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Gerrit Potgieter

2026

VOORWOORD PREFACE

Dear fellow Boran Breeders.

The past year will probably be remembered as one of the most turbulent years for the South African cattle industry and the trend is likely to continue well into 2026.

As Boran breeders, I'd like to think that we find ourselves far more towards the light than the dark!

If anything, we have been reminded of the correctness of the decision to farm with the Boran.

As the challenges of diseases, pandemics, extreme weather conditions and severe financial challenges become ever more prevalent, I am of the opinion that no other cattle breed in the world is better aligned to face these challenges head on. Financial sustainability and efficiency will determine the future of cattle production over the next decade. Large framed, high maintenance beef cattle can never be sustainable. The Intelact report released late in 2025 confirmed once again that the Boran remains the industry leader with regards to profitability and sustainability.

We as a society will continue with our mission to make commercial cattle farmers aware of this crucial point. As such, we are already busy with our next very successful Changing Perceptions series. The 1st series yielded excellent results and overwhelming positive feedback. As I have previously mentioned, none of the above can be accomplished without our secret ingredient, the Boran Cattle Breeders. I would personally like to thank each and every breeder, farmer, supporter and enthusiast for your contribution to our success story. We can never shy away from the challenges and realities, but we can continue to unite as we always have, building and supporting each other to improve our cattle and thereby forging friendships for life. We will always be stronger together and by embracing our diversity we can only succeed.

To Christopher, Christine, Marlene and Mark, thank you for your excellent work and selfless contributions. You make my life easier! To my fellow council members, Gideon, Marthinus, Pieter, "oom" Johan and Quentin, thank you for giving up time away from your farms and families to do this often ungrateful, but very necessary job! To all the Boran inspectors - who we will name later in the book - thank you for your sacrifice and time.

Lastly, to anyone out there wondering if you are missing out on anything, by not farming with Boran,

you are missing out big time!

Let us continue with our work and ensure we leave a sustainable beef breed for the next generation. It is an honour to serve as President of this dynamic Society and cattle breed. Thank you all for your support, and thank you to my family for joining and supporting me in this journey.

Kind regards.

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Note

In every season, the Boran breeder has proven that strength is not measured by ease, but by endurance. Today, as Foot-and-Mouth disease presents real and pressing challenges, we are reminded once again of the character that defines this community. Where others may see only obstacles, Boran breeders see pathways. Where uncertainty lingers, they respond with resilience, innovation, and quiet determination.

The Boran is no ordinary breed. Renowned for its adaptability, fertility, and hardiness, it thrives in conditions that would test the limits of others. In many ways, it reflects the very people who steward it—resourceful, forward-thinking, and deeply committed to excellence. Boran breeders are not simply farmers; they are custodians of a legacy built on perseverance and vision.

Adversity has never been the end of the story for this community. Time and again, Boran breeders rise—not just to recover, but to improve, to refine, and to lead. They will never, ever remain on their knees, except in gratitude for the strength to continue and the wisdom to adapt.

This is a moment to stand together, to share knowledge, and to lean into the innovation that has always set this breed and its breeders apart. Whether through improved biosecurity, smarter breeding strategies, or collaboration across the industry, the opportunities are there for those willing to look beyond the immediate challenge.

Let this be a reminder: the Boran story has always been one of triumph over circumstance. And as history has shown, there is no challenge too great for a community that refuses to yield.

The future remains strong—because Boran breeders make it so.

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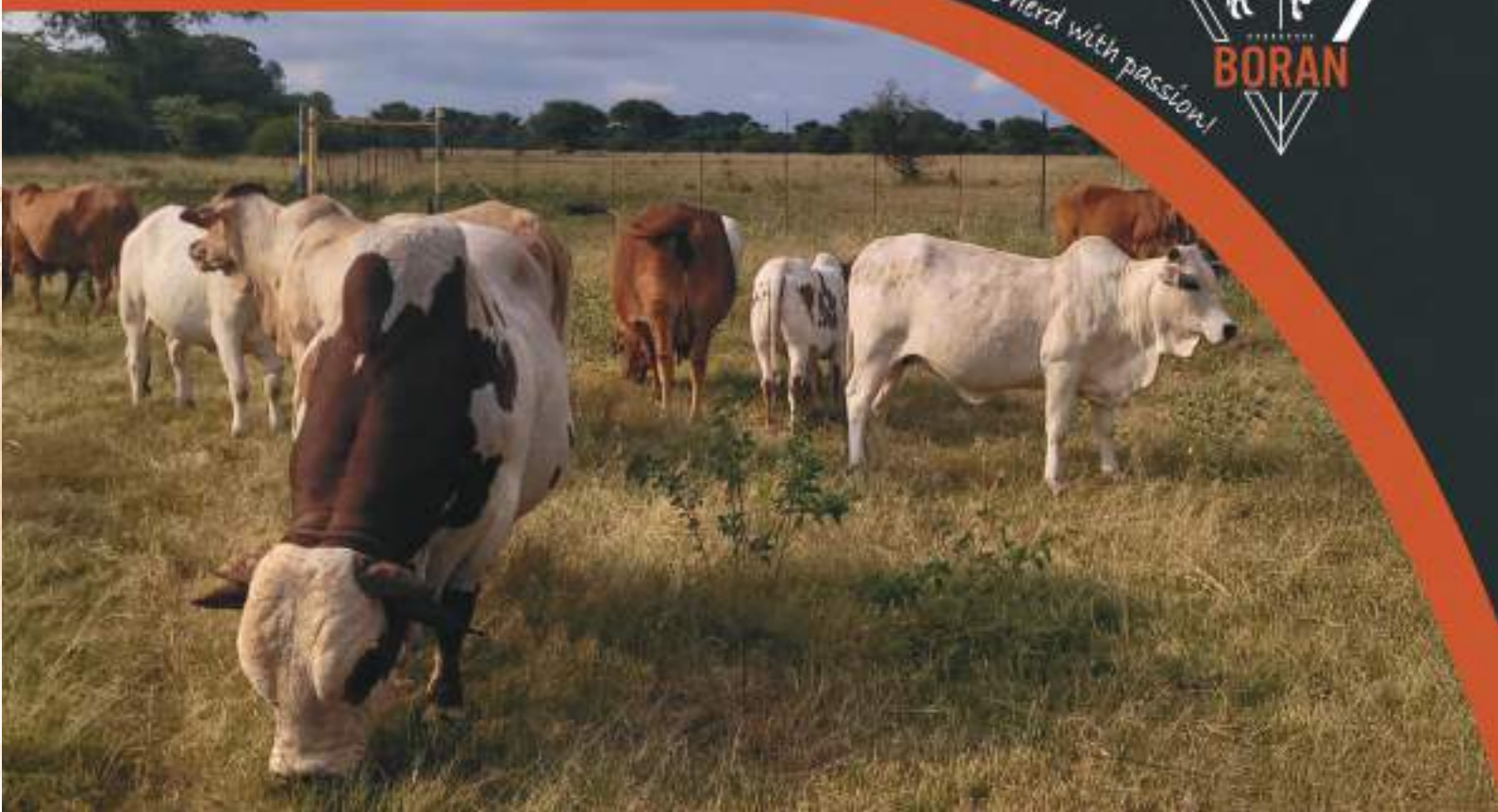


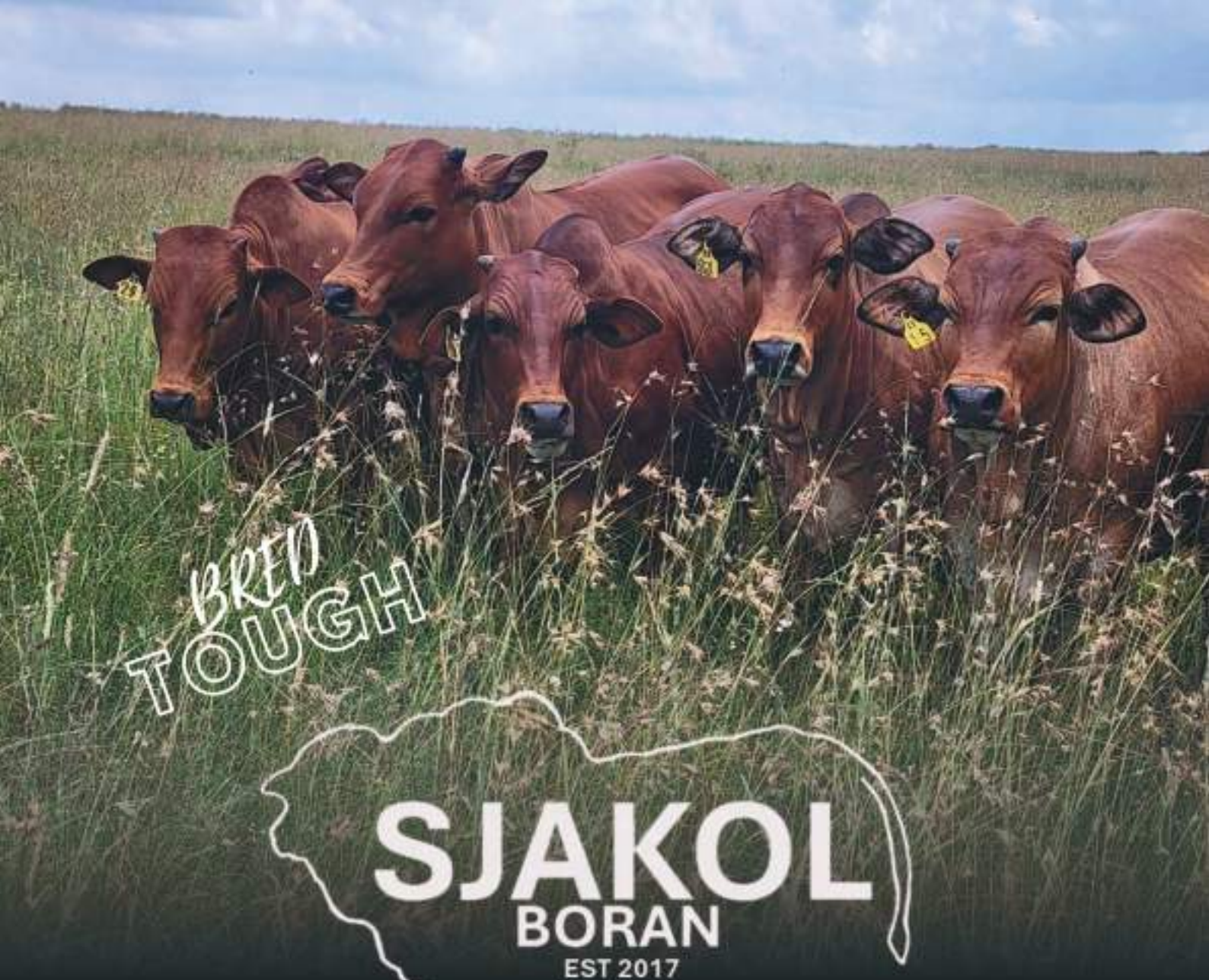
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CONTEMPORARY GROUPS

MADE EASY

■ Dr Helena Theron, SA Stud Book

Breeding value estimation is based on measurements taken in contemporary groups and the information from pedigrees. Creating accurate contemporary groups is vital for obtaining stable breeding values. A comparable group of animals measured in the same place at the same time is called a contemporary group. Within these groups, any differences in measurements between animals are attributed to genetics, as all animals are subjected to the same environmental conditions. Therefore, it is unnecessary to correct for environmental influences such as temperature or rainfall, although adjustments for factors such as sex, age of the animal, age of the dam, and parity (whether the dam is a heifer or a cow) are still needed. The following guidelines will improve the quality of information obtained from contemporary groups.

WEAN CONTEMPORARY GROUPS:

Step 1. Set up the group correctly

- A contemporary group consists of calves that have been physically together in the same camp, such as weaning or sire groups.
- Each contemporary group should include calves from at least two different sires to effectively assess the ranking of the sires. If needed, you can artificially inseminate a few cows or mix cows from different groups that have been mated to various sires.
- The larger the number of animals in the group, the more stable the group will be, leading to better information. A minimum of five animals is required for meaningful breeding values, while Stud Book allows groups with three or more animals for breeding value estimation.
- Calves in each group should differ by less than 100 days in age. This can be achieved by the use of calving seasons.



Step 2. Weigh the calves (and the cows)

- Determine the best day of weighing with the Logix option 'Calculate weigh dates' under "Short cuts".
- Weigh the entire camp's animals on the same day. Indicate if weighing takes place over several days, otherwise the group will be automatically divided by weighing date. Also, do not weigh each calf at exactly 205 days of age.
- Weigh all the calves and cows, including the calves that are culled, so that their parents can be penalized and the ranking of the group can be determined correctly.



Step 3. Send the data to Logix

- Send the data as soon as possible, as breeding values are regularly updated with the latest measurements.
- Always be truthful and accurate, because animals breed according to their genetic makeup, not according to incorrect or manipulated data.
- Review all data for potential errors before submission. Incorrect measurements can impact the animal, its family, and its contemporaries, especially in smaller groups.



HOW TO SUBMIT DATA

To submit weaning data via Logix, follow these steps:

1. Go to the SHORTCUTS section.
2. Click on CATTLE.
3. Select RECORD WEIGHTS (BEEF CATTLE) under the BEEF header.



This action will open a screen for creating a new weaning test. All calves whose births have been submitted before will appear on this new screen.

You can divide animals into groups by using a new TEST NO or by indicating their STATUS within the existing group. When submitting weaning data, it's important to remove animals whose weights are not fairly comparable to others in the group. Place these animals in their own group or record their status. If there is only one or two animals in a group, their breeding values will be assigned a mid-parent value.

EXAMPLE

A breeder's calves were weaned in two separate camps, one in the hills and another next to the river. Because of the distinct environments, the animals were divided into two contemporary groups, as these surroundings likely influenced their growth. The data is presented as follows:

Camp 1: There are 50 calves, including 10 cows and calves purchased at a sale, as well as a set of twins.	All calves are placed into one main group, while the 10 purchased calves are assigned to a separate group (identified with a new Test Number). Twins are marked with the code 03 under Rearing Status, and their weights will be excluded from the BLUP analysis as there are fewer than three animals in the group. They will receive mid-parent breeding values.
Camp 2: There are 50 calves of which 5 had diarrhoea and 2 have indices below 90, but they are the sons of a very expensive bull.	These calves can be assigned to their own group and will receive a new test number, or they can share the same test number as the calves in the other camp but are marked as Code 06 under the FEEDING STATUS, in which case they will also be placed in their own separate contemporary group. Calves with diarrhoea will be assigned Code 03 under REMARKS. Their weights will be marked as unreliable and excluded from all calculations, including indices and breeding values. The expensive sire's calves with low indices should remain in the group, as their parents have produced calves with poor performance and should be penalized.

This herd is divided correctly into the following 3 contemporary groups:

- **A22BRD202401:** 38 animals (Camp 1)
- **A22BRD202402:** 10 animals (Purchased calves)
- **A22BRD202403:** 45 animals (Camp 2)

REARING STATUS

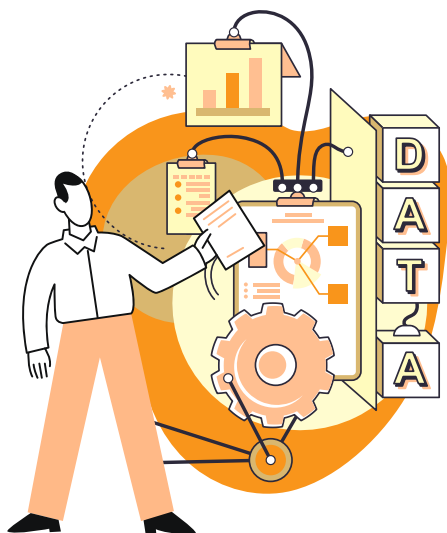
- 01- Calf suckling own dam
- 02- Calf suckling adoptive dam
- 03- Twins suckling own dam
- 04- One of a twin suckling own dam
- 05- Calf suckles dam and dam is milked
- 06- Bottle-raised calf
- 07- Embryo calf

FEEDING STATUS

- 01 – Ca/P lick
- 02 – Prot/Energy lick
- 03- No lick
- 04- Concentrate or creep feed
- 05- Other lick
- 06- Planted pastures
- 07- Crop residues
- 08- Green feed

REMARKS

- 01- Age of animal out of limits
- 02- Dam ill or injured
- 03- Animal ill or injured
- 04- Animal weight out of limits
- 05- Animal index out of limits



MANIPULATION OF GROUPS

Invalid reasons for splitting groups include the following:

- To make the animals with indices lower than 90 look better (they and their parents are genetically poor)
- To make your expensive bull's calves look better (he breeds according to his genes, not according to his price)
- Factors already considered during evaluation, such as sex, heifers/cows etc. This makes the group unnecessarily small.
- Manipulating groups by, for example, dividing the group so that the calves with low indices can pass inspection, cause unstable and unusable breeding values. See the example below.
- If you sell a bull you made to look 'better', his breeding values will change as the truth from his offspring's poor performances becomes part of how he breeds.
- Incorrect contemporary groups may also affect the breeding values of animals in the herds of whom and to whom you sell.

DON'T COOK YOUR DATA, YOU WILL SHOOT YOURSELF IN THE FOOT!

EXAMPLE OF A CORRECT GROUP

An animal's measurement, when compared to the average measurement of its contemporary group, indicates its genetic potential. This example of a contemporary group shows that: Calves' weights vary between 230kg and 170kg; average 200kg.

Lots of variation because within-herd indices vary between 115 and 85 - it is therefore easy to distinguish between the better and the poorer calves.

Breeding value estimation: Calves 1, 2 & 3 are above average and calves 4, 5 & 6 are below average.

Advantages of LARGE GROUPS

Accurate, stable and correct breeding values are obtained within one generation.

Animal No.	Corrected wt	Group Index	Grp Avg Deviation
1 	230kg	115	+30kg
2 	220kg	110	+20kg
3 	210kg	105	+10kg
4 	190kg	95	-10kg
5 	180kg	90	-20kg
6 	170kg	85	-30kg

IF THE EXAMPLE GROUP IS (INCORRECTLY) DIVIDED INTO 3 GROUPS:

102 	105 	103 
98 	95 	97 

- All indices change: While the poorer calves are favoured, the best calves are at a disadvantage.
- There is less variation among the calves; they are all close to average.
- Rankings can change, for example, Calf 2 (+20kg) is currently below average, while Calf 5, which weighs -20 kg, has improved to above average.
- Wrong information is used for Breeding Value estimation.

SUMMARY

Accurate and stable breeding values within one generation depend on correct pedigrees and contemporary groups.



Wean Contemporary Group:

- Include as many animals as possible.
- Calves should be offspring of at least two bulls.
- Calves must be born within a 100-day window of each other.

Weighing Procedures:

- Establish the correct weighing date using Logix.
- Weigh all cows and calves on the same day, including the culled calves

Submitting data:

- Ensure that you submit accurate data promptly.
- Group animals that share the same environment together.
- Place animals with weights that are not comparable to the rest of their group in a separate group.
- Avoid altering groups to favour lower-performing animals, as this can disadvantage higher-performing animals and lead to unstable breeding values in your herd.





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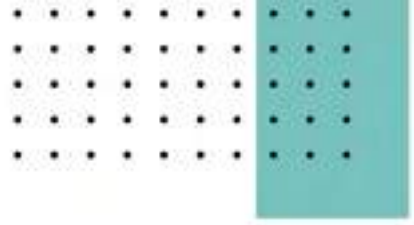
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Performance data are presented to help you to choose the animals to buy and how much you want to pay for them. To make the best decisions, proper interpretation of the data is essential. Keep in mind the "Breeder's Equation" is:

Phenotype = Genotype + Environment.

The phenotype is equal to the genotype of the animal plus the effect of the environment in which it was raised. Most phenotypic weights and measures are less than 50% heritable, and sometimes much less. Thus, most of what we see, and measure is due to the environment and not to the genetics of the animal. But you cannot buy the environment.

The environment does not go home with you when you buy an animal. The way to evaluate and buy genetic potential is to focus on the Estimated Breeding Values (EBV). Statistical science is used to make the EBV the best indication of each animal's genetic potential. Use the EBV to compare the animals in the sale offering. The calves from a bull with a weaning weight direct EBV of +20 kg are expected to weigh 5 kg more than the calves for a bull with a weaning direct EBV of +10. The same simple arithmetic works to compare two animals for any other trait using the corresponding EBV.

No animal is good for every trait. There are trade-offs to be considered. EBV indexes express the genetic value of an animal relative to some base population. How that base population is defined determines the value of the index for the EBV. Because the EBV indexes are all on the same scale, they may create the subjective impression that all traits are of equal economic value. This is simply not true. For example, even though weaning weight direct and weaning weight maternal are expressed on the same scale (kg), weaning weight direct has more value because it does not require processing the energy in the grass through the cow as does weaning weight maternal. A second example; as before a 10 kg difference between two animals in their EBV for weaning weight direct is expected to result in a 5 kg difference between the groups

of their offspring. This will result in the offspring of the animal with the higher EBV bringing more money when the weaner calves are sold. Compare this to a -15-day difference in inter-calving period (ICP) between two animals. This difference produces the expectation that the future daughters of the animal with the numerically lower EBV will produce a greater number of progeny than the daughters of the animal with the higher EBV. Having more offspring to sell will result in you receiving more income. These simple comparisons, while glossing over a number of details in the calculation of economic values for different traits, illustrate the fact that not all traits have the same value. Thus, the EBV indexes for different traits cannot be considered equivalent even if they are the same numerically.

Think about how the animals will be used in your breeding program. Maybe that use is simply to add new genetics to your herd. Then their pedigrees become paramount. You are looking for pedigrees that are different from those that are

widely represented in your herd today. In this circumstance, the EBV's are of less concern. A second possibility is that the animals are intended to correct a deficiency in the genetic profile of your herd. If, for example, you believe your herd to be short on growth potential then you want to emphasize indications of high growth. A third possibility is simply that your herd is fine, and you just need to add a couple of stud bulls to your battery. In this case, you want to look for a balance in the EBV profile. Across the board, you'd like to have the animals you choose to have an EBV profile that is more or less similar to the profile of the cattle that are already in your herd. If you believe the herd from which you are considering buying animals to be genetically a bit better than your herd then average EBV indexes should be an improvement. Finally consider the case where you are buying a bull to use on commercial cows and will be selling all of the resulting calves. In this circumstance, the EBV for ICP and maternal weaning weight should be ignored completely. This is in contrast to the situation where you anticipate retaining some of the progeny of your newly purchased bulls. Then more attention should be given to these "maternal" traits.

It may also be important to look at cow efficiency. Cow efficiency values are estimated from cow weight (indicates inputs) + weaning weight (indicates output) + inter-calving period (how frequent is a calf produced). Most service providers calculate a selection index for cow efficiency based on these components, and this

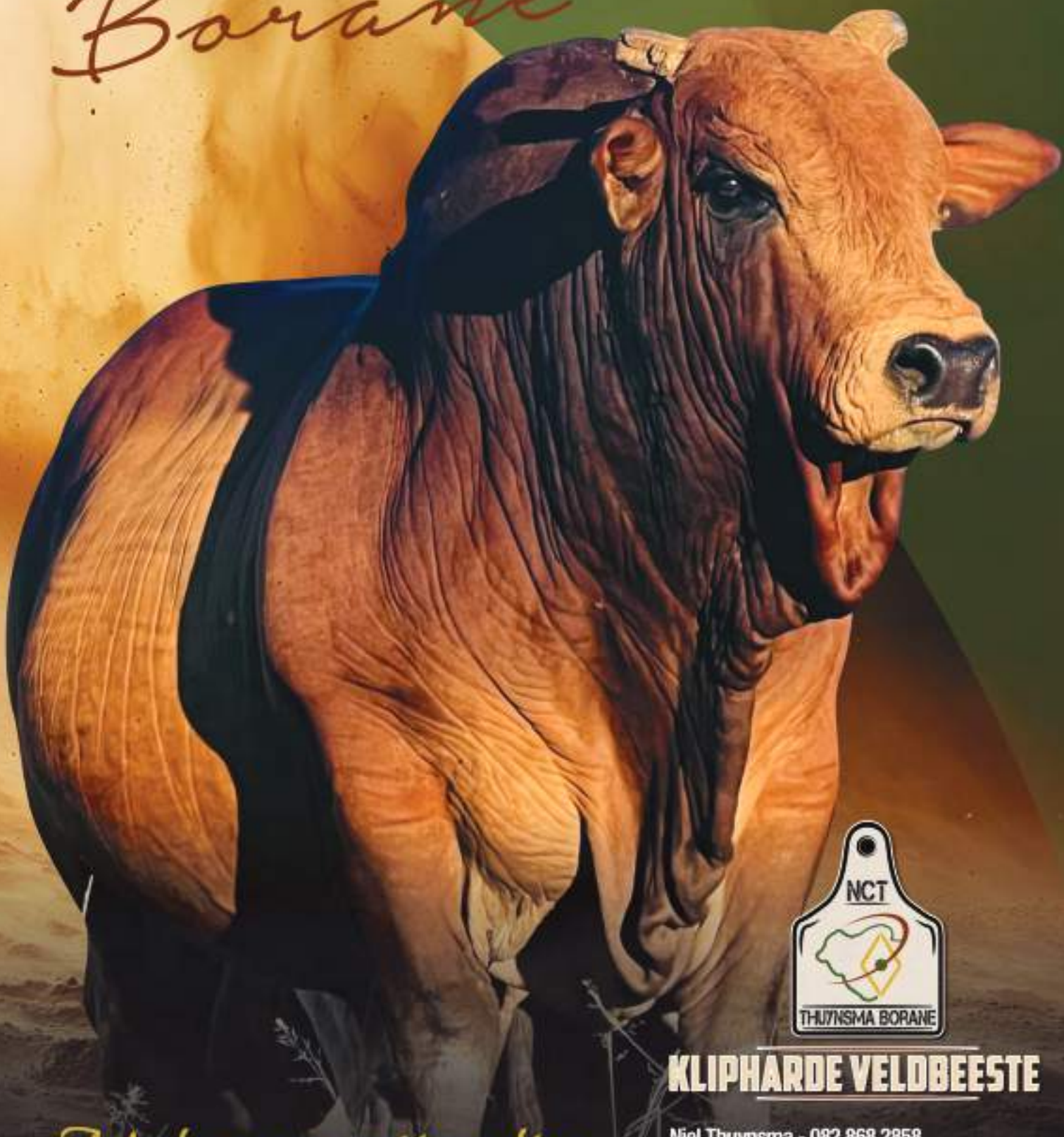
is also published in auction catalogues. One final thought. Extreme EBV's are not always better than those that are less extreme. The weaning weight maternal EBV provides a classic example of this phenomenon. Superficially, higher values of the weaning weight maternal EBV create the expectation of cows that produce more milk and therefore heavier weaner calves and thus greater income. However, it takes feed energy to produce milk. If the environment in which the cows are to be run does not provide that energy, then their rebreeding after calving may be delayed resulting in fewer calves at the end of the season. In a slightly different line of thinking, a high EBV for weaning weight direct may not result in heavier calves, if the environment in which they are to be raised is not sufficient to support their genetic potential for growth. There is some optimal EBV profile for animals to be raised on your farm. Find that optimal EBV profile and buy animals that correspond to it.

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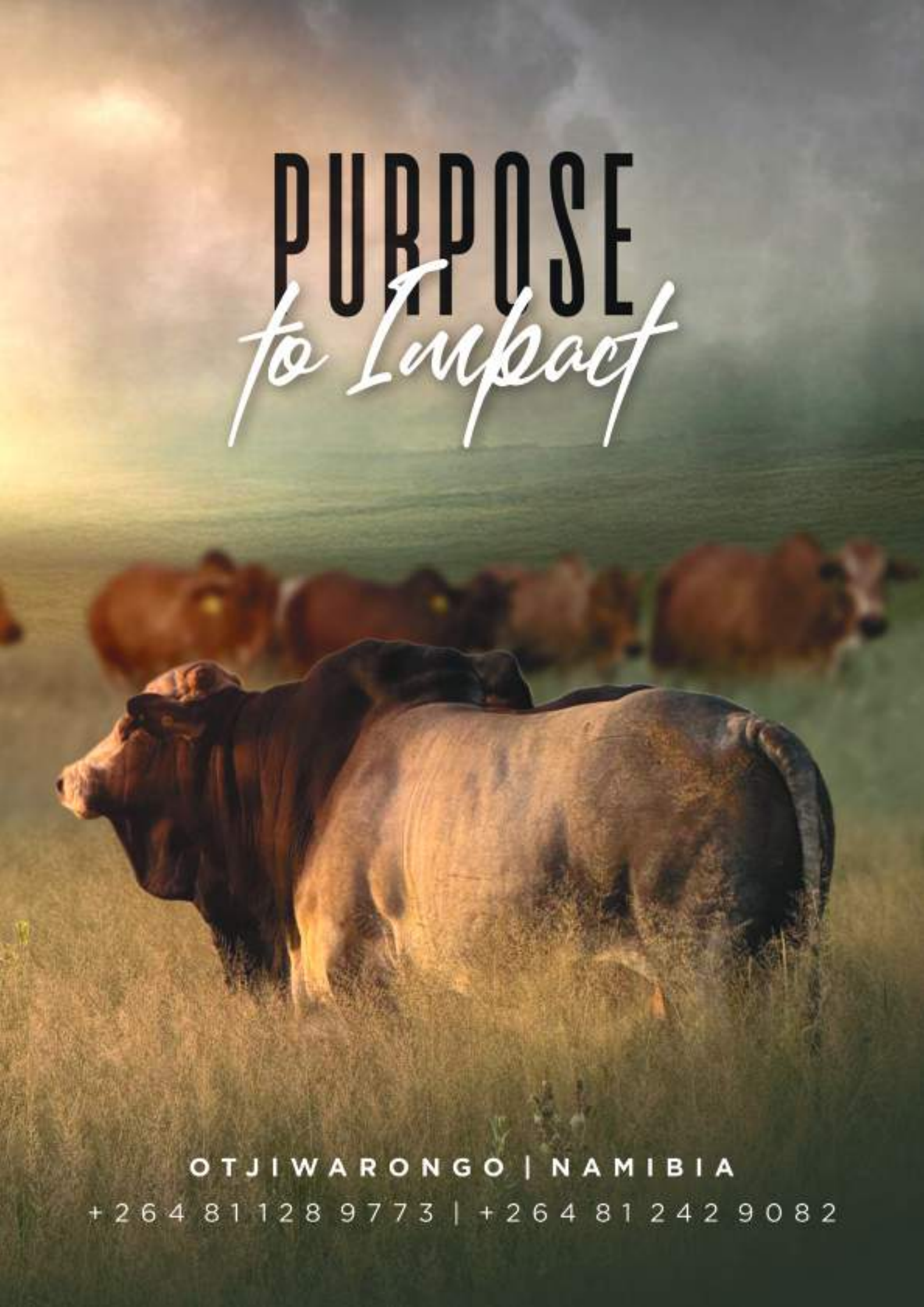
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A herd of cattle is grazing in a lush green field under a dramatic, cloudy sky at sunset. The sun is low on the horizon, casting a warm, golden glow over the scene. In the foreground, a large, dark-colored cow with a prominent hump is seen in profile, facing left. Behind it, several other cows are visible, some standing and some grazing. The overall atmosphere is peaceful and natural.

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BETWEEN LINEBREEDING AND INBREEDING?

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Linebreeding can be thought of as inbreeding with a purpose, where the purpose is to increase the genetic relationship to an outstanding individual. At the same time, the accumulation of additional inbreeding to less worthy ancestors is to be avoided. In the normal course of a breeding program in which the mating of close relatives is avoided, the combination of genes that gave rise to the outstanding individual is continually diluted over time. Thus, after the passing of a relative few generations, the combination of genes that gave rise to an outstanding individual is in all probability lost forever. Linebreeding is the tool in a breeder's toolkit that can be used to prevent this loss.

For a linebreeding program to be fully successful, it should be accompanied by genetic selection among the linebred individuals. Thus, performance recording and the calculation of EBV for traits such as birth weight, weaning weight, cow weight and fertility (inter-calving period) is important.

Inbreeding results from the mating of related animals. Everyone realizes that the mating of a father with his daughter or the mating of a brother and sister definitely produces inbreeding. But what about the mating of a grandfather with his granddaughter, a nephew with his niece or two cousins, is that inbreeding? In humans, the latter is commonly regarded as inbreeding (incest) and is normally forbidden.

The primary effect of inbreeding is that it increases the chance that an animal will receive the same allele of a gene from both parents. This will reduce the degree of heterozygosity in the population and lead to greater uniformity. However, inbreeding also increases the chance of deleterious recessive alleles becoming homozygous and causing conditions such as: Curly calf syndrome or Arthrogryposis Multiplex, which results in stillborn calves with bent limbs, twisted spines, and diminished muscling. It can also cause Fawn calf syndrome or contractural Arachnodactyly, which affects the connective tissue of muscles, causing the upper limbs to contract and the joints of the lower limbs to loosen; and hypotrichosis that causes affected calves to be born with partial or complete absence of hair. Despite the risks associated with inbreeding it was used in combination with selection to form of many breeds in the past.

Inbreeding depression is the reduction in the performance of inbred animals. This reduction is more subtle and more important than the occurrence of adverse recessive traits that are influenced by few genes and that are usually associated with inbreeding. It is known that inbred animals do not adapt as well to changing conditions, and their reproduction and production are also likely to be lower, compared to contemporary animals that are not inbred. Inbreeding should thus be avoided, unless it is done with a specific aim in mind.

To be successful in a linebreeding program, a breeder must also understand the principles of inbreeding and relationship. Of primary importance in a linebreeding program is the selection of the "outstanding" individual that will serve as its foundation. Today, this foundation animal should be characterized by an EBV profile that is highly desirable and very accurate. Finally, success in a linebreeding program entails also patience, persistence and good luck.

The pedigree diagram in Figure 1 illustrates the mating of a sire to one of his daughters. Numerically, the relationship of the sire to his daughter is 0.50. The relationship of the sire to the progeny is 0.75, and

the inbreeding of the progeny is 0.25, which is one-half the relationship of the progeny's parents.

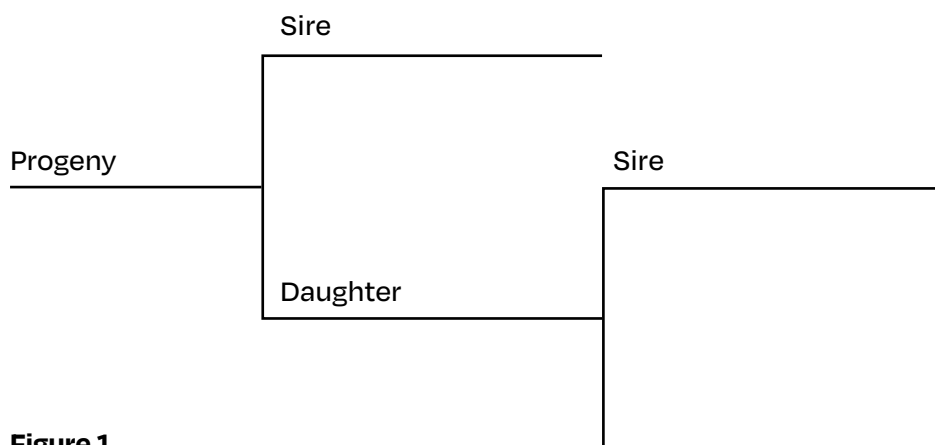


Figure 1

It should be recognized that linebreeding also increases risk of failure in the breeding program. This risk is present because the chosen outstanding individual might also be a carrier of a recessive allele that is undesirable. The inbreeding that accompanies any linebreeding program might also yield inefficiencies in production that prove to be too costly. As a rule of thumb, the outstanding individual that is chosen as the basis of a linebreeding programme should be a truly elite individual within its breed.

A successful linebreeding program requires patience and persistence as it entail several generations of breeding. With a nine-month gestation period, being able to first bear offspring at two to three years of age, and producing less than one offspring per female per year, cattle have a long generation interval. Modern assisted reproduction

technologies like artificial insemination, embryo transfer, and juvenile follicle aspiration may hasten the program along somewhat. However, breeders considering a linebreeding program would be well advised to think in terms of at least a 10-year planning horizon.

When related individuals are mated, as in a linebreeding program, their progeny are expected to have alleles that are identical for more genes than if the parents were not related. If inbreeding and relationships are intertwined, why is inbreeding to be avoided when a degree of relationship is desired? Alleles with detrimental effects tend to be masked by an alternative allele of the same gene (i.e., the detrimental alleles tend to be recessive). Thus, the detrimental alleles only become apparent when they are identical on both chromosomes.

In South Africa, there are a few breeds where there is a lack of good quality unrelated breeding bulls. In this situation, it is important to take note of the relationship coefficients for prospective matings. There are computer programs that will alert the breeder if a certain mating will result in a level of inbreeding that is generally unacceptable. These programs may be less useful in a linebreeding program because the level of inbreeding that is generally unacceptable may be deemed acceptable if it arises from relationship to the outstanding foundation animal. To advertise a linebred animal, the "outstanding" foundation animal should also be identified. Irrespective of the breeding strategy that is used, it is important to accurately record pedigree data, especially in breeds with small numbers of animals.



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FEEDING HEIFERS EXPLAINED

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Feeding heifers before selling or breeding can influence growth, body condition, buyer interest and ultimately profitability. However, the effects depend on how the animals are fed, how long feeding is extended, and the production goals of the system (breeding vs slaughter).

Increasing nutritional intake – for example through concentrates, creep feed or extended feeding periods – is a common strategy used to boost growth rates and improve body condition. Research shows that higher feeding levels can increase final body weight, carcass weight, and fatness (Ferreira et al., 2023). However, these advantages are often accompanied by declining feed efficiency and rising production costs when feeding is extended beyond the optimal point (Horton et al., 2024).

Effect of Higher Pre-Breeding Nutritional intake on Heifer Fertility

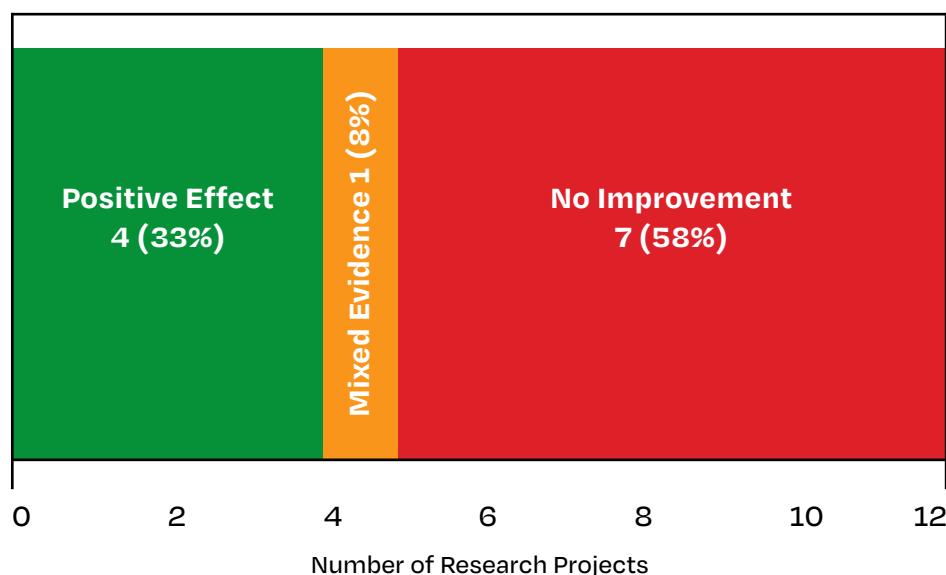


Figure 1. Consensus on nutrition level and heifer fertility from 12 separate research projects.

When heifers are developed as future breeding cows rather than slaughter animals, the key question becomes more complex:

Does feeding heifers harder actually improve fertility and reproductive performance?

Feeding Heifers Hard: What Research Suggests

“Feeding hard” generally refers to increasing energy intake through higher concentrate levels, supplements, or longer feeding periods. These practices usually increase growth rates and body condition. However, research indicates that the benefit of feeding them longer does not continue indefinitely

and does not necessarily improve fertility or pregnancy rates. After an optimal point is reached, the extra value gained from additional days on feed declines because feed efficiency drops and feed costs rise faster than the value of the extra weight. The outcome of 12 research projects evaluating the effect of increased nutrition on heifer fertility are summarised in Figure 1.

Most studies found no measurable improvement in fertility once animals had already reached adequate body condition, while a smaller number reported positive responses and one study showed mixed results.

Balanced nutrition remains essential. Diets must provide sufficient energy, protein, minerals and trace elements to support growth and reproductive development. When heifers reach appropriate body condition and body weight, they generally have sufficient energy reserves to support normal reproductive function.

Balanced feeding that results in optimal body condition allows heifers to perform their biological functions as expected, including regular cycling and successful conception. Simply increasing feed intake beyond this point rarely improves fertility.

Body Condition: The Key Factor:

One of the most important factors influencing fertility is overall body condition rather than the absolute amount of feed consumed. Nutrition plays an important role in reproductive success (Davis et al., 2023). Heifers that reach approximately 60–65% of their mature body weight before breeding generally have higher pregnancy success rates. Adequate body condition supports:

- normal hormone production
- ovarian development
- regular oestrous cycles
- successful conception

However, both underfeeding and overfeeding can negatively affect reproductive performance.



The Risks of Underfeeding Heifers

If heifers are underfed, they go into a nutritional deficit that also affects reproductive performance. Underfeeding delays puberty and reduces conception success. This compromises lifetime fertility by delaying first calving, extending inter calving periods, and cutting on milk potential. Animals in a nutritional deficit show:

- Delayed puberty
- Lower conception rates
- Irregular estrus cycles
- Lower embryo survival rates

The Risks of Overfeeding Heifers

While adequate nutrition is essential for proper development, excessive energy intake can create several long-term problems in replacement heifers. When heifers become overfed, they put on excessive fat around reproductive organs which negatively affects their reproduction.

Reduced Fertility in Over-conditioned Animals

Over-conditioned heifers may experience reduced fertility due to metabolic and hormonal disturbances associated with excessive body fat. High body condition can disrupt normal reproductive hormone signaling and may impair ovarian function and embryo development (Walsh et al., 2011). In addition, excessive internal fat deposition can occur in the abdominal and pelvic regions. This can contribute to reproductive difficulties and increase the risk of calving complications.

Calving Difficulty and Post-calving Fertility

Heifers that are excessively fat when calving may experience more difficult births. Increased fat deposition in the pelvic region can reduce the effective space in the birth canal, increasing the risk of dystocia, where the calf becomes physically stuck (Smail et al., 2025). Difficult calving events can negatively affect both the calf and the dam. Calves may suffer injury or death, while cows that experience difficult births often take longer to return to oestrus, reducing reconception rates in the following breeding season.

Fatty Udder Syndrome

Another potential consequence of excessive feeding during early development is fatty udder syndrome. When young heifers receive excessive energy before puberty, fat can accumulate in the developing mammary gland. This fat may replace some of the milk-producing tissue that would normally develop. Because mammary development largely occurs before the first calving, this loss of functional tissue may permanently reduce the cow's future milk production (Lohakare et al., 2012; Larson, 2014). Reduced milk production can subsequently affect calf growth and weaning weights, ultimately impacting productivity over the cow's lifetime.

Proper Feeding and Reproductive Development

When heifers are properly fed and managed, nutrition supports several important aspects of reproductive development. Well-balanced feeding programs allow heifers to:

- reach adequate body weight and body condition
- develop healthy ovaries and reproductive organs
- begin cycling earlier
- conceive more reliably during the breeding season

For heifers used in embryo transfer programs, nutrition plays a key role in flushing success (Davis et al., 2023), with good embryo quality and a high number of embryos recovered

Good nutritional management becomes particularly important in systems where heifers are bred at a younger age, such as breeding heifers to calve at approximately 24 months. In such cases, moderate nutritional supplementation may be required to ensure that heifers reach the recommended body weight before breeding.

Even in these situations, the objective should always be balanced growth and appropriate body condition, rather than maximum weight gain.

Feeding Heifers in Extensive Production Systems

The Boran breed, is widely recognised for its adaptation to extensive grazing systems and its ability to maintain productivity under relatively low-input conditions. Cattle adapted to these natural conditions are efficient users of natural pasture and can maintain body condition and reproductive performance where many others would struggle. Adapted cattle can deposit body fat relatively easily under favourable grazing conditions, excessive supplementation of replacement heifers may not only be unnecessary but sometimes counterproductive.

In most extensive production systems, making use of well adapted cattle, young animals develop primarily on natural grazing and maternal milk, without heavy supplementation such as creep feeding. This approach helps maintain that the particular breed of preference retain its natural adaptability and ensures that replacement animals remain functional under practical farming conditions. Supplementation may occasionally be required during periods of poor pasture quality or when heifers are being developed for earlier breeding. Even in these situations, feeding programs should aim to maintain moderate body condition rather than excessive fatness.



Boran Breeder Take-Home Message

Develop heifers for function, not fat.

For Boran breeders, the goal of heifer development should be:

- Ensure heifers grow steadily on natural grazing systems
- Avoid unnecessary creep feeding or excessive energy supplementation
- Aim for moderate body condition, not maximum weight gain
- Breed heifers once they reach about 60–65% of mature body weight
- Prevent over-conditioning, which may reduce fertility, increase calving difficulty and impair milk production

Boran cattle are valued for their adaptation, fertility and efficiency under natural conditions. Good management should support these natural strengths rather than relying on high levels of nutritional input.

In Summary

Short-term feeding programs must be carefully managed. Increasing nutritional intake can improve growth rates and body condition in developing heifers. However, simply feeding more or feeding for longer periods does not necessarily improve fertility. Research shows that once heifers reach adequate body weight and moderate body condition, further increases in energy intake provide little additional reproductive benefit. In fact, excessive feeding can lead to several negative consequences, including reduced fertility, calving difficulty and fatty udder syndrome. The goal of heifer development should be balanced nutrition that supports steady growth, healthy reproductive development and moderate body condition.

For breeds such as the Boran, which are naturally adapted to extensive grazing systems, well-managed pasture and sound herd management are often sufficient to produce functional, fertile replacement heifers. The condition, however, remains that strict selection pressure for female fertility, through short restrictive mating seasons and for mothering ability remains key. The use of appropriately predicted genetic merit values is non-negotiable. Ultimately, the question is not whether heifers should be fed more, but whether they are being fed correctly to support long-term productivity and reproductive success.

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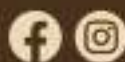
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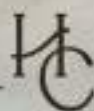


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Dam: W 16 0020

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Calvings: **7**

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MANAGEMENT OF BREEDING BULLS

to Achieve Optimal Herd Fertility

■ Prof. Dietmar Holm – Specialist Veterinarian, Beef Herd Health

It is a proven fact that the reproductive outcomes of a beef cattle herd have the greatest economic impact on the management system. Therefore, it makes sense from an economic perspective to first ensure that the reproductive potential of a herd is realized before money is spent on other aspects. It is important to keep in mind that some other traits are “in competition” with reproduction. The classic example is milk production, where there is a direct negative correlation between milk production capacity and reproductive capacity. Only when reproduction levels are optimal within a herd should the farmer consider making changes that will promote other traits.

The same principle applies to the management of breeding bulls. First, reproduction management must be correct, and then attention can be given to other aspects. The factors that ultimately affect the reproductive ability of bulls are broad and should be addressed indirectly at various levels. For example, bulls must be clinically healthy and have good mobility to be sexually active during the breeding season.

Factors Influencing Bull Reproductive Outcomes

Factors that play a role in a bull's ability to achieve optimal reproduction outcomes cover a wide range—from their genetic potential and traits to their clinical health, which can be affected by pathogenic organisms as well as non-infectious diseases. Other factors such as the management of the production system, decisions made by the farmer, nutrition, and environmental factors also contribute.

Genetic potential for reproduction is determined by a variety of genetic traits, some of which are directly related to reproduction, such as the genetic ability to develop larger testicles, the ability to have a strong, healthy hormone system, and the genetic potential for good libido. Other genetic factors that contribute to reproductive outcomes include adaptability to specific environments (particularly adaptability to limited nutrition and high temperatures in Southern Africa) and conformation, which can influence mobility, mating capacity, and breeding ability. Clinical health includes general health, as bulls suffering from any chronic diseases cannot perform at their full potential, as well as more specific diseases that can negatively affect reproduction, such as Trichomoniasis and Vibrio.

Management of Bulls During the “Off-Season”

Bulls are often neglected during the period when they are not used for breeding, especially on farms where cattle farming is not the only or main activity. In many cases, plans are made only a few weeks before the breeding season to prepare the



bulls, which is often too late. It is important to understand that the process of sperm development takes 60–65 days, so any issues that occur today in the bull's life will affect his fertility for the next two months. A common mistake is to remove bulls directly from the field and place them in a feedlot to fatten them up before the breeding season. While the bulls may appear healthy, the disruptions caused to the rumen during the transition to the feedlot will have negative effects, and the limited space in the pen is also not conducive to keeping bulls fit and healthy. It is preferable to manage bulls continuously in a uniform, good manner. Strategic administration of certain supplements, such as vitamins and minerals, can improve bull reproductive outcomes. For example, there is strong evidence that certain mineral supplements can increase semen production.

Breeding Soundness Examination and Selection of Bulls

One of the most impactful actions to ensure a successful breeding season is to have bulls examined for breeding soundness by a veterinarian. This ensures that bulls at risk of poor performance in the upcoming season are removed from the breeding herd. Good planning is necessary because bulls should ideally be examined a month before the start of the breeding season. If the examination is done much earlier than a month before, there is a risk that something may go wrong with the bull before the end of the season. On the other hand, if the examination is done only a few days before the season and there is a problem, there may not be enough time to consider alternatives without delaying the start of the breeding season. Delaying the start of the season can have serious financial implications. Another important reason why the examination should not be done too late is to ensure that there is enough time for the veterinarian to receive all the relevant lab results and produce a meaningful report.

It is important to clarify what is meant by a breeding soundness examination. In farmer's terms, this is often referred to as a fertility exam, but this term is incorrect and misleading. For a bull to be fertile, he must be able to impregnate a cow or heifer. However, to be considered breeding sound, we must determine if the bull, as a whole, is suitable for the task. This means that the bull must be able to perform his job with ease and success during the breeding season in the field. This involves much more than just testing the bull's semen.

The Ruminant Veterinary Association of South Africa (RuVASA) uses a system in which more than 250 veterinarians across South Africa participate (RuVASA Bull Power) to assess the breeding soundness of bulls. This system is based on robust clinical tests with scientifically proven results and is applied uniformly by all veterinarians. RuVASA's new categorization of bulls, according to these tests, is as follows:

Category A: The bull's breeding soundness is certifiable according to RuVASA's standards. **Interpretation for the user:** Can be used with confidence.

Category B: These bulls are not certifiable; their breeding soundness prognosis is uncertain. **Interpretation for the user:** There is a risk with using these bulls, they should preferably be re-examined.

Category C: The bull's breeding soundness prognosis is currently poor. **Interpretation for the user:** Should not be used at present, may be reconsidered later.

Category D: These bulls have abnormalities (reproductive and others) that could negatively affect the performance of the entire herd. **Interpretation for the user:** Slaughter clause.

It is impossible to accurately predict the outcome of a breeding season based solely on the breeding soundness of the bulls, as the pregnancy percentage depends on many other factors. Therefore, we look at the prognosis for breeding soundness based on the veterinarian's full examination, and based on that, we can say that a certifiable bull can be used with confidence. However, it remains the responsibility of the bull's user to observe the bull's performance and confirm that he successfully mates the cows. The following diagram shows the possible expectations with bulls from different categories and confirms that bulls that are not certifiable (specifically category B) may sometimes perform well, but there is a risk in using these bulls.

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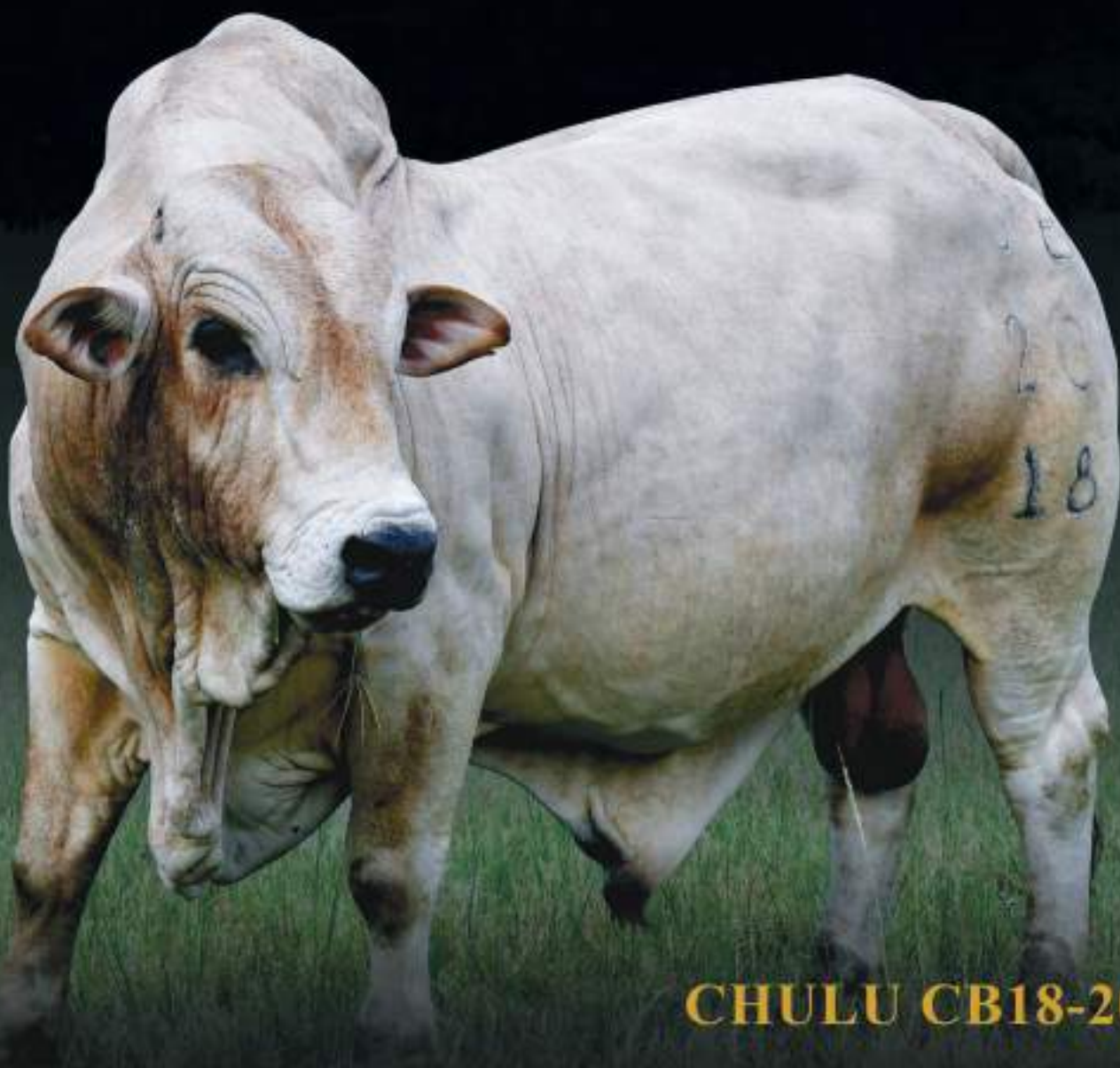
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Assisting Cows at CALVING

■ Bob Larson, Kansas State University

Calving season is time for long hours and the possibility for difficult births. Factors contributing to calving problems are most commonly the size of the calf relative to the size of the dam and the position of the calf in the birth canal.

Because the length of labor can vary, I usually recommend producers check a cow if no progress is seen in a 30-minute time span once the feet or water bag are visible.

To appropriately examine a cow, she should be restrained with a head catch or halter. While perfect cleanliness cannot be expected, it is important to keep your arms and equipment as clean as possible. Of no problem can be identify, then the cow should be allowed to continue unassisted for another 30 minutes.

Examination of a calving cow should be made with specific questions or goals in mind. These include:

Is the vagina relaxed, and the cervix dilated?

When the feet first appear, the cervix may not be fully dilated, and the vagina and vulva have not had a chance to relax to their full extent. While wearing a plastic sleeve and using lots of lubrication, insert a hand with the palm flat against the vaginal wall and slowly slide forward. If a band or ridge is definitely felt, the cow is not fully dilated. Excessive pulling at this point may cause a torn cervix or vagina.

Is the calf in the normal position?

The normal position is head-first, both front legs extended with the head lying between and resting on them. This position is determined by noting three things:

1. Identify the head
2. The hooves face down, and
3. The first two joints of the legs (the fetlock and the knee) bend in the same direction

In many situations, an abnormally positioned calf will require the assistance of a veterinarian or an experienced herdsman to position the calf correctly prior to delivery. If calf position cannot be corrected, the veterinarian may have to perform a C-section.

Can the calf pass through the pelvic canal?

A large calf relative to the size of the pelvis is more commonly a problem for heifers than for mature cows. Mature cows that are carrying an embryo transfer (ET) or cloned calf can also have a calf that is too large for her birth canal. If the calf is too large to be pulled up into the birth canal far enough for both fetlocks to extend a hand's width outside the vulva, a veterinarian or an experienced herdsman should be called in to continue the delivery and to consider if a C-section is needed.

C-section on heifers and cows can be a successful surgery for both the calf and the dam if done early. If the calf is already dead and the heifer is exhausted before a C-section is attempted, the likelihood for a productive cow in future is reduced.

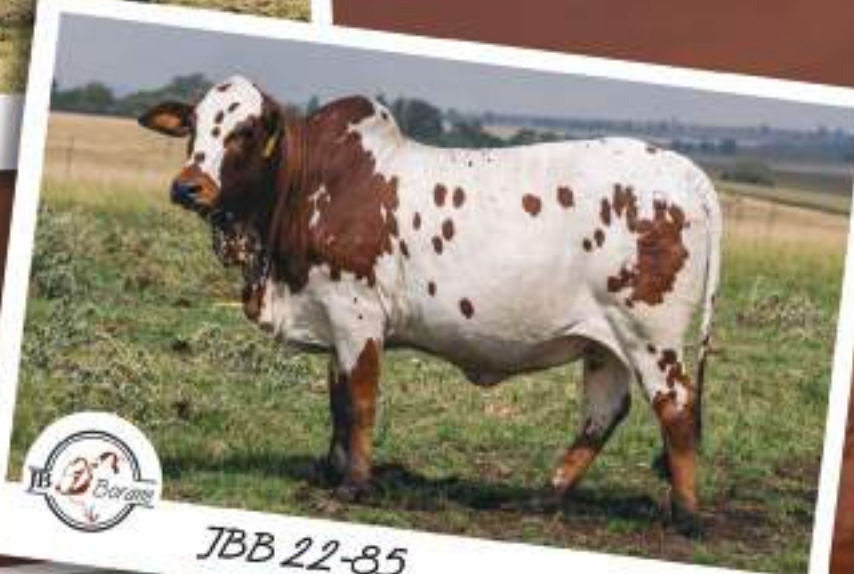
Becoming comfortable examining cows at calving helps you to determine if the calf is in the proper position and able to pass through the birth canal without expert assistance. In addition, working closely with your veterinarian so you can receive advice and assistance when needed is important to provide the best care for your herd.





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An application must be made formally to the registrar in order to register a centre for animal reproduction before any genetic material destined for sale is collected on the premises. It is mandatory that all genetic material collected and stored must be properly labelled and recorded for traceability purposes. These centres must be managed and controlled by persons who comply with the prescribed requirements in relation to technical operations such as general

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animal husbandry, collection, evaluation, processing, packing, labelling and storage of genetic material. Additionally, a site plan and ground plan of the premises should be included in the application to provide a concise comprehension of the layout and facilities available for animal reproduction services. Thus, this is to ensure compliance and demonstrate a commitment to providing a safe and efficient environment for animal reproduction procedures.

The Act regulates the persons and procedures involved in animal reproduction to ensure the quality of genetic material and ethical practices. It is stipulated in sections 7, 8 (1)

(a) that individuals who collect semen or embryos or perform artificial insemination or embryo transfers must be registered as reproduction operators. These operators should have completed a recognized course of instruction and passed practical examinations to qualify for registration. An animal from which genetic material is collected must be approved by the registrar as a "donor animal" on the basis that it is registered with a breeder's society; whose responsibilities include promoting genetic improvement, maintaining breed purity, and enforcing breed standards through registration and record-keeping under the Act.



With respect to registration of reproduction centres and reproduction operators, the AIA is essential for the following reasons:

- It guarantees that facilities meet certain standards for animal welfare and genetic material handling.
- Allows for controlled use of biotechnology in animal reproduction.
- It holds all parties involved in assisted reproductive procedures to specific standards and guidelines.
- Enforce ethical practices and safeguards the well-being of both donor and recipient animals.
- Registration of qualified and competent operators ensures accountability and transparency within the industry.

Registration of animal reproduction centres is valid for a period of 24 months and must be renewed regularly to ensure compliance with the Act. Therefore, it is a criminal offense to operate in a centre that does not comply with the Animal Improvement Act's requirements or to use unregistered premises for activities involving the collection, evaluation, or sale of genetic material. Failure to comply with the Animal Improvement Act can result in fines or imprisonment, highlighting the importance of adhering to regulations to ensure the quality and integrity of animal breeding practices.





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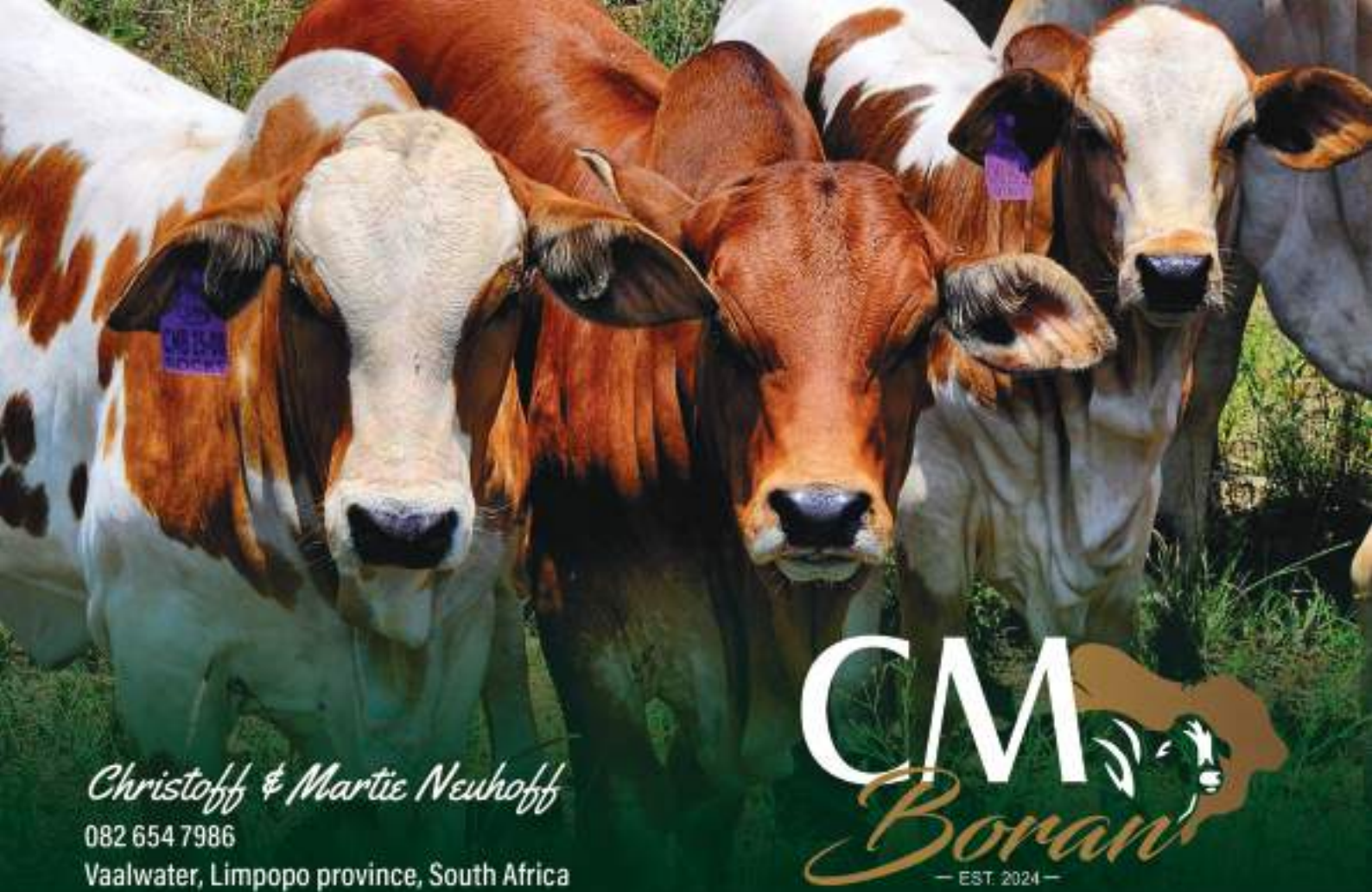
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FOR COW HERDS

What standards should you set for pregnancy rates?

■ *Bob Larson, Kansas State University*

There are many reasons why a cow may not be pregnant after running with bulls for several weeks. Some of these reasons are due to subfertility on the part of either the cow or the bull, but fertile cows can also be open after breeding season.

Researchers estimate the likelihood of a live calf being born following the mating of a fertile bull with a fertile cow during a single heat cycle is about 60-70%.

Nearly 100% of fertile matings will result in fertilization, but there are many opportunities for problems that halt the normal progression of the pregnancy. It is estimated up to 30% of early embryos are lost by Day 14 of pregnancy. If the pregnancy is lost by this time, the cow will usually re-cycle. If the bull is still in the breeding pasture, she will be bred again and have another 60-70% likelihood to carry a calf all the way to birth.

A few more embryos are lost between Day 14 and Day 42 of pregnancy. Losses at this stage will result in a delay before the cow resumes cycling. We don't expect very many pregnancies to fail past Day 42, but a few do. Some investigators have established that 2-5% of pregnancies that reached 42 days will lose the fetus sometime before the birth of the calf.

Because only 60-70% of fertile matings from each heat cycle will result in a live calf, it is important that most of the cows have the opportunity to be bred more than one cycle before the bulls are removed from the breeding pasture.

Using a 65-day breeding season as an example, cows that cycle within the first three weeks of the breeding season have the opportunity to re-cycle by Day 42 if they lose the first mating's pregnancy and again by Day 63 if they lose a second pregnancy – resulting in three opportunities to maintain a pregnancy to calving.

In contrast, cows that do not start cycling until the second 21 days of the breeding season have, at most, one more opportunity to be bred if they lose the first pregnancy.

Using an average of 65% successful births from fertile matings – 95% of cows with three opportunities to become pregnant will give birth, but only 88% of cows with two opportunities are predicted to give birth to a live calf. This illustrates the importance of having a high percentage of the herd calve early.

The average length of time to resume cycling after calving is about 50-60 days. Cows that calve later than 40 days after the start of the calving season are unlikely to be cycling within the first 21 days of the next breeding season.

In order to reach the goal of 95% pregnant during a 65-day breeding season, a high percentage of the herd needs to calve early. Cow body condition, bull breeding soundness and reproduction disease control must be optimal.

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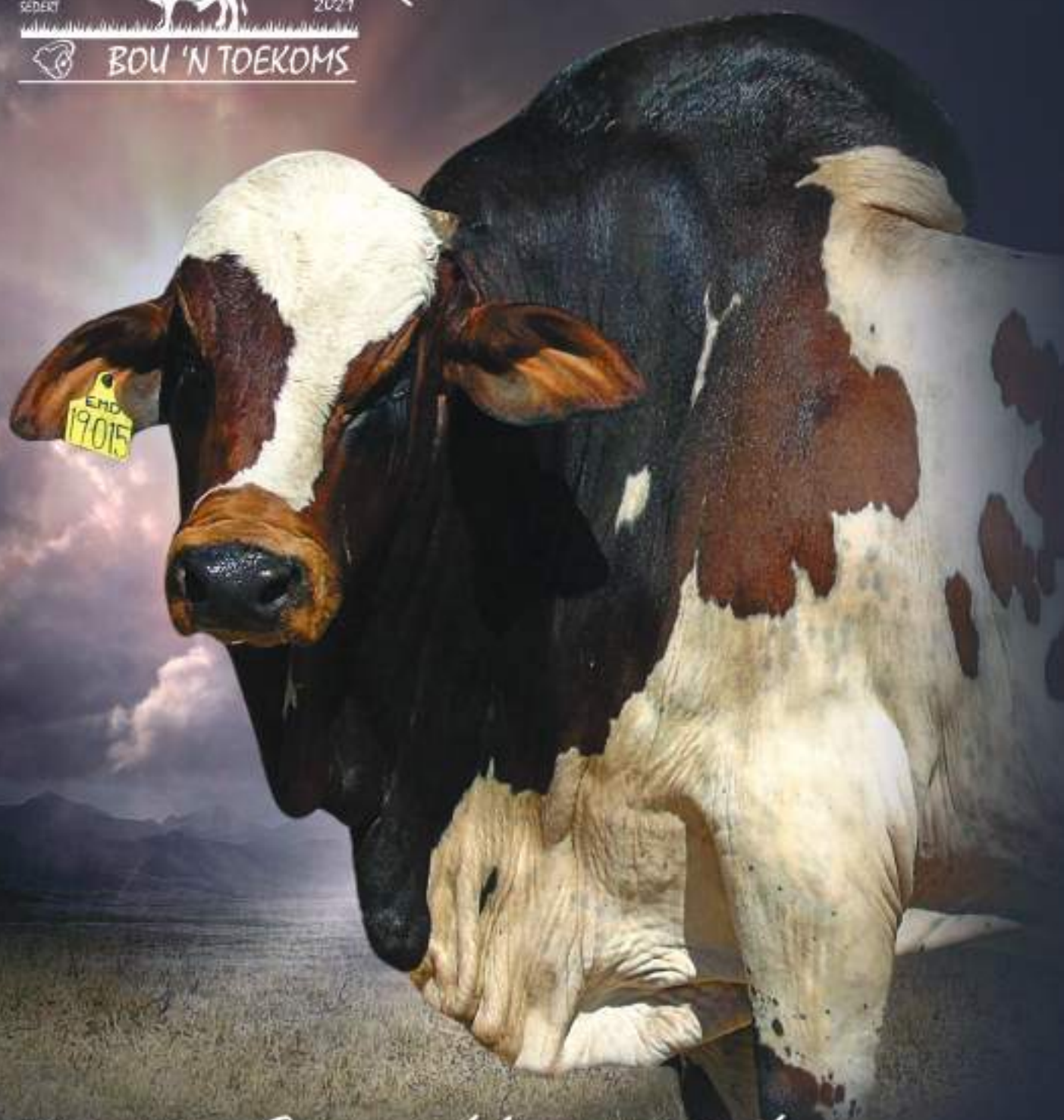
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Deur objektief na genetika te kyk, is swakpunte geïdentifiseer — en uitgeskakel.

Net die genetika wat werklik werk, bly oor. Internasionale blootstelling — veral deur toere in Kenia — het ons begrip van moederlyne verdiep. As senior keurder in 6 Afrika-lande is hierdie ervaring verder geslyp.

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Maar elke bul moet homself bewys. Bulle word eers op ±4 jaar bemark nadat hulle onder werklike toestande presteer het. Geen bul word verkoop sonder dekkingservaring nie.

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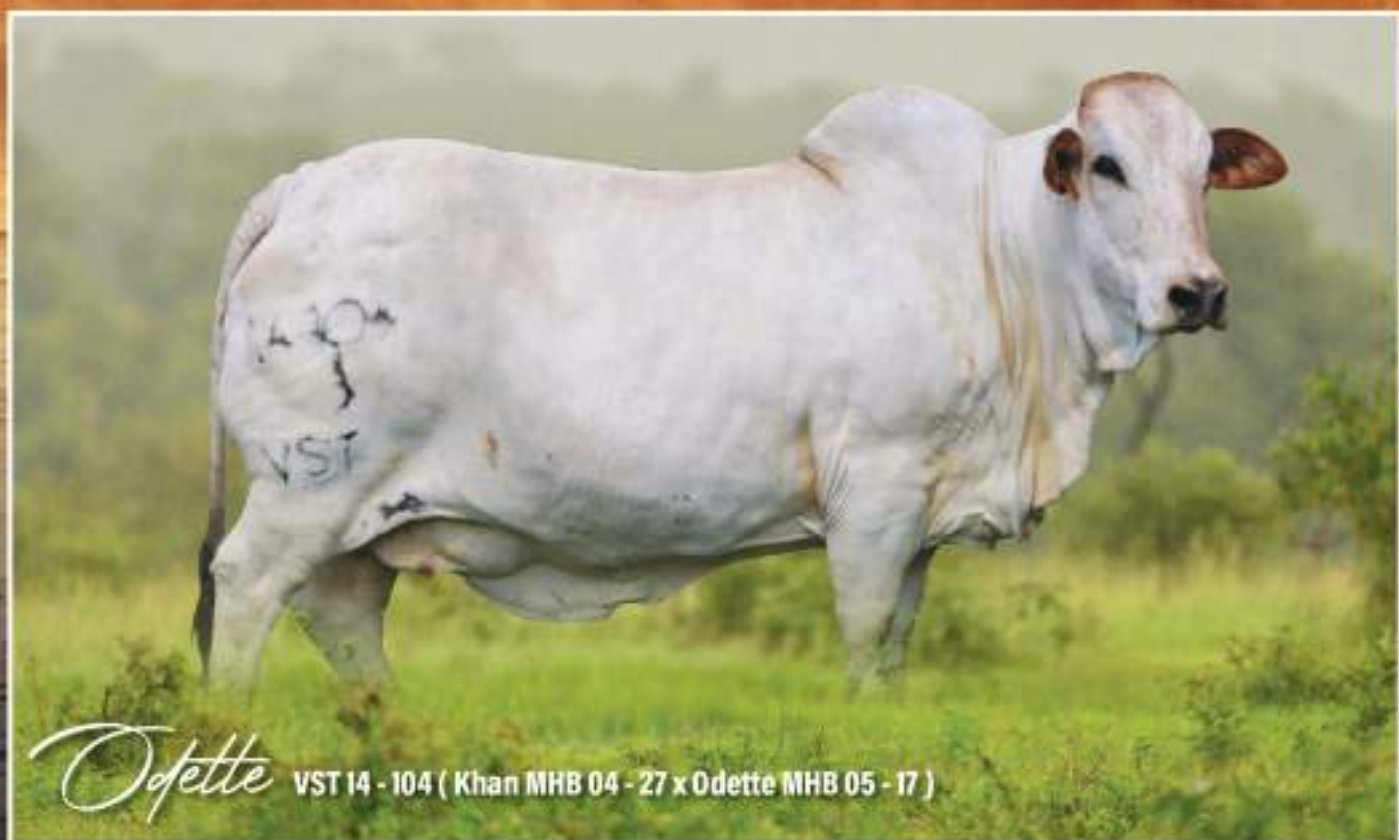


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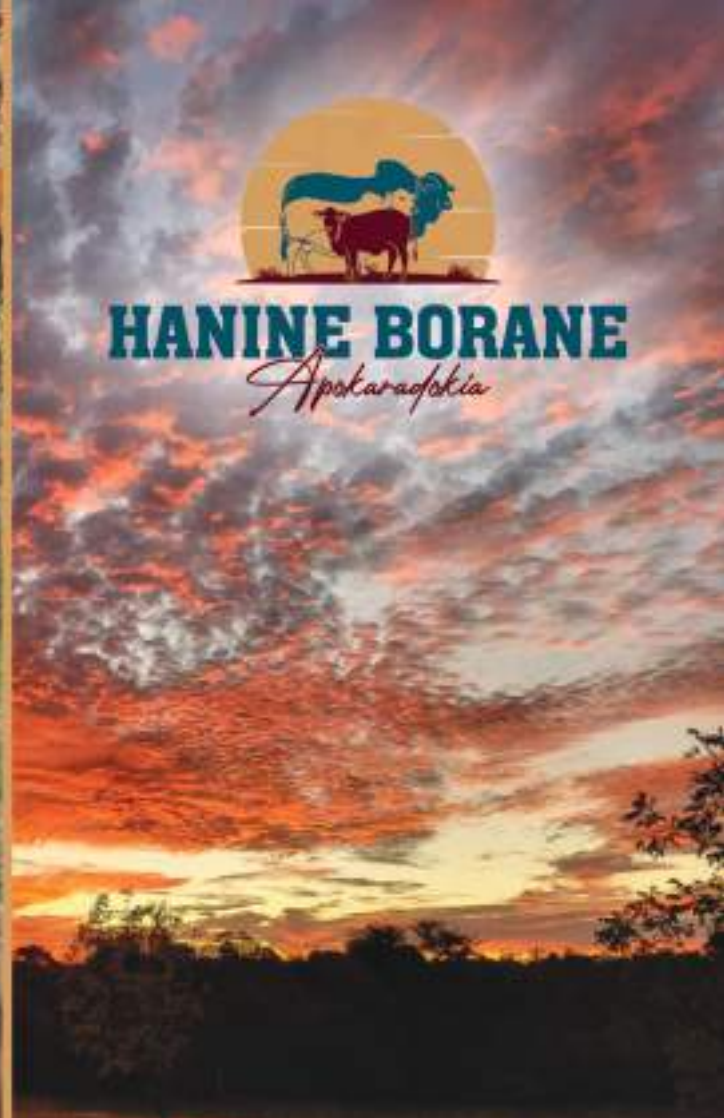
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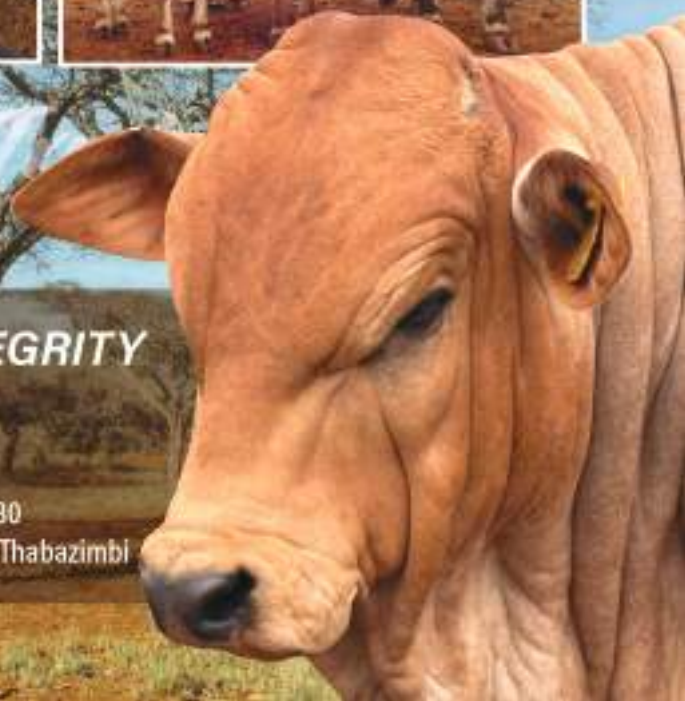
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Introduction: A Virus That Moves Fast

Foot-and mouth (FMD) is caused by a virus that is spread easily and rapidly between animals, affecting ruminants and pigs (cloven-hoofed animals). Notably, pigs shed the virus in higher amounts (1500x more than ruminants) and African Buffalo are long-term carriers and consequently sources of infection, complicating the disease state in South Africa. Most commonly, FMD is transmitted from one animal to another when animals come into contact with each other. A susceptible animal can develop an infection through contact with contaminated saliva, urine, faeces, milk or sores of infected animals. Indirectly, contaminated people and vehicles or other objects (i.e. anything that comes in contact with infected animals) can transmit the virus and infect new animals. Animals can shed the virus before the signs of disease appear and so while looking healthy, animals can still spread the disease. The foot-and-mouth virus can survive in warm conditions but is pH sensitive. Due to all of the aforementioned, biosecurity, disinfection, quarantining of new animals, buying in animals from reliable sources and access control are important implementations on farms recommended by the World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH).

Recognising the Signs on Farm

The most common sign seen is excessive drooling and sores in the mouth of cattle, which causes them to lose their appetite. Sores in the mouth can first be seen as a soft fluid-filled pocket in the mouth, which can then break open leaving a red, jagged sore in its place. Sores between the toes and on the top of the hooves, causing lameness, according to field reports, are not as common. Cows may develop similar sores on the teats or udders, which may lead to mastitis. Fertility issues may also be caused due to high fevers and loss of condition.

Why All the Fuss? Economic and Production Impact

Even though FMD rarely kills adult livestock, it leaves enormous economic damage in its path. Most commonly, a drop in milk production and weight loss occur due to painful mouths and decreased appetite/food intake, leading to decreased profits. The uncontrolled foot and mouth outbreak situation is proving disastrous for agricultural exports as countries do not want to risk bringing in infected products and risk accruing massive costs associated with controlling outbreaks due to the infected imports. Trade bans from various countries have been estimated to result in a multimillion

Rand loss in exports. The outbreaks cause supply chain disruptions due to quarantines, constrained cattle movement and erosion of consumer confidence. Additionally, there is a downward price pressure and market uncertainty which negatively affects the commercial value of cattle inventories. Potential buyers are becoming more selective and apprehensive about buying new animals. Thus, FMD is one of the most economically important diseases of livestock in southern Africa, which impacts farmers from different levels alike. It may not kill your animals, but it slowly kills farmers by draining their finances and decreasing their production. Farmers are the cornerstone of food-safety and if they go down, the whole country does too.

What To Do if You Suspect FMD

Report your suspicion of FMD to your state veterinarian or animal health technician. Separate affected animals, immediately stop movement of animals off of the farm, increase cleaning and disinfection (using e.g. Virkon S or F10CL General Farm Disinfectant) and implement strict access control. The farmer will discuss the plan for the cattle with the respective state veterinarian. Resolving the outbreak can be done

using many different strategies (slaughter; vaccination + quarantine + testing; permission granted animal movement). Please note that currently, your animals do not have to be slaughtered out. Please provide animals with supportive care (keep in mind withdrawal times): animals are painful due to the sores, therefore pain management is warranted (e.g. Inflacam/Findayne). Vitamins and minerals can be given to support the immune system of the animal (e.g. Kyroligo + vit A-E). Antibiotics can be given to prevent bacterial infection of sores (e.g. Duplocillin).

Conclusion and Take-Home Message

This is a fight beyond the herd, foot-and-mouth disease affects us all. Its impact extends well into society and the economy. I urge all to buy, sell and move animals responsibly, take care of livestock and the community by reporting and acting fast. Outbreaks can be controlled and losses minimized when reporting and intervention occur timeously.

FARMER'S CHECKLIST:

• Disinfect & protect:	Scrub and disinfect boots, gear and vehicles between farms and animals. Ensure visitors follow biosecurity & keep access logs.
• Keep records:	Always carry a valid veterinary health certificate and movement permit when buying/selling cattle and stick to FMD-free zones. Count and tag your animals regularly.
• Stay informed:	Follow updates from DALRRD or your industry body (e.g. RMIS).
• Quarantine:	Keep any new purchases strictly separate for at least 4 weeks.
• Recognize the signs:	Fever, drooling, mouth blisters, limping or hoof lesions. Examine animals at feed time.
• Report cases immediately:	Call your local State Veterinarian immediately if you see suspicious symptoms. Do not wait for the entire herd to be affected! Use the FMD control centre toll-free number: 0860 246 640.
• No animal movements:	Do not move or buy animals during an outbreak. Delay auctions or sales if FMD is in the area.
• Isolate fast:	Any suspected animal must be separated & not allowed close to the herd.



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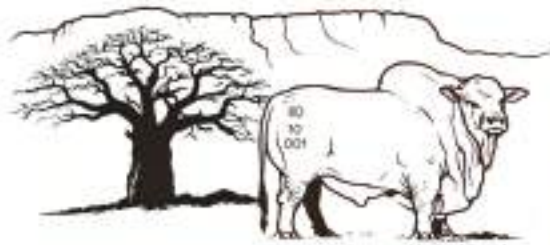
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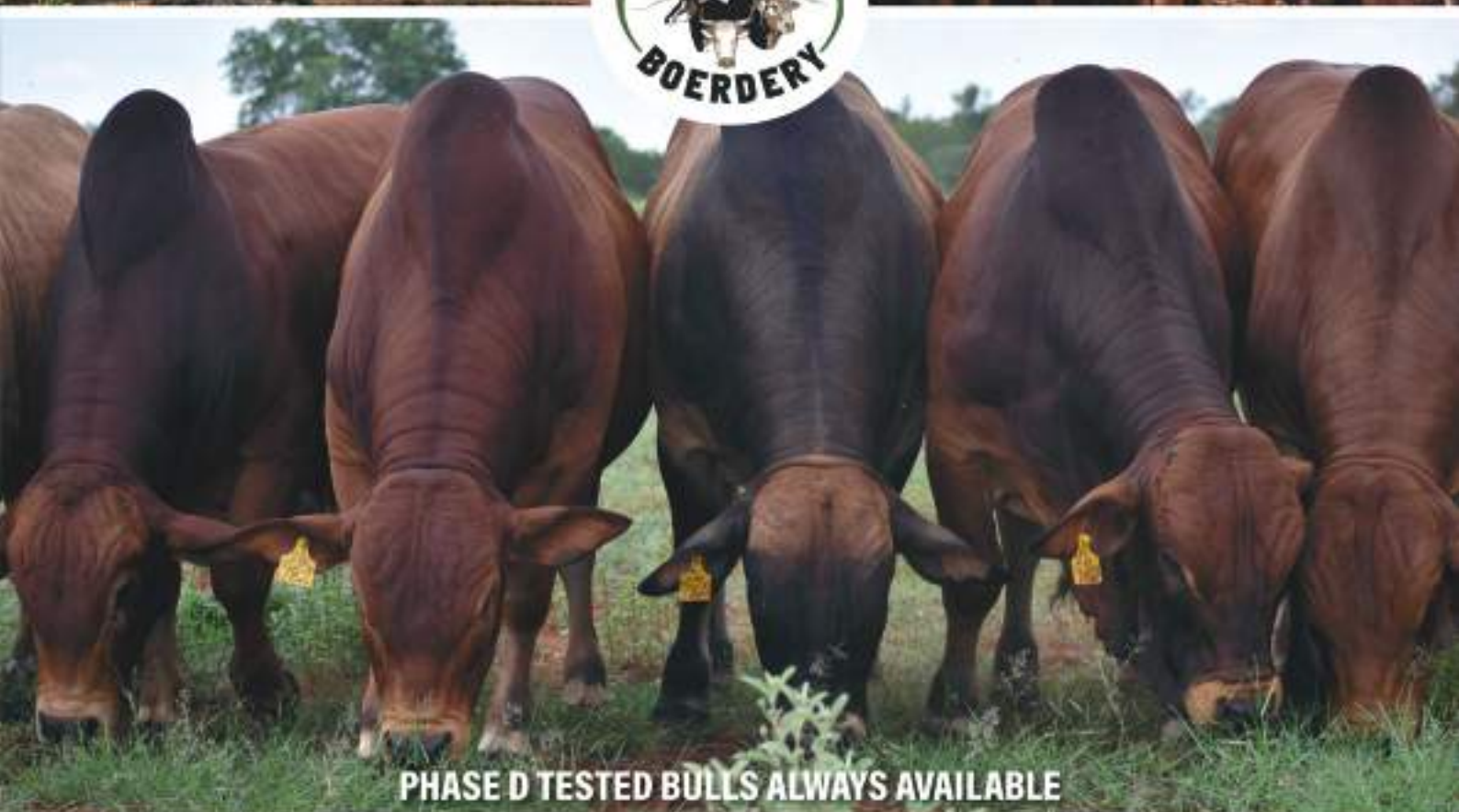
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