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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  
PinZ<sup>2</sup>yl: 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, Hebzibah 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;  
PinZ<sup>2</sup>yl: 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  
Simmentaler: 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 Simmentaler, Johan Styger, Simmentaler, Hartbeesfontein  
Fredericksburg Angus/Wagyu Stoet, L'Ormarins Pty Ltd (Stefan Terblanche), SA Angus (Black) & Japanese Swart Wagyu, Franschoek  
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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