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Zoetis Landbouweekblad/Breedplan young bull of the year at shows

Goal

To utilise shows to promote genetic improvement for economic important traits

- 1 The Zoetis bull of the year will be judged at all shows as agreed with the LRF committee, judge and show societies namely:
Bloemfontein, Vryburg, Lichtenburg, Royal, (Pretoria), Moorreesburg and Windhoek.
- 2 If a breed does not participate in these shows, the onus rests on the society to take the bull to one of the above shows for judging. If a special show takes place (such as the Brangus at Harrismith), or the National Championships are held at a certain place (ie Parys), it is the **respective breed's** responsibility to make the necessary arrangements with the LRF.
- 3 Judging will firstly take place within each breed
 - 3.1.1 All bulls will be judged within breed and a winner will be announced.
 - 3.1.2 All breed winners will only be judged visually by the relevant shows inter-breed judge at the inter-breed competition for final placement **of an overall show winner**.
 - 3.1.3 All **overall show winners** winners qualify for an award, based on performance, at the Aldam prizegiving in October of each year.

4 Certificates

- 4.1 All within-breed winners will receive a certificate at the show, which will be handed over by the society official **during interbreed judging**. All within-breed winners will participate in the inter-breed judging as mentioned above, during which a final show winner will be announced based only on visual judging.
- 4.2 The wording on the Sash will be Zoetis as sponsor and the show name. The overall winner at the show will be called the show involved's "Zoetis bull of the year."
- 4.3 The owners of the different within-breed winners over shows will be invited to attend the LRF's official event during which the finalists will once again be announced and will compete against each other and an overall annual winner be announced.

5 Criteria

5.3 It is the breed societies own responsibility to setup the criteria based on the following conditions.

5.3.1 For each show: The visual judging will count half (50%) and the level of record keeping as well as performance data counts as the other half (50%).

5.3.2 The precalculated breeding values or selection indexes for breeds that nominate to do there own judging will not be announced or given to the judges beforehand. The judge only gives a visual point.

5.3.3 Standard criteria will be used for all breeds. The formulas were calculated by experts at the University of the Orange Free State together with the LRF committee. The criteria for breeding values use birth weight, weaning, fertility / scrotum as well as mature cow weight by means of a window that weighs the characteristics according to their economic contribution

5.3.4 The rules for Breed Societies that use an Economic Rand/Dollar Selection Index is as follows:

5.3.4.1.1 The breeder is rewarded for both level of record keeping as well as selection indexes. The level of record keeping is measured by means of available breeding values as follows:

(Simmentaler)

Weaning i.e. weights submitted (15), year (5), final (5) and cow weights (10) = (35%)

Fertility i.e. Days to calving (25) and Scrotum circumference (10) = (35%)

Birth traits i.e. birth weight (7.5) and calving ease (7.5) = (15%)

Scanning (15%)

(Simbra)

Weaning i.e. weights submitted (15), year (5), final (5) and cow weight (10) = (35%)

Fertility i.e. Days to calving (25) and Scrotum circumference (10) = (35%)

Birth traits i.e. birth weight (15) = (15%)

Scanning (15%)

(Brahman and other societies)

Weaning i.e. weights submitted (20), year (7), final (5) and cow weight (10) (42%)

Fertility i.e. Scrotum circumference (25%)

Birth traits i.e. birth weight (17%)

Scanning (16%)

- 6 It was decided within the Brahman, Simmentaler, Simbra societies that there must be at least 10 animal per class at the show. For the other societies there msut be at least 5 aniamls.
- 7 Bulls between the age of 12-36 months qualify.

The within-breed placements will take place:

- Directly after the Junior champion
 - **All the junior (<36 months) bulls takes part in the judging and are scored visually either during judging of their classes OR all the junior bulls come in together for visual pointing.** A visual point < 50% excludes the bull from further participation.
 - During the judging of the senior bull and other classes **the data** will be processed.
 - **The final winner as well as the runner-up within breed will be announced hopefully before the end of the respective breed's judging.**
- 8 **The Zoetis Breedplan inter-breed class is judged at the beginning and all within breed winners compete.**
 - 9 Wording on show catalogues:

The ZOETIS LANDBOUWEEKBLAD/BREEDPLAN young Bull of the year at shows is part of the Southern African competition that includes other shows. The goal is to utilise shows to promote genetic improvement for economic important traits. All bulls at shows with estimated breeding values between 12-36 months qualify. There must be at least 5 bulls per breed to qualify. The visual judging counts half of the mark and the level of record keeping as well as performance data count as the other half. Standard criteria for all breeds are used to weigh breeding values (birth, wean, year, final as well as mature cow weight and scrotum) although some breeds prefer to use economic selection indexes.

The criteria is compiled by experts related to the University of the Free State together with the organisers. **The various breed winners compete visually in the interbreed for an overall Zoetis Breedplan show winner.**

The overall show winner competes against similar winners of all other shows on performance only whereafter a national **overall interbreed** winner will be announced at the Aldam Stockmansschool.

- 9 The LRF board reserves the right to change the evaluation criteria.