

May 2015 Newsletter

NOTE; VISIT US AT AFRICA'S LARGEST AGRICULTURAL EVENT CALLED NAMPO, in THE MAIN NAMPO HALL, STAND 69-70



Livestock Registration Foundation (LRF) <http://lrf.co.za/>
What is the LRF?

The LRF represents the beef societies in Southern Africa who have decided to become their registration authorities and issue their own registration certificates.

Currently the LRF represents 40% of all registered beef cattle in Southern Africa and 80% of all beef cattle in Namibia and 100% in Zimbabwe. The Namibian Stud Breeders Association (NSBA) and the Livestock Improvement Trust (LIT) in Zimbabwe are also members of the LRF and do the registration of other species such as; dairy, small stock and horses. The LRF breeds work closely with the Agricultural Research Council (ARC) in Southern Africa and the data of all South African breed societies are submitted to the national database on a weekly basis.

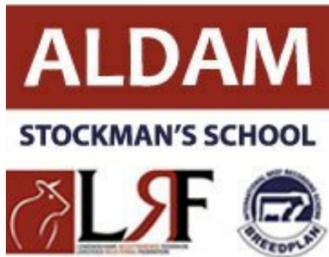


Breedplan <http://breedplan.une.edu.au/>

Breedplan is the world's most widely used genetic evaluation system for beef cattle. It is the dominant system in Australia, Canada, United Kingdom, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Botswana and New Zealand and it's use is increasing in United States of America, Brazil and South Africa. It is also considered the world's most advanced genetic evaluation system and was an early adopter of breeding values for all the growth, carcass, reproduction and Net Feed Intake traits. It was also one of the very first genetic evaluation systems for beef cattle to include genomic data into the estimated breeding values (EBV's).



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Stockmansschool <http://www.stockmansschool.co.za/>

The LRF together with Breedplan South Africa runs what is arguably the best beef school in the world, called the Aldam Stockmansschool. A number of international keynote speakers are sourced annually together with the very best animal production experts from Southern Africa. The morning sessions include keynote speakers whilst the afternoon sessions are practical sessions. The school is usually fully booked and nearly 200 delegates attend the school annually. Both Namibia and Zimbabwe also run a Stockman's school based on the same format as that in South Africa.

Registration forms are available online.



Herdmaster <http://herdmaster.abri.une.edu.au/>

Herdmaster is considered to be the leading on farm recording program in Southern Africa and includes a seedstock and commercial version for beef, smallstock and game. A server version is also available that allows large farming companies or research institutes to handle multiple herd on one database.

Herdmaster will be exhibiting at Nampo in the Nampo hall, stand 69 and 70.

Note that the South Africa Herdmaster support representative, Lee Ann Alexander, is currently on maternity leave. Please contact Jeanine Labuschagne at : office@agribsa.co.za for all you Herdmaster queries.

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