

LRF NEWS



FROM THE CHAIRMAN'S DESK:Mr CHRISTOPHER SPARKS:

The Christmas holidays was that time of year again where the retailers were doing their utmost to promote their "commercial" Christmas while many an unsuspecting customer was lured into the shops (with their inflated prices), very much like cows to senseless slaughter. From a farming perspective we look back on 2014 as an interesting year with good rains in many parts, excellent crop yields, maize prices lower than expected and beef prices not really moving from where they were in previous years. Belts had to be tightened in business and lack of government pending did not really evoke much investor confidence. Eskom and its load-shedding remains a daily point of discussion. We have made it through another year and into a new planting/calving season. It is indeed a wonderful time of the year. The LRF has had an excellent year in every respect and I thank you, my vice-chairman, board members and office, for your valuable inputs and willingness to serve. I trust you all had a Blessed Christmas and wish you a better 2015. Africa may not be for sissies; but fortunately God is faithful, good and in control. LRF Blessings

BREEDPLAN



We congratulate the Limousin Society for running the first monthly "Southern" International genetic evaluation from November 2014. Countries involved include Namibia, South Africa, Australia and New Zealand. The French EBV's are also imported into the evaluation. This is a big move forward for all our LRF breeds. Because the new average is an "international average" it will take our industry some time to get used to interpreting the results. We can expect marked genetic improvement going forward because the database has essentially more than tripled in size

HERDMASTER

Would you like to know the optimal time to record weights then use

Reports|Breedplan|Optimal recording date

[http://agribsa.co.za/FAO/index.php?](http://agribsa.co.za/FAO/index.php?sid=405796&lang=en&action=artikel&cat=10&id=116&artlang=en)

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Optimal BREEDPLAN Recording Dates

DOB Range Start: 01/01/2014 DOB Range End:30/12/2014

First Calf DOB: 06/01/2014 Last Calf DOB: 03/07/2014

Number of Calves in DOB range: 24

Trait Record	Window Begins	Window Ends	Optimal Date
200 Day Wgt (& Mature Cow Wgt)	21/09/2014	02/11/2014	01/11/2014
Docility	19/11/2016	10/09/2024	25/11/2019
400 Day Wgt	01/09/2014	02/11/2014	01/11/2014
Scrotal	30/04/2015	21/05/2015	20/05/2015
Scanning Traits	30/04/2015	21/05/2015	20/05/2015
600 Day Wgt	30/04/2015	21/05/2015	20/05/2015

UPDATES

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it.[http://www.teamviewer.com/en/index.aspx?](http://www.teamviewer.com/en/index.aspx?pid=google.tv.s.int&gclid=CjwKEAiAodOIBRDCjr-UlJJDjtVUSJABR7fxyGkq_vnAGqZlaouXSwU717qf7-DEUae0HZNW1n41vLRoC8Bvw_wcB)

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Contact us about the Central Server version, where two or more users are needed for your farm purposes.Visit our FAQ, 7 steps to familiarize yourself with Herdmaster.<http://agribsa.co.za/FAQ/>

See services to the industry at or in

Afrikaans,<http://www.agribsa.co.za/Afrikaans/Dienslewering.htm>

Dienslewering aan die Bedryf

- ▶ A. Roetine verslae vir telers
- ▶ B. Monitor die geloofwaardigheid van teelwaardes
- ▶ C. Algemene internet dienste
- ▶ D. Spesiale verslae en vorms vir telers
- ▶ E. Suid Afrikaanse Ekonomiese Seleksie Indekse
- ▶ F. SA Breedplan Toetsplan
- ▶ G. Herdmaster
- ▶ H. Volledigheid van Prestasie
- ▶ I. Insolutions vir selfone
- ▶ J. LNR Personeel kontak inligting
- ▶ K. LRF Personeel kontak inligting

STOCKMAN'S SCHOOL



The aim of the school is to attract the world's best speakers (National and International). Christian Duff from Australia has tentatively committed to be one of our International guest speakers. There is also a very strong South African contingent that will be part of the school. This year's focus will be on reproduction and how it relates to economic efficiency. As usual there will also be a strong practical component

COURSES

BREEDPLAN courses in 2015 will be presented as workshops between stud and commercial clients throughout the year with guest speakers.

- 18 February LRF AGM - Bloemfontein (Morning)
- 18 February Brahman Technical Meeting - Bloemfontein (Afternoon)
- 19 February Simmental/Simbra Technical Meeting - Bloemfontein
- 20 February Herdmaster Training (Beginner) - Bloemfontein
- 18 March Herdmaster Training (Beginner) - Pretoria
- 19 March Herdmaster Training (Advanced)/Breedplan - Pretoria