



Excelsus Welcomes our new Super Sire Wisp Will Zane (P)



Wisp Will Zane WC0270 (Bth)+0.8 (200) +18 (400)+31 (600)+40 Mil k+1

It is with great excitement that we took possession of this fine animal Zane from Llwelien Angus. We have been fans of this bull for many years and managed to buy one of his sons in Wisp Will Jim last

year. When the opportunity to breed with Zane arose we jumped at it. Zane fits beautifully into our perfect Simbra template highlighted in our summer bulletin 09. Zane brings poll, excellent breeding, mobility,

muscling, top ebv's, fine hair quality, temperament, colour, white blaze and comes with the tag of a bona fida proven seed stock sire.

Welcome to Excelsus Zane!!!

Simbra Course held at Excelsus.

A very successful course was held at Excelsus Oranjeville in April 2009. Under the leadership of Ian Currin and with the aid of Foeta Lourense, Riaan Odendaal, Albert Smit and also the

help of Setchaba Majola who showed the Excelsus cattle team through their paces. Candidates from as far as Hoopstad, Stella and Harrismith attended the two day course. Excelsus

would like to thank the Unigrain Group for sponsoring the files and huge thanks to the Simbra breed society and the Overvaal Study group for allowing us the opportunity to host the course.

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Beginners Course 2009

Excelsus would like to thank Ian Currin from the Simbra Society for all the efforts in leading our Simbra Course. Ian lead the Cedara course in Natal on the Monday and Tuesday, hosted Fred Dell for a Simmentaler inspection at his Sanjika Stud Tuesday afternoon and the drove the four hour road trip from 3 o Clock Wednesday morning to Excelsus to welcome all our candidates.

Excelsus would also like to thank Ian's able assistants in Foeta Lourens, Riaan Odendaal and Albert Smit. Setchaba Majola also helped at the course

buy putting the Excelsus Show team through their paces.

A huge thanks and congratulations to Albert Smit on the arrival of his new born son who at the time of the course had not yet left the hospital. Great commitment Albert and may God's grace be with you and your wife in this special time for your family.

Congratulations to Hennie Visser who came first on the course with 84% and together with Emile Groendewald who passed with an A symbol.

These are cattle men of note.

Congratulations to Chir Muller, Stefan Lombard, Basie Pienaar, Schalk Burger, Ben Pienaar, Mark Hansmeyer, Jacomien Kruger, Hendrick Du Plessie, Johan Dippenaar, Dawid Coetzee, PM Swart, Gareth Sckenk on achieving a B symbol and also to Ryno de Lange and Floors Boshoff for their C symbols.

Sybrand Motlaung, Solomon Motaung and Elias Chele also passed with a B symbol and came tenth and eleventh overall respectively.

Future Cattlemen, The Candidates 2009



Candidate's and Judges

Ian Currin, Hennie Visser, Emile Groendewald, Stefan Lombard, Basie Pienaar, Schalk Burger, Ben Pienaar, Mark Hansmeyer, Jacomien Kruger, Hendrick Du Plessie, Sybrand Motlaung, Solomon Motaung, Johan Dippenaar, Dawid Coetzee, PM Swart, Chir Muller, Gareth Sckenk, Ryno De Lange, Floors Boshoff, Oosi Strydom Riaan Odendaal, Foeta Louwrens, Setchaba Majola and Albert Smit.

The Excelsus Cattle Team with the Judges



From left to Right, Graeme Currin from Excelsus, Course leader Ian Currin, Pat, George, Sybrand, Elias and Riaan Odendaal, Seated Solomon, Setchaba Majola and Foeta Louwrens

Arial View, Students in Action!!!



Foeta shows us how!!



Herd Consultation 2009

Our annual consultation was held in April with the help of our herd consultant Ian Currin. Every animal male and female were vetted, graded, classed and discussed in fine detail. Each calf discussed and thoroughly inspected. All the herd sires were grouped and judged on their performances in the last breeding season.

The future of Excelsus Breeding Program was dissected, the future show animals selected and future herd sires identified.

This is easily the most exciting time at Excelsus where sentiment stays at home and all the animals

have to “uithaal en wys” as they say in Afrikaans. Each bull’s calves were graded out of nine and then a percentage worked out for the best herd sire 2009. For further interest all calves were given a sheath score and the bull that bred the best sheaths and navels also came to light.

A spread sheet tabulating each breeding female was drawn up by the genetic team giving marks to each cow for ebv’s, calf retention, her best calf, her latest calf, her personal phenotype, icp and simdex.

This system does not allow for sentiment and truly identifies the top breeders and keepers!



HDL02108B Seiko with her 2008 and 2009 calves. Great Bulls have Great Dams

Excelsus Top Three Seed Stock Sire's Consultation 2009



RX Platinum (P) imp
Calves 7.27/9 Sheath 7.72/9

LMC Patriot (PS) imp
Calves 6.8/9 Sheaths 6.8/9



Excelsus Mcix
Calves 6.79/9 Sheaths 7.15/9



Top Achievers Consultation 2009

2006 Bulls	Sire	2007/8 Bulls	Sires
HDL0633B Galen	Gugi	HDL0737C Etch	Enos
HDL0632B Gambino	Gugi	HDL0818C Loxi	Langman
HDL0657B Gas	Gugi	HDL0816C Lacroix	Langman
HDL0643B Gaul	Gugi	HDL0831C Lampi	Langman
HDL0628B Cane	Chris	HDL0739C Lasso	Langman
HDL06138B Chateau	Chris	HDL07173B Professional	Platinum
AZ0671C Zidaan	Zorro	HDL07212B Mcaw	Mcix
AZ0681 Lanzerac	Langman	HDL0778B Genzel	Geneous
		HDL07154 Mc Chaise	Mcix



Lanzerac

Our Frankfort Breed Champ

Catch most of these bulls at the Event 09

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Out and About/ Frankfort Show



*Simbra Vee Pos.
Best Stall Frankfort 2009*



Ian Currin JNR, Tayla Currin, Kevin and Tim Colby and Diaan en Diane show their self trained jersey heifers for River Dance Stud at the Pretoria Show 2008

Lanserac F4 Frankfort Breed Champ



Ian Currin Snr sorts the Simmentalers



RPO News

Excelsus remains committed to the RPO organization realizing that we as a stud and primary red meat producer have duty to support this organization that upholds the rights of all of the red meat producers.

We have undertaken to publish their excellent news letters and articles on our Excelsus Web Site under their Logo. Click on this logo to read about the state of the organized red meat industry in South Africa. www.rpo.co.za

The National RPO web Site is also worth looking at and all the information on our site plus much more will be found on this site.

The Free State RPO publishes four news letters a year and these are

filled with articles written by the committee members that are also red meat producers themselves. Articles are also written by the Veterinarians' and Free State university professors that are also on the affiliated or on the committee.

In the last news letter read all about the movement and awareness of diseases such as Rift Valley Fever, Trich and Vibrio. Also read about the import and export of red meat in SA and the outstanding work done on the effect of predators, alien plant species and theft in SA.

We have also been given permission to put a few of the interesting articles that are given to us on these meetings on our web site. Articles are written mostly by Johan Stadler of Heilbron.

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