



Beef Genomics Program (BGP) vorder goed na eerste jaar van implementering Die BGP program'n vleisbeesbedryf inisiatief, 'n gefokusde poging om goed gestruktureerde en sterk verwysing bevolkings te vestig vir deelnemende rasse vanaf 2014.

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Beef Genomics Program (BGP) progressing well after the first year of implementation. The BGP Program is an initiative from the Beef Industry, effort to establish well-structured and sound reference populations for participating breeds from 2014.

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### **Breeding for Genetic Improvement of Retail Beef Yield**

Retail beef yield (RBY) is the amount of saleable beef obtained from a carcass once the bones and excess fat have been removed. The retail beef yield of an individual carcass which is expressed as a percentage of the carcass weight is influenced by the relative amount of bone, muscle and fat in the carcass.

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Managing Inbreeding Within a Seedstock Beef Breeding Enterprise The discussion of inbreeding in bull breeder circles can lead to a passionate debate, with thoughts ranging from “we must avoid inbreeding at all costs” to “linebreeding is the best thing since sliced bread”

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'BREEDPLAN Basics' Webinar Presentations Now Available Online In August 2015, SBTS and TBTS ran a webinar series entitled 'BREEDPLAN Basics'. This webinar series was designed to provide beef producers and industry personnel with an overview of BREEDPLAN and further increase knowledge of BREEDPLAN traits, EBVs, EBV accuracy and selection indexes. The webinar series comprised 5 one hour presentations, which were presented by staff at Southern Beef Technology Services (SBTS) and Tropical Beef Technology Services (TBTS).

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### **Can Coronet Band Tapes Be Used to Accurately Predict Birth Weight? An Australian Hereford Case Study?**

Birth weight is an important economic trait in beef production systems as lower birth weights are associated with reduced incidence of calving difficulty, but unfavourably correlated with growth rate. Careful recording of birth weight of calves allows beef producers to obtain EBVs for Birth Weight,

which in turn helps in breeding to minimise calving difficulties while maintaining or increasing growth rate.

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Enhancements to the BREEDPLAN Standard Error Graph ABRI's Internet Solutions facility allows users to search their Breed Society's database for a range of animal, member and EBV details.

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#### **Limousin Genomic Information Nucleus Project (LGIN):**

Die projek het formeel afgeskop op 1 September 2015 met 8 deelnemers uit die 70 telers. Hierdie telers het hulle self gebind tot volledige kudde rekordhouding en het elke teler sy hele kudde tot die projek ingeskryf.

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#### **Santa Gertrudis Newsletter - LRF**

The Santa Gertrudis Breeding Society took part in the 2016-2016 Beef Genomics project and tested 50 bulls for Residual feed Intake at the ARC facilities in Irene, Vryburg and Glen.

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#### **Braford Kalender**

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#### **Simmentaler (BGP)**

We have 19 breeders participating in this project; 7 Simmental, 9 Simbra and 3 breeders with both Simmental and Simbra. The participating breeders are, more than ever before, very excited about the project.

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#### **Brahman News**

The Brahman Council has set several dynamic programs in motion during the past year with the sole objective to improve our breed through the implementation of promotional activities, participation in different genetic projects, training of Breeders and the ongoing advancement of our Breed abroad.

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