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Attention: News Editors/ Agricultural writers

2020 ARC National Beef Performers Awards hosted on 26 November 2020

Pretoria: This year’s Agricultural Research Council (ARC) annual ARC National Beef Performers Awards ceremony was presented on Thursday, 26 November 2020 as a virtual event by Plaas Media, on behalf of the ARC. The National Beef Recording and Improvement Scheme of the ARC, in collaboration with other research programmes, has focused very strongly for more than six decades on the adoption and implementation of technologies aimed at improving the biological and economic efficiency of our national herd. The ultimate aim is to ensure optimal and sustainable use of our natural resources and to capacitate farmers to enhance their contributions, through profitable production, to lasting food security in our country. On an annual basis, the Scheme gives recognition to farmers, across all spectrums of production that have excelled in their quest to manage their enterprises and breed animals that will ensure sustainable and profitable operations. Our annual awards event has since its inception become a platform where exceptional achievements from our farmers are recognised, in particular relating to their efforts to improve the genetic potential of our national herd. Their contributions are also put into perspective in view of our declining and often limited resources. To achieve our goals, the Scheme thus also puts a high premium on collaboration with farmers across all sectors, government and other stakeholders in agriculture to strengthen our collective effort to enhance production and access to beef value chains.

The awards ceremony can still be viewed on PlaasTV YouTube.

The winners of this year’s ARC National Beef Performers Awards are:

**Category 1**
The ARC National Best Elite Cow Awards Winners sponsored by Farmer’s Weekly

Afrikaner: VZI 08 0066, Peet van Zijl, Makwassie
Afrisim: JVR 10 0052, Hentie Jansen van Rensburg, Noordbrug
Ankole: A 06 0009, Morné de la Rey & Simon Hodgson, Brits
Beef Shorthorn: BLK 09 0063, Allistair & Laurence Brown, Alexandria
Bonsmara: GCD 11 0053, Craig Handley, Bathurst
Boran: QT 10 0024, Brandon Brooks, Polokwane
Braford: BB 11 0120, Lotie Gordon & Charlotte Schuite, Rosendal
Brahman: WIL 12 0598, Lourens & Irma du Plessis, Thabazimbi
Charolais: CB 10 0007, Louwrens Viljoen, Clocolan
Dexter: JM 10 0010, Willie du Plessis, Riversdal
Drakensberger: QH 08 0037, Liesel Foster, Zastron
Limousin: LR 06 0015, AJ du Toit, Tulbagh
PinZyl: R 10 0013, Fanie Potgieter, Mooketsi
Romagnola: DT 08 0149, Dail van Rensburg, Delareyville
SA Angus (Black): GT 11 049, Gielie Geldenhuys, Ceres
SA Angus (Red): FW 11 0056, Friedel Keyser, Eston
Santa Gertrudis: KT 10 0010, Pieter Niemand, Worcester
Simbra: LZ 07 0129, Riaan van Zyl, Winburg
Simmentaler: LH 08 0098, Annelise & Danie Bezuidenhout, Delmas
South Devon: JM 10 1141, John & James Miller, Cathcart
Sussex: NJB 07 0065, Nico Bouwer, Delareyville
Tuli: E 11 0003, Dave Mullins, Kenton-on-Sea

Category 2
The ARC National Platinum Bull Awards Winners sponsored by GMPBasic

Bonsmara: NFS 18 0464, Sernick Bonsmara, Edenville
Bonsmara: FHK 18 0076, Ferdi Hartzenberg, Lichtenburg
Brahman: R14 18 0002, Ruan Combrinck, Babanango
Brahman: GBS 18 0010, Heinrich Bruwer, Molopo
Limousin: DL 18 0149, John & Tracey Devonport, Houghton
Santa Gertrudis: M 18 0054, Hezbibah Santa Stud, Ottosdal
Simmentaler: PN 18 0500, Peet & Gert Nienaber, Rustenburg

Category 3
The ARC National KyD Province of the Year Award Winners sponsored by Molatek

This year’s finalists for the KyD province of the year were Kwa-Zulu Natal, Limpopo & North West.
Platinum award: Kwa-Zulu-Natal, Gold award: North West and Silver award: Limpopo

Category 4
The ARC National Emerging Beef Farmer of the Year Award

Provincial winners:
Eastern Cape: Boran, Charolais & Senepol, Herd size 888, Zolani Ncingwana, Fusion Farm, Cedarville
Free State: Simmentaler x Nguni, Herd size 74, Dintoe Taunyane, North End Farm, Thaba Nchu
Gauteng: Nguni, Herd size 124, Lerato Senakhomo, Farm Portion 15 Bulfontein, Nigel
Kwa-Zulu Natal: Boran X, Herd size 126, Tsepo Molefe, The Edgeford Gold Erf No 5624, Impendle
Limpopo: Bonsmara & Nguni, Herd size 110, Dinale Jones, Alice 131LR, Lephalale
Mpumalanga: Bonsmara, Herd size 255, Mashishi M Neo, Onverwacht 99 JT, Dullstroom
North West: Bonsmara, Herd size 114, Sipho Magane, Bovenste Oost Evan Mooirivier, Ventersdorp

National Winner:
Senakhomo Nguni Stud, Lerato Senakhomo, Farm Portion 15 Bulfontein, Nigel, Gauteng *(Photo attached)*

Category 5
The ARC National Mentor of the Year Award Winner sponsored by Molatek

The winner is Matshidiso Mooketsi from Barui-Driehoek, Vryburg, North Wet *(Photo attached)*

Category 6
The ARC National Special Performance Test Class Winners

Afrikaner: SS 19 0012, Jacques Steenkamp, Rouxville
Afrisim: JJ 18 0050, Janes Wasserman, Carletonville
Beef Shorthorn: BLK 18 0473, Allistair & Laurence Brown, Alexandria
Boran: ZIP 18 0140, Zippo Lamprecht, Dewetsdorp
Braunvieh: DEK 18 010, Erik de Klerk, Kimberley
Chianina: D 18 0147, Louis de Wet, Polokwane
Dexter: JAKS 18 0003, Hendrik Strydom, Petrusburg
Limousin: DL 18 0149, John & Tracey Devonport, Houghton
Pinzgauer: KS 18 0019, Rudi van Graan, Mosselbay;
PinZ2yl: PZ 18 0313, Fanie Potgieter, Mooketsi
Romagnola: ZX 18 0009, Jurie Smit, Thabazimbi
SA Angus (Black): FG 18 0658, Fredericksburg Angus Stud, Franschoek
SA Angus (Red): RCM 18 0069, RC Malherbe, Hertzogville
Santa Gertrudis: JH 18 0065, Johan Havemann, Delareyville
Simbra: WC 18 053A, Llewellyn Angus, Arlington
Simmental: CSS 18 0530, Werner Stander, Mosselbay
Sussex: CC 18 0038, C.B. Cillié, Bloemfontein

Category 7
The ARC National Beef Cattle Improvement Herd of the Year Award

This year’s finalists:
Bloodline Boran, Zippo Lamprecht, Boran, Dewetsdorp
BTB Simmental: Johan Styger, Simmental, Hartbeesfontein
Fredericksburg Angus/Wagyu Stoet, L’Ormarins Pty Ltd (Stefan Terblanche), SA Angus (Black) & Japanese Swart Wagyu, Franschhoek
Loriza Brahmane, Louis Meyer, Brahman, Zeerust
Sizalo Bonsmara, Lucas Msiza, Bonsmara/Brahman, Isando
Up George, Derek Ralfe, Bonsmara, Ladysmith

The winner is Bloodline Boran, Zippo Lamprecht, Dewetsdorp, Free State (Photo attached)

Category 8
The ARC National Commercial Beef Producer of the Year sponsored by Molatek

The winner is Tiro Mongwaketsi, TM Farming, Vryburg, North West (Photo attached)

Additional photos will be provided on request.

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