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SOUTHERN AFRICAN LAND BANK COW GROUP OF THE YEAR COMPETITION 2010

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Mr Martin Seyfferdt
(Judge - Bull of the Year)



MEMORANDUM OF UNDERSTANDING BETWEEN ORGANISERS AND ENTRANTS

LAND BANK COW GROUP OF THE YEAR COMPETITION : 2010

THE COMPETITION

The *Land Bank Cow Group of the Year 2010* Competition, is organized by Landbouweekblad and BREEDPLAN, and will appoint a management committee and project manager to manage the competition.

The competition is open to all Seed Stock Producers in all geographic regions of Southern Africa.

THE JUDGING PROCESS

The Managing committee, together with the various Breed Societies selects the winners within each breed. The Breed Societies reserve themselves the right to visually evaluate the cow herds as part of the competition.

NO DISPUTES PLEASE

In the unlikely event of a dispute arising during the running of the competition, the decision of the organizing committee shall be final. Naturally, the judges' decision is final, and no correspondence will be entered into regarding the nomination of prize recipients.

PRIZES

Breed winners will be invited to attend the Gala event on 15 October 2010 at Aldam to receive their awards.

QUESTIONS?

If any entrant has any questions or concerns during the running of the competition they are advised to contact:

1. Mrs Charmaine Alberts - Tel: +27 (0)51 8211783
 - Cell: +27 (0) 82 9223747
 - E-mail: palberts@telkomsa.net

2. Your Breed Society



LAND BANK LANDBOUWEEKBLAD/BREEDPLAN COW GROUP OF THE YEAR 2010

ENTRY FORM

Entries close Sunday 22 August 2010

The following information is needed to assist in judging your entry. Please answer each question as accurately as possible. **The information supplied will be regarded as confidential.**

If you have different calving seasons you may wish to enter each herd on a separate form.

Feel free to attach any further information, in the form of supplementary sheets, to support your entry.

Please read carefully the Memorandum of Understanding between Organizers and Entrants.

INFORMATION ON YOU AND YOUR SEED STOCK ENTERPRISE:

Name:		Stud/Herd Name:	
Address:		Phone:	
		Fax:	
Postal code:		e-mail	
Province			



Requirements for the *Land Bank Cow group of the Year* competition:

- The *Land Bank Cow Group of the Year* competition is a within-breed competition.
- Every breeder nominates a group of 10 cows
- Three cows are allowed to have records on two calvings. The rest must have had at least 4 calves, and weaned at least 3 calves.
- Traits such as age at first calf, inter calving period and growth performance will be considered, when judging the animals.
- A ratio of 60:40 for Reproduction : Performance is recommended, but every breed society is free to decide about this.
- An index (similar to the Simdex, used by the Simmentaler/Simbra Breed Society) will be used when judging the Reproduction, which includes Age at first calf and inter calving period.
- Each Breed Society will make the choice of the top cow group within that breed. Knowledgeable people from BREEDPLAN, the Industry and the University of the Free State will be available for support should the breed society require any.
- Entry forms for Brahman Society members are available from the Brahman office.
- For the Reproduction traits, please supply each cow's age at first calf and her average inter calving period.
- For the Performance traits, please supply each cow's most recent **EBV's**, if available.
- The Breed Societies reserve themselves the right to visually evaluate the cow herds as part of the competition.



A) Selected Cow Group:

**Cow
number:**

Cow's Identification number:

Bred by:

Cow 1

Cow 2

Cow 3

Cow 4

Cow 5

Cow 6

Cow 7

Cow 8

Cow 9

Cow 10

B) How many stud bulls have been sold from the above cows?

C) How many of the above cows have been approved by your society selector?



Reproduction (60 %)			Performance (40 %)						
Cow no.	Age at first Calf	Inter Calving Period (ICP)	Birth Weight	200 day Weight (Weaning weight)	400 day Weight (Yearling weight)	600 day Weight (Final weight)	Mature Cow Weight	Milk (Wean Maternal)	For Official Use
Cow 1									
Cow 2									
Cow 3									
Cow 4									
Cow 5									
Cow 6									
Cow 7									
Cow 8									
Cow 9									
Cow 10									

*** Breeders who have scanning information available for these 10 cows may attach such information on separate sheets.**

Your breeding objective(s) will influence the relative importance of each of the above-mentioned performance EBV's.



Please give a summary of your breeding objective(s):

DECLARATION

I, _____ have read the competition schedule and the memorandum of understanding between organizers and entrants, and understand the conditions of entry and the judging criteria. I have accurately completed each page of the entry form and declare that I supplied the most recent EBV's available for all my cows. I enter the competition with goodwill, knowing that should any disputes arise the decision of the organizing committee will be final. I also understand that the competition or its organizers or sponsors cannot be held responsible for any injury, accident or loss of production that may occur as a result of entering.

SIGNATURE

DATE

Please send your completed form to:

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Brandfort
9400
South Africa

E-mail: palberts@telkomsa.net
Tel: 051-8211783
Cell: 082 922 3747

Please note that it is up to each participant to confirm that his or her competition form has been received.

Namibian breeders should send their forms to the NSBA

**ENTRIES CLOSE AT
5.00 P.M. SUNDAY 22ND OF AUGUST 2010**