

Breed Society Reports, February 2023

ANGUS AND BRANGUS: The newly re-established Angus and Brangus Society is slowly making progress on drafting the constitution and making links with the Angus Association of South Africa. Members have both black and red Angus cattle.

AYRSHIRE: Represented by one breeder. Appendix C and SP now total 10 registered females and upgrading still in progress.

BONSMARA: The Bonsmara Society remains unchanged with one breeder and a new breeder is currently in the process of registering a herd.

BORAN: ZBBS. Zimbabwe Boran Breeders Society. Under very trying times the breed continues to grow in Zimbabwe.

Breeders: Membership has increased once again this year. Membership now stands at 77 members.

Inspections: In 2022 the inspectors have been extremely busy doing the Inspections. 19 Breeders have been visited and their cattle inspected and so far over 2,200 animals have been inspected this year. This will bring the total number of Registered Boran animals close to 7,000 head.

The AGM: The AGM was held on Friday 1st July at CCSales. The meeting was very well attended with over thirty members present. Jackie and Mandy Kenyon were the invited guests from Kenya, it was a pleasure hosting them and gaining valuable knowledge on their veld adapted herd.

ZBBS Sale: The 7th Annual Zimbabwe Boran Breeder Sale was held the following day on the 2nd July at the CCSales pens at MT Hampden. The sale was very successful. In summary

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| Bulls averaged | \$3,121 |
| 3 in 1 averaged | \$2,250 |
| Cow in Calf averaged | \$1,571 |
| Heifers in calf averaged | \$1,586 |
| Heifers averaged | \$1,403 |

54th National Breeds Sale. There were 7 Boran Bulls and 5 Boran Heifers on offer at the National Sale. The Borans did very well with the Bulls averaging \$4,176 and the Boran heifers had the highest average over the other breeds heifers on offer. The Boran heifers averaged \$2,440.

Art Farm Field Day: The Art Farm Field Day was a combined effort between Bargrove Veterinary and the ZBBS to showcase the Boran and open the Registered Quarantine centre. The field day was well attended and the talks by Jackie Kenyon, Amon Jack and Sandi Roberts brought much discussion around the cattle and sheep pens on display.

The Quarantine Centre will be available to all Breeders, all breeds, Dairy, Sheep and Goats to be able to import and export of genetics.

BRAHMAN

Registered members: There are 77 registered breeders with the brahman breeders society representing eight thousand five hundred and forty four (8544) registered animals. Ten members were suspended by ZHB for non-compliance, of these two were subsequently reinstated after they put their house in order.

Awards: A number of breeders were presented awards by ZHB for various categories.

Dr Themba Dlodlo of Nguni brahmans received an award for completeness of recording
Philip and Linda Reed of Reed brahmans were presented with awards for fertility of their herd

Dirk Ondendaal was presented with awards for fertility of their herds.

Kennedy Maguta was presented with an award for fertility of his herd.

Lorna and Dawie of Luipaardsvlie were presented with an award for completeness of recording.

We congratulate these breeders for flying the brahman flag high. These awards are a testimony of hard work and commitment to the improvement of the brahman breed in Zimbabwe.

The National breed Sale: The national breed sale was held in Harare on the 27th of July this year. Ten breeders took part at this year's national breed sale. There were 37 bulls and 38 heifers. The sale was good but not as high as the previous year in terms of prices of the bulls. Heifers generally did well. Two breeders B.G Chombo and Camen brahmans took part for the first time. It was encouraging to see their bulls doing very well. We encourage other breeders who have not sent bulls or heifers to the national sale to gather the courage to do so. You may never know how good your breeding is until you're judged by the market. The highest priced animal on the sale was a brahman bull from D.C Odendaal which fetched USD18000.00.

Production Sales: Peter grant and Ruvale brahmans held their production sale. Nala brahmans are currently having their online production sale. The Zim select saw a number of breeders of all breeds availing their animals for the sale. Once again we commend these breeders for providing farmers with top genetics from their herds.

DORPER SHEEP BREEDERS' ASSOCIATION: We held our AGM on 1st February this year followed by a talk on "Sheep Selection when Buying Stock & Recommended Facilities for New Projects".

The demand for both lamb for consumption and breeding stock is there although restrictions of movement due to foot and mouth areas plus availability of funds has hampered this at times.

DROUGHTMASTER: The Droughtmaster society remains unchanged with one stud member using Herdmaster.

GOAT BREEDERS ASSOCIATION OF ZIMBABWE: The Society currently has **49** Ordinary Members and **6** Stud Breeders. The next Annual General Meeting is scheduled for 3 November 2022 and a notice was duly circulated.

Status of Performance Recording and Genetic Evaluations – There were no performance records submitted by members.

Current activities include:

- i. Attending to enquiries on joining and updating Ordinary Members list;
- ii. Evaluation of Goat Indaba 2022 through evaluation forms circulated on attendee's emails
- ii. Preparation for 2023 Regional Trainings scheduled for April 2023.

Future activities include:

- i. Goat Indaba preparations. Indaba scheduled for September 2023.
- ii. Goat Sales & Expos
- iii. Development of Indigenous Breeds Standards – Indigenous Breeds promotion.

MASHONA: Society Membership 20, No of registered breeders 9

Breed Society Activities

AGM will be held in the next month. 2 field days to be organized. We are likely Participation in National Bull Sale this year.

We have a website www.mashonacattle.co.zw, WhatsApp group, Facebook page and Handbook.

NKONE: The Nkone Society activities have been rather subdued over the Holiday period. Membership and cattle numbers remain very much the same but cattle numbers will increase somewhat when the recent 2022 calf crop births are registered.

We now have a Nkone Society WhatsApp Group which is attracting some interesting topics and discussion.

This is of course the ZHB “Year of the Nkone” and we are doing as much as possible to promote our breed which will culminate at the Beef School in October. Our AGM will take place at the same time. We are still considering a Field Day up here in the Highveld at some time.

Increasing interest is being shown in the Nkone and if only we had lots of surplus heifers to offer, Everyone wants heifers.

SANTA GERTRUDIS

Society Membership (i.e. Ordinary Members and Stud Breeders) – still only one member/stud breeder with membership of the South African and Australian Santa Gertrudis Breeders’ Societies.

Status of Performance Recording and Genetic Evaluations – Herdmaster is regularly updated with all basic performance records & society reports are submitted.

Breed Society Activities – following up with other prospective breeders.

SIMBRA AND SIMMENTAL: The Society remains small with a couple of new members this past year, 4 Stud members in the Simbra with 595 animals and 7 stud breeders with 771 animals in the Simmental.

The 54th National Bull sale was held on the 27th of July and had 5 Simbra bulls, 5 simbra heifers and 7 Simmental Bulls with 1 heifer on offer. Unfortunately, the interest on both breeds were poor with only 1 bull in the Simbra fetching \$5000, and a heifer at \$1000 and in the Simmental \$3000 for a bull.

A very successful beef school was once again held in Bulawayo, a big thankyou to all the organizers for this event. The Simbra and Simmental breeds both came away with 1st and 2nd in the fertility award on very large herds.

Mr Obert Chinhamo had a successful field day on the 13th October with over a 1000 attendees, which included farmers, college students and foreigners from Zambia. His guest of honour was Chief Director from the ministry Prof Obert Jiri. Guests were taken through his operations which include the viewing of his Bianco Simmental and Simbra cattle, silage, oats and hay making.

An exciting development in the Simbra breed is that Dr Beffa has managed to now get it online with Southern Africa Breed run. This is a very positive for the breed.

The FMD across the country seems to have worsened with the whole of Mash west being shut down since October and CCS Mount Hamden remaining closed. This is causing great concern especially when farmers rely on cattle sales to finance their enterprise and have no other way for cashflow, especially if you don't have cattle for direct slaughter. This has also affected bulls sales which now can't be moved for the breeding season.

We look forward to good, predicted rains which hopefully produces a good breeding season and wish everyone a prosperous 2023.

TULI CATTLE SOCIETY OF ZIMBABWE

1. Society Membership (i.e. Ordinary Members and Stud Breeders)

Ordinary Members – 4

Stud Breeders – 21

2. Registered Cattle

Total: - 3337 animals

Levy List Registered: - 2078

Calf Book: - 1259

Male: - 1010

Female: - 2327

3. Status of Performance Recording and Genetic Evaluations

PERFORMANCE

| CATEGORY | MEMBERS | DETAIL |
|-----------------|----------------|---|
| A | 9 | Data is coming in regularly – fairly complete |
| B | 4 | Some data coming in but intermittent |
| C | 2 | Poor data returns if at all |
| NEW WITH DATA | 3 | Have entered animals and there is activity |
| NO DATA | 1 | Registered and nothing further |

4. Payment of Levies for 2022

All members are paid up

5. Breed Society Activities

Regional Tuli constitution has been completed

Updating of Zimbabwe constitution still in progress with Jan Kageler and Anne Cooke

Tuli breed improvement subcommittee established

Revising of Tuli pamphlets in progress by Jan Kageler

Gweru Tuli and Braham sale was had by Phil Reed

Field day in Norton by Doug Follwell

AGM and General Meeting set for February 2023.

6. Future Planning Activities

Indigenous production sale including Nkone and Mashona

Field days

7. National Bull Sale

4 bulls sold for an average of \$3,875

Top priced bull \$5,500

1 bull withdrawn for failing testing

WAGYU: The society only has one active breeder and member at this stage, with another currently looking at joining the group.

A decision has been made to pursue registration with the South African Wagyu Society at this stage whilst membership is limited in Zimbabwe –Elandri De Bruyn of Wagyu SA has been contacted and discussions are underway.

First Zimbabwe produced Wagyu beef products will enter the market in Nov / Dec 2022.