

Excelsus Wins the Breedplan Cow Group Award for 2008

We were all very excited when we were awarded the Breedplan Cow Group of the Year Award for the Simbra breed. What this tells us is that our breeding policies are moving us in the right direction and our cow herd is fertile, with each cow calving each year. We feel this is very important, as at the end of the day, the most important thing for any farm or business is the bottom line. Non producing cows eat away at your profits.

Breeding Season 2008/2009

Summer Time, its calving, breeding and braai season at Excelsus with our favourite time of the year. We have been blessed with beautiful rains, with Roodepoortjie registering 67 mms for October and 131 mms for November. The grass has taken off and all our camps are restoring grass after two hard years. Excelsus is now running at 4,5 LSU per ha and it shows with the grass growing past the cattle's feet.

Top calves have arrived from all our major bulls, with one exciting batch of genetics having been born. Patriot has repaid our faith in him and with RX Platinum has provided much fire power from the US bulls. Enos, James Bond, Jared, Mcix and Zorro, are all weighing in with top calves. At this stage it is hard to select a Bull of the Year for the 2008/2009 season. Watch for the Mid Season News Letter in January 2009 for more details.

Excelsus has also embarked on an extensive A.I. schedule with Top Bulls from all corners of the Simbra world. Bulls bred from Pine Ridge Ranching, Smith Genetics and Patriot from La Muneca; Zorro, Mcix, Geno, Galen, Gas, Zidaan, Starmix from Wolfard Aring, Ellis Ras and Eros from Foeta Lourens, just to mention a few. Watch for the Mid Season News Letter in January 2009 for details.

American News:

Synergy Sale:

Download the Synergy Catalogue to see the best of a whole bunch of American Simbra Breeders. This fantastic sale held its debut in October 2008 and show cased some top animals. South African breeders must just note the photo's are taken some 5 months before sale days.

Results

Lot 94A Smith Sissy's Final Lady ½ interest and possession, sired by Smith Nu Approach - US\$14000

Lot 99 Bull, Smith Evan, sired by Smith Nu Approach, our of the fantastic dam Smith Bella Bella ½ share, ½ possession - US\$8000

Lot 87 Smith RFI Golden Glory out of Smith Trendsetter and Smith Golden Girl, selling full interest and full possession - US\$12500

Lot 88 Smith RFI Golden Gem out of Smith Sargeant and Smith Golden Glory, selling full interest and full possession - US\$5600

Embryo averages US\$1275 per embryo, guaranteed 50% conception.

Please note the fine Sargeant sons and daughters offered.

To purchase American Simbra semen, or for any other queries, please contact us or send in an order form.

See our links to Bill Travis of Pine Ridge Ranching and Smith Genetics of Tim Smith.

RPO News

Excelsus is now a proud member of the RPO – Red Meat Producers Organisation.

This fantastic organization markets and fights for the rights of all the red meat producers, at all levels, from political to grassroots, Initiating many projects and research programs, maintaining statistics, monitoring imports and exports and disease control to name but a few.

Excelsus would like to urge all our clients to contact the RPO representative in your area, to find out all the benefits this organisation can provide to you .

Please see the Free State RPO Newsletter on our site to see all the contact numbers for the Free State, or click on the link to go directly to the National RPO website.

May you have a fine 2008/9 season with plenty rain, fat calves and great conceptions.

