

LRF NEWS

Celebrating the Success of the LRF's 16th Annual Stockman School

We are thrilled to announce that the LRF's 16th Annual Stockman School was a resounding success! This year's theme, "To Be a Resilient Stockman," resonated deeply with our community, drawing a record-breaking attendance of over 200 participants.

The event was packed with engaging lectures and practical demonstrations, providing invaluable insights and hands-on experience to all attendees. Day 1 kicked off with a discussion on political developments since the GNU's formation, followed by an interactive panel discussion on resilient stockmanship. The day continued with a series of enlightening speeches from experts across various fields, covering topics such as global livestock challenges, the importance of the rumen, changing weather patterns, profitability, soil health, and the use of genomic technologies. Day 2 started with a wave of anticipation, featuring intriguing sessions on genetic evaluations, feeding strategies during drought, financial planning and insurance coverage. Practical demonstrations followed, where participants learned about hormone-free IVF at a microscopic level and then observed a real-life practical demonstration. Attendees also had the opportunity to choose from three out of five focused learning sessions, enabling them to tailor their experience to their interests. Day 3 concluded with sessions on utilizing BREEDPLAN effectively, the developments in meat science, profit-driven livestock production, and the future of farming, emphasising the challenges and opportunities farmers might face. These sessions provided valuable insights and wrapped up the event on a high note.

Congratulations to all the award winners at the Stockman School Gala! Special recognition goes to Prof. Esté van Marle-Köster for her outstanding Services to the Industry, Ebbie Fischer for being named LRF Veeplaas Stud Breeder of the Year, and Chief Justice MTR Mogoeng and his son, Mogae Mogoeng for achieving The most Progress made in the Last Decade award. We also celebrated the achievements of the Cow Group of the Year, Proven Bull of the Year, and those who received 4.5 and 5-star ratings for Completeness of Performance. Your dedication and hard work are truly inspiring, and we are proud to honour your contributions to the industry.

We are deeply grateful to our sponsors, with special thanks to Plaasmedia. Their generous support made this event possible. We also extend our sincere appreciation to the national and international speakers, professors, and presenters who attended the School and shared their invaluable knowledge and expertise.

The LRF continues to be at the forefront of advancing our farmers, stud breeders, and the industry as a whole. We believe in the power of education, continuous improvement, and lifelong learning. We hope everyone had a fantastic time, networked and learned something new. We look forward to welcoming you back next year for another enriching experience!



LRF Members Meeting and Beef Industry Workshop

On October 8th, we hosted the LRF Members Meeting, followed by the LRF Beef Industry Workshop.

We would like to extend our heartfelt thanks to everyone who attended the LRF Members Meeting. Your participation was invaluable as we discussed the future of the LRF and other important matters concerning our organization. We focused on progress, future solutions, and areas for improvement. Your input was essential, and we appreciate your contributions to these discussions.

The recent LRF Beef Industry Workshop was a dynamic and engaging event, providing beef producers with the opportunity to select and discuss the topics most relevant to their needs. Key issues addressed included traceability, Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD), Contagious Abortion (CA), the development of the grading system, the role of veterinarians, and industry funding. This highly interactive session proved invaluable, enabling us to tackle critical challenges and develop practical solutions. The open discussions and collaborative efforts demonstrated during the workshop are essential for the advancement of our industry.

We extend our gratitude to all participants for their active involvement and the valuable insights they shared. Together, we are making significant strides towards a stronger, more resilient beef industry.

Investing in the Future: Supporting Young Scientists

At the LRF, we are committed to advancing our industry by investing in the future of young scientists. We are proud to announce that Elandri de Bruyn, a PhD student who received the first Michael J Bradfield Memorial Scholarship at the University of New England in Australia, has successfully passed her first PhD module. This achievement highlights our dedication to fostering education and supporting the next generation of industry leaders.

Congratulations, Elandri! We can't wait to see the incredible contributions you'll bring to the industry. The future of our industry looks bright!

UPCOMING COURSES

We are excited to announce that the LRF will host a free, online course on Genetic Conditions, scheduled for the **20th of November 2024, from 18h00 to 19h00**. The course will be led by Dr Gary Evans, who will share his expertise on this important topic.

Important: Please RSVP by clicking on the link below and filling out the Google form

FREE ONLINE COURSE

Genetic Conditions with Dr Gary Evans

RSVP NOW

When: 20 November 2024
Time: 18h00 - 19h00

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Reminder to all our HerdMASTER 5 users that a free, online HerdMASTER 5 introductory course will be held on the **6th November 2024** from **10h00 to 11h00**.

Important: Please RSVP by clicking on the link below and filling out the Google form

ONLINE Training

HerdMASTER 5

FREE HerdMASTER 5 Introductory Course

6 NOVEMBER 2024
10:00 - 11:00

Zoom link to be sent out on 5 November

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