

# Excelsus Cattle Selections



It's that time of the year when all the best young guns are brought in from the veldt to undergo the strict selection process to see who makes it onto our exclusive sales. The process starts at birth where all calves are weighed, tagged and tattooed. The calves are then weighed at weaning and the first visual selection and the first performance testing selection is done.

The annual herd consultation is also done just after weaning and is a highlight of our year. Here the Excelsus females are selected as to who has earned the right to stay in our breeding programs and who must make way for a top blue blood heifer.

The bulls then undergo selection again at twelve and eighteen months. The bulls are then divided into three groups. The top ten are selected, taking into account their dam's and sire's breeding and phenotypical ap-

pearance. These young studs will be retained for at least a year, for breeding purposes. They will be used in our show strings and will be at the forefront of the Excelsus advertising window. These will be sold as "used in stud", or if they have calves, proven stud bulls at three or four year olds. The next batch are usually the older bulls of the batch that are really top bulls that are surplus to our breeding program and are then marked to sell on our Event or Jackpot sales. The bulls are divided into the Main event sale and the two annual jackpot sales. The older and larger bulls go on the first Jackpot sale held in May of each year. The main batch join last years top bulls to make up the Event auction. All bulls deemed too small or too young for those sales are the sold in the second Jackpot sale held in November and December. This spreads the risk of having all our eggs in one bas-

ket and having them sold on one day. It also means that we have real quality bulls available the whole breeding season.

This year's sales have some of the best quality bulls that we have ever bred, with the first American bred bulls making their debut on our sales. We have also brought in a selection of top young two year old bulls that we think need to get into breeding herds as soon as possible. They have brand new bloodlines, some are polled and all are real quality.

The first Jackpot sales sees two La Muneca Patriot sons on offer and they sell with top local bull sons from Dianas Gugi and Maratana Langman with three polled Zamugo Zorro sons also featuring.

The Jackpot Sale remains the best way for a buyer to buy bulls!

# Excelsus Sale Bulletin

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## Top Ten Excelsus Herd Sire Sell at The Event IV

The top ten young herd sires are on offer at Te Event IV 2011. These bulls are selected on physical appearance, breeding, ebvs and have carried the responsibility of producing the next Excelsus generation.

The three RX Platinum sons, Professional, Piper and Patriarch head up the sale and are all from top cows. Professional has been used at Excelsus and

at ZZM family trust and has produced dark red calves that are pleasing to the eye. We market this bull as a homed bull as he was dehorned but he has sired a few polls amongst his calves. Patriarch is many breeders favorite been very broad, compact and early maturing. His first calves look awesome! His maternal half brother, Jicolo, a polled Wisp

Will Jimson is in our 2009 top ten group. Piper is another top polled Platinum son that catches all the breeders eyes and was the last calf bred from the old Inca line. He is possibly the hardest muscled bull on the sale.

RX Platinum is in my opinion the leading USA import and these sons will back that theory

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# The Event IV Excelsus Annual Production Sale Builds Momentum

## Excelsus Bull Sale The Event IV Planner

Themes:

"Beef Booster Bulls" /Art /Photography

Check List - Bull Intake ✓

Vitamin A/ Multi-Min/Virbamec LA



Check all bulls are registered and active on computer ✓

1st Trich Test: Gert Nelson ✓

CA and TB Test: Gert Nelson ✓

Fertility Test Dr Isak Hatting ✓

2nd Trich test Dr Isak Hatting



Vibrix Injection ✓

Annual Inspection: Fred Dell ✓

Brand all \$t Bulls ✓

Third Trich Test Gert Nelson ✓

Classification of Bulls into Jackpot and Event IV -

Bulls: Ian Currie ✓

Marketing meeting Hennie De Lange/ Ian Currie/ Sim Sales ✓

Photos Andre Pretorius ✓

Design Bull Sale Letter/ Sale Pamphlet/ Update web sites ✓

Finalise Catalogue

Screening of Bulls: Ian Currie



### Bull Feeding

1. Start bulls on adaptation ration  
Tolvicore Feeds @ 1% of BM  
with Hay adlib ✓
2. Bulls onto Full Feed with Hay adlib ✓
3. Bulls onto high roughage diet mixed  
with cotton seed ✓



18 August 2011 The Event IV Sale Day



On offer two bought in bulls Shemonah Mat and Len that were also used in our breeding programs. These bulls were bred near Senekal by Dr.Theo Kotze and are perfect Simbra types.

### The Event IV

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## Three top Wisp Will Enos sons

Etiket, Stoney and Endora

**Stud Bulls All!**

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### The Event IV 2011

On sale Excelsus Mc Gus a classy Excelsus Mcix son that Fred Dell scored 8/9 last year. Mc Gus has been used in our stud and has a good Metsibra UDM0453 daughter for a dam.



### Excelsus Lone Star HDL08110C

Maratana Langman Son from the many times show champion Excelsus Santi. This is a classy bull that can take many studs forward. This is Santi's first son and all breeders know that a bull breeds as well as his dam. Don't miss this one!!



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### The Event IV 2011

Top polled Platinum son is Excelsus Prado bred from Gala 2 that is one of a whole line of Gala females. Fred scored this bull 8/9 and he is a very exciting stud prospect.

### The Event IV 18 August 2011

Four Feet Naas Son, Excelsus Nero bred from Zamugo Zoranna for sale. Fantastic ebv with a +8 on milk. Used in stud and calves look awesome.

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Stud Simbra Prospect

Excelsus Production Sale

Beckerovka Son for sale. Top USA genetics from top show animal producer Excelsus Santi. To good home only

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## Fred Dell holds inspection at Excelsus

Our Annual inspection happened in April this year and as per usual it was an exciting and eventful day. This is close to being an exam and the day that a whole cattle generation worth of work gets put under the spotlight.

Statistically we seem to have improved dramatically from our early inspections, especially with the sheaths on our bulls at the moment.

Sheaths are scored out of nine with 4 being bad and nine almost too short. Excelsus has a history of having longer sheaths and we have put in a lot of hard work to rectify this problem. Of the 92 bulls offered for inspection 43% scored 9, 18% scored 8, 10% scored 7, 21% scored 6 and 8% scored 5. Not one bull failed as a result of its sheath which must be a record for us. We had 3 bulls scoring 8/9 which is 3.26%, 42% scoring 7/9, 40% scoring 6/9 and 12% 5/9 with 4 bulls failing the inspection for various reasons.

Top sires with more than four bulls offered for inspec-

tion are RX Platinum scoring 7/9 Excelsus Mcix 6.6/9 Four Feet Naas, PRR Prevail and La Muneca Patriot with 6.3/9 and Excelsus Galen with a lot of bulls 6/9.

La Muneca Red Bullet also had 2 Bulls 7/9 and Smith James Outlaw with 2 Bulls 7/9.

The heifers also had a good showing with 4 scoring 8/9 or 3.63%, 29% scoring 7/9 and 37.27% scoring 6/9.

The two top heifer sires are PRR Prevail and LMC Patriot with 6.4/9 each. RX Platinum came in with 2 heifers 7/9. Wisp Will Enos scored 6.28/9 and Galen and Langman both 6.1/9.

Excelsus also scored 22 star cows which we seem to be improving on every year. We are also now eighth in South Africa as regards simdex for the large herds. Our simdex average is now 90 and this is largely due to our extensive grass type farming. Our heifers traditionally calve later than other more intensive herds, making it difficult to maintain a high

first calver simdex. We now have made better use of our natural recourses by fertilizing and also using production lick to calve our heifers just a bit earlier. All the animals with simdexes under 90 are top producers that have produced a top calf for the past three years. We will phase them out this year and then concentrate only on animals with simdex of 90 and over. It takes a long time with this many animals to achieve these simdexes, without feeding too much.

Our ebvs are also very nicely on track with our herd slightly better than the society averages. Excelsus has a Birth weight average of 1.3 200 day average of 15.8, 400 day average of 21.5, 600 day average of 30.9 and a milk average of 1.8



## Inspection 2011

- Most improved aspect: Sheaths
- Top bull Sires RX Platinum, Excelsus Mcix, PRR Prevail
- Top Heifers Sires LMC Patriot, PRR Prevail and RX Platinum
- 3.26% Bulls scored 8/9
- 40% Bulls scored 7/9
- Top young Bulls Excelsus McGus, El Jay and Prado
- Top Heifers: Excelsus Karen, La Emma, Tabby and Wicker

## Excelsus heifers wean an exciting batch of calves

The Statistics courtesy of BeefPro (Corrected Masses)

Heifers Average Weight 230kg (14) Bulls Average 251kg (18)

Average cow mass 461kg (32) Wean Percentage 52%

Top Bulls: Excelsus Gamma weight 300kg W Ind 116

Excelsus Gillette 280kg W Ind 114

Excelsus Gatsby 290kg W Ind 107

Top Heifers: Excelsus Riki weight 257kg W Ind 115

Excelsus Satum 270kg W Ind 109

Excelsus Kinzy 280kg W Ind 105

**Galen HDL0633B ebv BDir +0.1 200 +9 400 +11 600 +19**

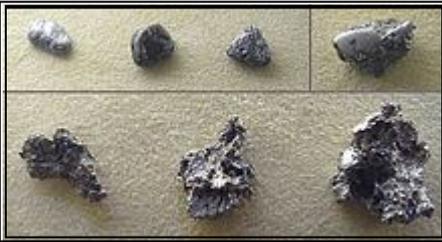
**Has this bull bred better than his ebv's suggest or would we have weaned 280kg calves with a higher wean ebv bull?**

Excelsus is situated in a semi sour grassveld area and we are not prone to weaning calves that match up to the sweeter areas of the country. We try as far as possible to reach the 50% mark that the soothsayers of the cattle world say each cow should achieve. All our 2007 heifers calved to Excelsus Galen and our early summer group have just weaned their first calves.

Excelsus Galen HDL0633B has not got the best Blup figures and is perfect for calving heifers down. 32 Heifers averaged 230kg each for the heifer calves (corrected) and 251kg for the bull calves (corrected). They in turn averaged 461kg and when you take the average over the whole batch of 242 kg you see that they weaned 52% of their own mass.



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Platinum Nuggets

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**Platinum** (  [/'plæt.n.əm/](#) or [/'plæt.nəm/](#)) is a chemical element with the chemical symbol **Pt** and an atomic number of 78. Its name is derived from the Spanish term *platina del Pinto*, which is literally translated into "little silver of the Pinto River."<sup>[1]</sup> It is a dense, malleable, ductile, precious, gray-white transition metal. Even though it has six naturally occurring isotopes, platinum is one of the rarest elements in the Earth's crust and has an average abundance of approximately 0.005 mg/kg. It occurs in some nickel and copper ores along with some native deposits, mostly in South Africa, which accounts for 80% of the world production

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## The Event IV 2011

Excelsus Landgoed Production  
 Sale.

Platinum sons Piper, Pro and  
 Patriarch on Sale

**18 August 2011**

RX Platinum produces rare, precious genetics in his sons  
 Patriarch, Piper and Professional



Excelsus Patriarch



Excelsus Piper



Excelsus Pro

For catalogue and additional information see  
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