SA Braford June 2018

SA Braford Newsletter

The South African
Braford are bred for
Fertility, adaptability
and efficiency



Upcoming events

11 July Thiele Estates,

PaulPietersburg,

Carl: 082 944 0480

25 July Ermelo bull auction, Bull

ring

Charlotte: 082 73 9377

28 August Middelveld bull Auction,

Piet Retief

Ralf: 083 661 0465

29 August Brafords @ Bester,

Harrismith – Ladysmith

Johan: 082 882 5327

Theuns: 072 909 1861

30 August Vrede Veldbull auction,

Vrede

Martin: 076 908 8666

Life is not about waiting for the storm to pass it is about learning to dance in the rain...

Life is short, don't hang onto things of the past that hurt you, look for the happy things and find pleasure in them









OosVrystaat Veldbull Club

How does the Veld bull test work?

The farmer selects a few bulls that were weaned earlier in the year and enters them into a controlled test. The veld phase of the test runs form September to April. During this time the young bulls are left to graze on the natural grasses and receive a summer lick. They are weighed every 28 days. From this their growth is determined during the summer period. When the bulls come in for weighing they are given points on muscle, build and temperament. Indexes are calculated for growth and each characteristic and if the average index is over 90 they have passed the veld test.

A breed selector will then come and

classify the animals according to the breed standards, should they pass they continue onto the feeding phase. During this phase the bulls are given a high energy / protein feed along with ad lib roughage. This feeding phase is the preparation for the auction at the end of August. The bulls are weighed once a month and their growth per day is calculated.

Why is it beneficial to enter the test?

Animals that have gone through this test are well adapted to the environment and natural range land conditions. They normally maintain body weight and condition in the winter and when the mating season arrives.

What has the feedback been on animals that have gone through the test?

The feedback has generally been positive since animals have maintained their condition throughout the seasons.

Do the Brafords do well in the test?

The Brafords have always performed exceptionally well in both the veld and feeding phase of the test and in line with the best of the other breeds.

In remembrance of Stefan van Wyk

Stefan van Wyk was a pleasure to have visit on the farm. He was a caring and gentle soul, the amount of knowledge he had about the different cattle breeds was something to admire.

He would look at a man's herd and say how to improve it and what to focus on. He was strict in his way of selecting the best. His eye was tuned to faults but just as tuned to positive points and he would highlight these.

It is heart breaking to have to say goodbye to a friend, family member and a fantastic man who loved being on the farms.

We as the Braford Breeders Society send our condolences to the family and our prayers are with them in the time of hardship.

Stefan may you rest in peace.

He passed away in his sleep on a farm in the Eastern Cape on the 20/06/2018.



OVS Veld Bull Club continued

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Why should Braford breeders enter into the test?

When entering your bulls into the test you are able to compare your bulls with your fellow breeders and different breeds. The more animals entered in the test the more accurate the data.

Finally the breeders' bulls are put on auction and exposed to a variety of buyers, stud and commercial. With having the bulls go to this auction the breeders name and his herd quality are shown to potential buyers.

Implementing this method on the farm?

The main objective of this method of raising and preparing bulls for own use and or for sale, is the use of minimum concentrate feeding. When having animals put through a veld bull test a more veld – adapted animal is the result. During the test animals are not only selected for being well adapted to the veld but also for temperament. A study conducted in South America has shown that tame animals wean on average 10% more calves than those that are wild.

In the Veld bull test the pelvis opening of each bull is also measured. This is important since the bull has the ability to pass on this characteristic to his female offspring ensuring easier calving and thus fewer calves to be pulled.







Hoe moet diere aangebied word by 'n veiling?

Belangrike aspekte van diere wat onder die beskerming van die genootskap aangebied word.

Die doel van die reëls is om gemoedsrus vir kopers te bied wat kwaliteit diere, wat vrugbaar is en skoon van siektes is en wat op veilings, onder beskerming van die genootskap aangebied word, verlang. Die volle dokument sal ook aan alle lede versprei word en is beskikbaar op die Braford web blad. In kort, n paar belangrike aspekte:

- 1. Diere is skoon getoets van TB, BM en alle geslags siektes.
- 2. Vroulike diere aangebied as dragtig is sodanig getoets en gesertifiseer deur n veearts.
- 3. Bulle se testes is ondersoek en skrotum omtrek is deur veearts gemeet en voldoen aan minimum ra standaarde.
- 4. Bulle se semen mortaliteit en morfologie is deur n veearts getoets en gesertifiseer as vrugbaar en voldoen aan minimum standaarde.
- 5. Diere is goedgekeur deur ras keurder/s.
- 6. Diere se dokumentasie is op die Breedplan sisteem, insluitende ras samestelling.
- 7. Manlike diere wat deur die opteel metode, waar fenotipiese rooi koeie gebruik word, mag slegs vanaf F3 generasie aangebied word.
- 8. Die verantwoordelikheid is by die teler om seker te maak dat al die nodige verslae en dokumentasie, voor die aanvang van n veiling, by die afslaer ingehandig word.





Classifieds



OOS-TRANSVAAL RAM EN BULVEILING **143 RAMME & 11 OOIE**

DINSDAG 24 JULIE 2018 om 11:00



ERMELO SKOUGRONDE

GPS: S-26° 32'11.25" / O-29° 59'41.01"



OVS Veldbulklub Veiling

30 Augustus 2018

Vrede Veilingskrale

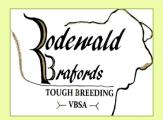
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Middelveld Bull auction

Vanaf Paulpietersburg: Ry 9 km, draai regs by Liineburg/P303. Volg Wegwysers.

GPS- \$27'25.798'E030'36.791



Sulphur Spring, Piet Retief

Braford bulls available

28 August 2018

Ralf Rodewald: 083 661

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