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ARC National Beef Performers Awards



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Recognising and awarding the achievements of South Africa's farmers is one of the many goals of the Agricultural Research Council's (ARC) National Beef Recording and Improvement Scheme. This is in line with its primary mandate, which is to facilitate the adoption and implementation of technologies that are aimed at enhancing the production efficiency of the national herd to enable farmers to produce more profitably, in a sustainable manner, to increase their contribution to national food security. This will also contribute towards the socio-economic well-being of the nation. The scheme has been collaborating with industry stakeholders and research institutions for many decades to address their demands and to ensure the ARC adapts to a changing industry. One of the ultimate indicators of whether the scheme is successful includes the growth and development of South Africa's farmers and the impact they are making. The scheme annually hosts its national awards to recognise and award the exceptional advances that farmers have made, making use of performance recording and related technologies, and covers the entire spectrum of the production industry. The scheme thus puts a high premium on collaboration with farmers across all sectors, government and other stakeholders in agriculture in order to strengthen the collective effort to enhance production and access to the country's beef value chains.

THIS YEAR THE AWARDS CONSIST OF SEVEN CATEGORIES:

1. ARC National Best Elite Cow Awards, sponsored by *Farmer's Weekly*
2. ARC National Platinum Bull Awards, sponsored by GMPBasic
3. ARC National KyD Province of the Year Awards, sponsored by Molatek
4. ARC National Emerging Beef Farmer of the Year Award
5. ARC National Mentor of the Year Award, sponsored by Molatek
6. ARC National Special Performance Test Class Awards
7. ARC National Beef Cattle Improvement Herd of the Year Award



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NATIONAL KyD PROVINCE OF THE YEAR

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This award recognises the province with the highest number of participating farmers in the Kaonafatso ya Dikgomo (KyD) scheme. These farmers must be registered on INTERGIS and must have loaded data onto the database between March of the year preceding the award and April of the year of the award. The three provinces with the highest number of participating farmers will receive the accolades Platinum, Gold and Silver respectively. This award was introduced in 2016.

**THIS YEAR'S WINNER FOR THE KYD PROVINCE OF THE YEAR
IS KWAZULU-NATAL. CONGRATULATIONS!**

NATIONAL MENTOR OF THE YEAR AWARD

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This award acknowledges farmers who have exceptional leadership skills and have shown demonstrable effort in building capacity and skills among new farmers through the dissemination of information and mentoring. In short, this award category assesses how a farmer ploughs back his/her skills, knowledge and experience to the benefit of others. Farmers who enter this category should have a record of accomplishment that attests to their efforts to train and mentor others, and very importantly to show the impact of their actions and mentoring initiatives.

**CONGRATULATIONS TO WINNERS JOHN AND TRACEY DEVONPORT AND
NKOSINATHI BAREKI (NORTH WEST DEPARTMENT OF
AGRICULTURE AND RURAL DEVELOPMENT).**

ARC NATIONAL SPECIAL PERFORMANCE TEST CLASS

Running for over four decades, this award category aims to recognise bulls with exceptional performance traits. Bulls that were awarded Gold or Silver merit certificates when they completed a standardised growth test (Phase C) of the National Beef Recording and Improvement Scheme during 2020 are eligible to compete in this award category. Residual feed intake (RFI), a trait that describes a bull's ability to utilise feed efficiently, is also considered.

Only one bull per breed is identified to represent the entire breed, and adjudication criteria include performance traits and functional efficiency. Every bull that participates on behalf of its breed is thus crowned the overall national winner within the participating breed.

Congratulations to all the winners!

Winning bulls of the ARC National Special Performance Test Class Awards 2021

| Breed | Bull ID | Date of birth | Centre tested | ADG ¹ | | FCR ² | | RFI ³ | Adjusted shoulder- / hip height (mm only) | Adjusted body length (mm) | Adjusted scrotum circum. (mm) |
|-----------------|-------------|---------------|----------------|------------------|-----|------------------|-----|------------------|---|---------------------------|-------------------------------|
| | | | | (g) | ind | kg/kg | ind | | Height | Length | Scrotum |
| Afrikaner | TK 19 0123 | 22/11/2019 | Irene | 1 351 | 106 | 6,10 | 114 | - | 1 135 | 1 269 | 330 |
| Afrisim | JJ 19 0180 | 29/09/2019 | Irene | 1 479 | 96 | 6,53 | 106 | - | 1 232 | 1 423 | 405 |
| Beefmaster | BC 19 0559 | 13/09/2019 | Winter Castles | 1 568 | 100 | 5,65 | 109 | - | 1 170 | 1 382 | 362 |
| Beef Shorthorn | NMS 19 0041 | 25/09/2019 | Sernick | 1 956 | 110 | 4,43 | 122 | - | 1 289 | 1 472 | 374 |
| Boran | YF 19 0042 | 18/11/2019 | Irene | 1 531 | 127 | 6,01 | 106 | - | 1 143 | 1 246 | 328 |
| Brahman | WRR 19 0103 | 04/12/2019 | Buffland | 1 443 | 119 | 4,89 | 118 | -2,922 | *1 219 | 1 351 | 242 |
| Braunvieh | LT 19 0003 | 22/12/2019 | Vryburg | 2 042 | 113 | 5,82 | 104 | - | 1 203 | 1 469 | 375 |
| Charolais | BB 20 0060 | 12/01/2020 | Vryburg | 2 885 | 151 | 4,27 | 128 | - | *1 399 | 1 631 | 348 |
| Limousin | DL 19 0151 | 04/10/2019 | Irene | 1 750 | 101 | 5,82 | 106 | -1,325 | *1 225 | 1 397 | 318 |
| Pinzgauer | GB 19 0217 | 02/12/2019 | Buffland | 1 619 | 101 | 5,80 | 101 | - | 1 386 | 1 159 | 320 |
| PinZ'qil | PZ 19 0314 | 11/11/2019 | Buffland | 1 386 | 115 | 6,24 | 108 | - | 1 370 | 1 146 | 305 |
| SA Angus Black | SCJ 19 0131 | 30/07/2019 | Western Cape | 1 947 | 102 | 5,20 | 113 | - | *1 242 | 1 465 | 338 |
| SA Angus Red | SCJ 19 0048 | 15/05/2019 | Western Cape | 2 078 | 109 | 5,96 | 100 | - | *1 254 | 1 455 | 360 |
| Santa Gertrudis | FF 19 0056 | 27/11/2019 | Vryburg | 2 527 | 151 | 4,76 | 122 | -0,319 | *1 301 | 1 476 | 359 |
| Simbra | ZM 19 0015 | 12/03/2019 | Irene | 2 056 | 111 | 6,98 | 102 | - | *1 254 | 1 378 | 390 |
| Simmentaler | AB 19 0119 | 08/10/2019 | Dhofstee | 2 360 | 100 | 4,79 | 100 | -0,839 | *1 277 | 1 572 | 371 |
| Sussex | NJB 19 0026 | 07/05/2019 | Vryburg | 1 886 | 108 | 5,90 | 100 | - | *1 253 | 1 441 | 334 |



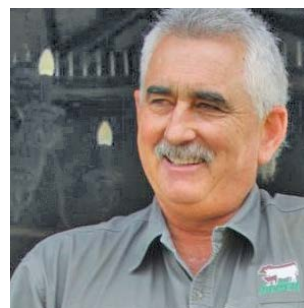
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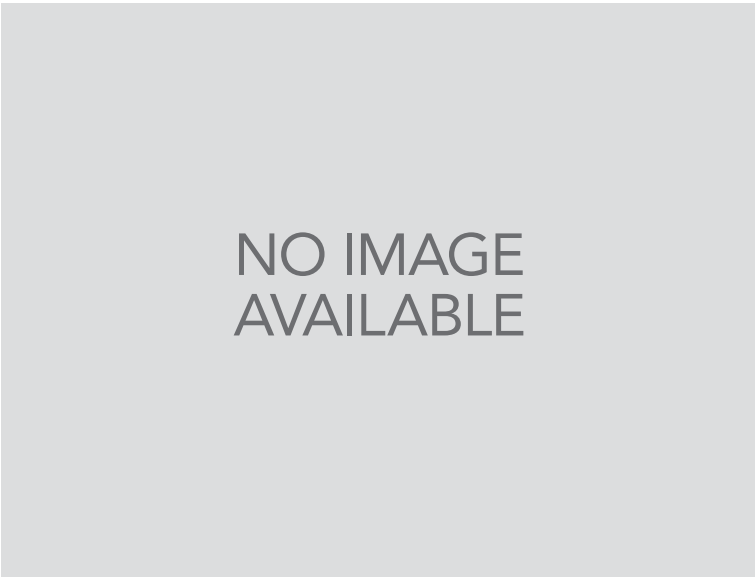
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ARC NATIONAL BEST ELITE COW AWARDS

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This award category only considers actual performance data of participating cows. Participating cows should exhibit exceptional reproduction figures and other economically important traits such as maternal ability and pre-weaning growth rate (weaning weight). This award category is also contested, as in the past, among cows across all breeds and only one cow per breed will be crowned as the top female animal of each participating breed. Our valued partner, *Farmer's Weekly*, has been the sole sponsor of this award category for 43 consecutive years, which in itself is indeed praiseworthy.

Registered and commercial cows are eligible to participate and specific qualification criteria include age at first calving; the average inter-calving period; days since the last calving; the completeness of records for weaning weights; performance records (breeding values) regarding wean direct and wean maternal; birth maternal (where available); and the number of calves with reliable weaning weights.

For commercial cows where no BLUP breeding values are available, the criteria evaluated include, in addition to the criteria already mentioned, the weaning index of the cow's calves individually as well as for all calves weaned. Additional criteria include breeding values for birth and weaning; average efficiency index (if available); approval ratio (percentage of her progeny approved for registration by the relevant breeders' society); reproduction index; and the percentage of performance tested calves.

Congratulations to all the winners!

1. Avg ICP

Average inter-calving period.

2. Avg weaning index

Average weaning weight index for calves.

3. Birthweight EBV

Estimated breeding value for birthweight.

4. Weaning weight EBV

Estimated breeding value for weaning weight.

5. Dir

Estimated breeding value for birthweight direct.

6. Dir

Estimated breeding value for weaning weight direct.

7. Mat

Estimated breeding value for weaning weight maternal.

| Winning cows of the ARC National Best Elite Cow Awards 2021 | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|---------|--------|--------------------------|--------------------------|--------------------------------|-----------------------------------|------------------|--------------------------------------|--|
| Breed | Cow ID | Age (Y) | Calves | Age at first calving (M) | Avg ICP ¹ (D) | Avg weaning Index ² | Birthweight EBV (kg) ³ | | Weaning weight EBV (kg) ⁴ | |
| | | | | | | | Dir ⁵ | Dir ⁶ | Mat ⁷ | |
| Afrikaner | SK 09 0129 | 12 | 8 | 38 | 361 | 111 | 1,59 | 11,4 | 7,7 | |
| Ankole | A 06 0004 | 15 | 10 | 37 | 392 | - | - | - | - | |
| Beef Shorthorn | NMS 12 0007 | 9 | 7 | 29 | 371 | 112 | 0,63 | 6,7 | 13,3 | |
| Bonsmara | CRB 12 0043 | 8 | 7 | 26 | 350 | 106 | 1,29 | 17,3 | 17,4 | |
| Boran | TZ 12 0039 | 8 | 7 | 23 | 369 | 107 | 1,64 | 10,9 | 5,1 | |
| Braford | T 11 0104 | 10 | 7 | 35 | 363 | - | 0,90 | 9,0 | 5,0 | |
| Brangus | DD 10 0097 | 11 | 8 | 36 | 377 | - | 1,50 | 12,0 | 1,0 | |
| Drakensberger | PU 05 0058 | 15 | 12 | 34 | 386 | 102 | 0,12 | 2,0 | 7,7 | |
| Limousin | DL 10 0051 | 11 | 9 | 25 | 363 | - | 2,8 | 24,0 | 7,0 | |
| Nguni | EX 13 0221 | 8 | 7 | 26 | 339 | 99 | -0,05 | 4,9 | 4,8 | |
| Santa Gertrudis | DT 08 0236 | 13 | 10 | 23 | 383 | - | 1,20 | 24,0 | 3,0 | |
| Senepol | GN 12 0627 | 8 | 7 | 26 | 363 | 113 | 2,12 | 5,4 | 6,3 | |
| Simbra | BW 12 025A | 9 | 7 | - | 364 | - | 0,40 | 18,0 | 7,0 | |
| Simmentaler | AH 09 0005 | 12 | 10 | 26 | 359 | - | 1,20 | 27,0 | 12,0 | |
| South Devon | BG 12 0050 | 9 | 7 | 30 | 350 | 111 | -1,06 | 11,2 | 9,3 | |
| Tuli | R 12 0208 | 8 | 7 | 23 | 360 | 107 | 1,55 | 5,4 | 6,3 | |



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ARC NATIONAL PLATINUM BULL AWARDS

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Besides having exceptional performance figures, bulls can only qualify for this award if they were bred from a winner of the ARC National Best Elite Cow Award. As such, this category is known as the 'best from the best' award. More than one bull per breed can be eligible for this award, although very few bulls qualify due to the stringent adjudication criteria. An eligible bull must have received a Gold merit certificate when he completed an ARC Phase C test, and his dam must have received her elite cow status during the year in which the bull received his Gold merit award. An eligible bull must also have completed his Phase C test between 1 January 2020 and 31 December 2020. GMPBasic, one of the ARC's valued partners, has sponsored this award category for seven consecutive years. This category has been contested for the past 26 years.

Congratulations to all the winners!

| Winning bulls of the ARC National Platinum Bull Awards 2021 | | | | | | | | | | | | | |
|---|-------------|------------------------|------------------------|-------------------------------|-------------|---------|--------------|------------------|----------------------|----------------------|------------------|-------------------------|--|
| Bull | | | | | Dam | | | | | | | | |
| Breed | Bull ID | ADG ¹ index | FCR ² index | Adjusted scrotum circum. (mm) | Dam ID | Age (y) | Calves | AFC ⁵ | Avg ICP ⁶ | Birthweight EBV (kg) | | Weaning weight EBV (kg) | |
| | | | | | | | | | | Dir ⁷ | Dir ⁸ | Mat ⁹ | |
| Afrikaner | PP 19 0050 | 110 | 115 | 314 | DC 11 0027 | 10 | 7 | 37 | 365 | -0,03 | 2,2 | 3,5 | |
| Bonsmara | FHK 19 0225 | 115 | 118 | 330 | FHK 08 0102 | 13 | 9 | 31 | 393 | 1,17 | 19,5 | 4,0 | |
| | EHE 19 0262 | 124 | 121 | 335 | VV 09 0475 | 12 | ^a | 31 | 385 | 0,97 | 28,2 | 10,5 | |
| | NFS 19 0205 | 100 | 109 | 337 | VV 10 0357 | 11 | 8 | 30 | 364 | 0,77 | 16,8 | 4,4 | |
| | NFS 19 0462 | 102 | 118 | 384 | NFS 10 0023 | 11 | 9 | 29 | 368 | 0,63 | 18,1 | 5,0 | |
| Braunvieh | JC 20 0006 | 115 | 110 | 338 | CDH 10 0003 | 12 | 8 | 29 | 392 | 0,25 | 4,9 | 0,1 | |
| Charolais | BB 20 0060 | 151 | 128 | 348 | WDC 09 0095 | 12 | ^a | 35 | 384 | 0,90 | 2,7 | 2,1 | |
| Limousin | YF 19 0001 | 116 | 113 | 299 | LR 09 0067 | 12 | 9 | 31 | 407 | 1,80 | 16,0 | 10,0 | |
| Santa Gertrudis | M 19 0048 | 124 | 116 | 324 | M 09 0062 | 12 | 9 | 38 | 354 | 2,60 | 18,0 | 8,0 | |
| | HH 19 0029 | 123 | 115 | 346 | VV 02 0128 | 19 | 15 | 27 | 388 | 1,00 | 12,0 | 4,0 | |
| Simmentaler | CSS 19 0975 | 102 | 111 | 385 | CSS 13 0213 | 9 | 9 | 31 | 432 | 1,80 | 20,0 | 6,0 | |



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ARC NATIONAL EMERGING BEEF FARMER OF THE YEAR AWARD

This is another flagship award of the ARC that acknowledges emerging beef farmers that are members of the Kaonafatso ya Dikgomo (KyD) Scheme and that have excelled when it comes to how they manage and improve their herds and enterprises by making use of record keeping, amongst others. This award category commemorates its 19th anniversary this year. Finalists, aiming to become fully-fledged commercial farmers, from each of the country's provinces are identified, and ultimately contest for the title of National Winner. The KyD Scheme focuses on assisting emerging cattle farmers to apply beef recording and improvement technologies to facilitate accurate selection for economically important traits and increased productivity and profitability of their herds. Emerging farmers serviced and developed through the KyD Scheme are registered on INTERGIS, and to date more than 8 000 emerging farmers are members of KyD.

Purpose of this award category:

1. To encourage emerging cattle farmers to improve their standard of living through higher returns from animal production and job creation;
2. To promote participation in the KyD Scheme;
3. To promote sound breeding and management principles in the beef industry; and
4. To demonstrate the practical benefit of performance testing by identifying outstanding herds.

Congratulations to all the recipients of awards in this class, and a special congratulations to **Eve Tepsy of Gauteng** for being named the national winner.

| Finalists of the ARC National Emerging Beef Farmer of the Year 2021 | | | | | | |
|---|-----------------------------------|-----------|-----------------|------------------------|----------------|--------------|
| Province | Breed | Herd size | Name | Farm name | Town | Contact nr |
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| Free State | Bonsmara | 97 | Tracy Marobobo | DoornDraai 207 | Ventersburg | 067 808 3503 |
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| KwaZulu-Natal | Bonsmara, Drakensberger & Brahman | 450 | Basile Mathonsi | Nozinkaniso Trading CC | Vryheid | 061 503 7490 |
| Limpopo | Bonsmara | 120 | Baloji Topsy | Tamahasi 485LQ | Lephalale | 083 742 9942 |
| Mpumalanga | Brahman | 162 | Ntuli Sphiwe | 31 Leeuwfontein | Verena | 082 607 0086 |
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ARC NATIONAL BEEF CATTLE IMPROVEMENT HERD OF THE YEAR AWARD

To be eligible for this category, a farmer has had to excel in a number of performance traits in his or her herd. It has become one of the most prestigious award categories in the beef performers' awards that also adjudicates the level to which the nominee is involved with industry, his or her interaction with his or her fellow farmers, and his or her efforts to build and add value to the beef production industry. Breeders and herds across breeds in Southern Africa can enter this award category. Traits that are assessed that relates to the performance of the herd itself includes the level of reproduction of the herd; overall participation and implementation of performance testing as a tool for improvement; cow efficiency in the herd (including post-weaning performance); the completeness of performance records; the size of the cow herd (must consist of at least 50 cows); the calving performance of the herd; genetic trends and progress in the herd; and the application of modern scientific breeding techniques. The contributions and reputation of the participating herd owner is also considered, in particular regarding his or her leadership and guidance to other farmers and stakeholders.

Congratulations to all the finalists in this category, particularly to **Johan Styger** of BTB Simmentaler who was announced the winner at the recent awards ceremony.

| Finalists of the ARC National Beef Cattle Improvement Herd of the Year Award 2021 | | | | | |
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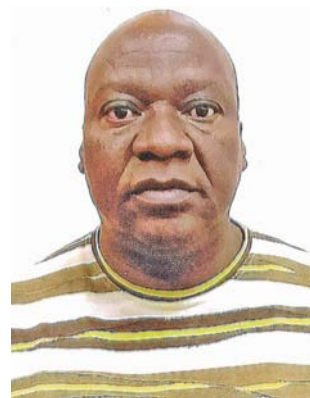
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Herd reports generated from the National Database as a selection tool.

A true reflection of your beef herd performance on profit drivers.

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National Beef Recording and Improvement Scheme

Commercial beef producers can **increase** their **profitability** by:

- Improvement on weaning, year and eighteen months' weight
- Bull selection to support breeding goals from auction catalogues
- Identification of best performing replacement heifers
- Identification of profitable cows
- Identification of non-efficient animals

ADDITIONAL BENEFITS:

- Data captured on the National Database (INTERGIS) and compliance with Animal Improvement Act
- Farmer's Days with stakeholders
- Data available for research purposes and technology development
- Central bull testing facilities and technical staff for regional support
- On-farm Phase D bull testing
- Accredited technicians for Real-time Ultrasound Scanning for carcass traits
- Services comply with internationally accredited standards
- Affordable fees (subsidised by government)
- Training courses in beef herd management, BLUP, performance testing and the auction catalogue
- Affordable on-farm consultation fee



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