



2020 ARC NATIONAL BEEF CATTLE IMPROVEMENT HERD OF THE YEAR AWARD

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To be eligible for this award category, a farmer had to excel among a number of performance indicators, not only those directly involved with managing and breeding his or her own herd. This award category is also one of the most fiercely contested and highly sought after accolades in industry. Besides being adjudicated on how they implement performance recording and related technologies to improve the genetic potential of their herds, their involvement with industry, interaction with their fellow farmers and their efforts to build and add value to the beef production industry is also assessed. Breeders and herds across breeds in southern Africa can enter this award category while farmers making use of any of the service providers in southern Africa are eligible to enter. Herd related traits that are assessed include 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. Part of the prize for the winner of this category includes an all-paid visit to the annual conference of the Beef Improvement Federation (BIF) in the USA.



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TOP SIX FINALISTS FOR HERD OF THE YEAR!



Zippo Lamprecht
Bloodline Boran



Johan Styger
BTB Simmentaler



L'Ormarins Pty Ltd (Stefan Terblanche)
Fredericksburg Angus/Wagyu Stoet



Louis Meyer
Loriza Brahmane



Lucas Msiza
Sizalo Bonsmara



Derek Ralfe
Up George