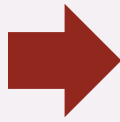


LRF NEWS



HIGHLIGHTS OF THE MONTH



STOCKMAN SCHOOL 2023

Stockman School: A vibrant learning hub with expert speakers, practical sessions, and awards, fostering excellence in livestock management and agriculture.

OVARIAN SCANNING AND SELECTION INDICE WORKSHOP

Empowering attendees, our Ovarian Scanning Workshop delivered expert insights, hands-on training, and invaluable networking, enhancing livestock fertility management skills.



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LRF Stockman School 2023

In the spotlight of this month's newsletter is the resounding success of our Annual Stockman School held at Aldam from 11th to 13th October. With the theme 'Profit Drivers in Bull Selection,' the event saw esteemed industry experts and international speakers sharing invaluable insights.

Prof Strydom shed light on enhancing the value of red meat through effective grading systems, while Prof Venter discussed the pivotal role of livestock in the future of agriculture and national GDP. Prof Holm offered essential advice on selecting reproductively healthy bulls, complemented by a practical session on Live RTU scanning demonstrations. Prof Dzama delved into genomics' current state and its impact on Southern Africa's bull selection, and Mr. Paul Williams emphasized bull selection as a key driver of genetic progress. Dr. Miller enlightened attendees on BREEDPLAN's single-step genomic evaluation.

The event also featured hands-on sessions on semen evaluation and bull fertility management. The grand finale was our Gala Evening, where outstanding contributors were duly recognized and celebrated.

IN THIS ISSUE

Catch up on a whirlwind month at our organisation! Delve into our latest achievements, news, and highlights from our engaging workshops. Get the scoop on upcoming dates and exciting events that await you. Join us as we celebrate progress, innovation, and collaboration within our vibrant community."

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LRF Ovarian Scanning and Selection Indice Workshop

The LRF hosted an enriching two-day experience Ovarian Scanning and Selection Index Workshop, hosted at the ARC Irene, featuring the insightful speaker Paul Williams.

Highlights of the workshop included in-depth discussions on the significance and benefits of ovarian scanning, shedding light on its pivotal role. The session was enriched with a hands-on practical demonstration, providing a deeper understanding of the process.

Additionally, we delved into engaging conversations about selection indices, exploring their importance and practical applications in our field.



CALENDAR

November

- 1 - LRF Online Short Course - Carcass traits: Value of RTU scanning for cattle breeders
- 14 - LRF Online Short Course - Impact of Inbreeding and Genetic Conditions and How to Manage it in my Herd

December

- 6 - LRF Online Short Course - Genomics: Why all the fuss?
- 15 - LRF office closes

UPCOMING COURSES

Don't miss out on our last three FREE online courses of the year! If you're eager to enhance your skills and knowledge, seize the opportunity by signing up for our upcoming sessions on 1st November, 14th November, and 6th December. To secure your spot, simply email us at office@lrf.co.za or message us on WhatsApp at +27 81 844 4853. Don't wait, join us for enriching learning experiences and valuable insights!



HERDMASTER/BREEDPLAN NEWS

ABRI announces the launch of Single-Step BREEDPLAN for Simmental breeders in Australia and New Zealand

The October 2023 Simmental BREEDPLAN evaluation marks a significant milestone with the launch of Simmental Single-Step BREEDPLAN, a collaborative effort by the BREEDPLAN team at ABRI, AGBU, Australian Simmental breeders, and the Simmental Cattle Breeders' Society of New Zealand.

This groundbreaking upgrade integrates pedigree, performance, and genomic data, utilizing the actual genomic relationships among genotyped animals in the Simmental population. Dr. Brad Crook, BREEDPLAN Manager Genetics Research & Development, highlights the innovative methods developed by AGBU to ensure accurate modeling of the Simmental population's unique structure.

Single-Step BREEDPLAN optimizes the high density of genotypic information (50,000 – 100,000 per animal) and undergoes rigorous scientific validation, promising enhanced selection accuracy for Simmental breeders. This advancement represents a leap toward more precise selection decisions, driving greater genetic gains in economically relevant traits and maximizing returns on genotyping investments for Simmental breeders in Australia and New Zealand.

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This Bursary is offered in honour of the late Dr Michael Bradfield. Funded by the Livestock Registering Federation (LRF), the LRF Michael J. Bradfield Bursary provides a support for post graduate students in Animal Breeding and Genetics.

How to apply

1. Download the nomination form on the LRF website - www.lrf.co.za
2. Applicants must be nominated by their respective Head of Department, who are to email the application form to office@lrf.co.za
3. Closing date for the bursary application is Thursday 30th November 2023.

For more information on qualifying criteria and conditions for the LRF Micheal J. Bradfield Bursary please visit the LRF website www.lrf.co.za

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