stage of wrestling and triathlon.

Orange Grove Dairy is actively involved in the exciting development of the Umzinyathi Community Education centre, which provides a wide range of educational support to educators, children, adult education, school history and conservation tours. Current projects include a careers guidance centre and the exciting "Umzinyathi Community Education Centre Trust" donated by Glyn and Yvonne Durham, with the express purpose of bringing tertiary education opportunities to the Umzinyathi district.

The company's committed staff, together with strong supply chain relationships and links into the community, will ensure that Orange Grove Dairy remains a successful force for economic growth and development for many years to come - not only in its rural base in Dundee Umzinyathi, but throughout KZN.



Together we make it happen



Over 82 years ago, Cecil and Sheila Durham, started a small dairy with seven jersey cows in an orange orchard in Dundee. Today Orange Grove Dairy is a third generation family business led by the management team of Dave and Sue Durham and Jabulani Khanyile. Manufacturing and delivering a range of over 200 products across KwaZulu Natal, Orange Grove Dairy

remains true to its history of producing high quality, nutritious products, many still from the milk of our Glynian Jersey Herd. Our range includes milk, maas, yogurts, cream, 100% juices, nectars and dairy fruit blends. Community involvement plays a major role in Orange Grove Dairy. This includes the sponsorship of various events and community projects such as the Umzinyathi Community Education Trust,

the Dundee Crisis Centre, the Dundee Agricultural Show, SA's Premier Traditional Horse Riding Event, Imamba Athletics, various triathlons, feeding schemes, school tours and the training of students. The excellent quality fresh milk from our Dairy Farmers, the support of local business, a dedicated and hard working staff and loyal customers have all ensured that Orange Grove Dairy is where it is today.

