

# Inspections

The process for the inspection of animals, male or female, is an important process in your stud farming and must be done with caution, as it determines your success for the coming years.

The following are guidelines and procedures, during inspection, to make the process easier for the inspectors as well as for the breeders :

## **1. Inspectors**

- 1.1 The Inspector acts as ambassador of the Beefmaster Society and must therefore execute his task according to prescribed directives.
- 1.2 His designated role is to determine, whether or not a particular animal can be taken up as a registered Beefmaster animal in the SA Stud Book records.
- 1.3 He thus determines whether the selection of an animal will be beneficial to the Beefmaster breed and that of the breeder.
- 1.4 He will not hesitate to reject an animal that does not meet the requirements - if this happens, he bestows a goodwill to the breed and the breeder.
- 1.5 He must at all time act honestly and fairly, decisions must always be justified.
- 1.6 Inspection requires and represents the integrity of the inspector, the integrity of the breeder and the integrity of the breed.
- 1.7 The future of the Beefmaster breed is largely in the hands of the inspector and the breeder.

If we work together we can ensure that undesirable animals are not selected as Beefmasters. A bright future will then be awaiting the breed. Our inspections must be carried out effectively and strictly.

## **2. Breeders:**

### **2.1 What is expected from a breeder before an inspection:**

- 2.1.1 Check the per capita or inspection list to ensure that the animals are still in your stud.
- 2.1.2 Ensure that the performance data of all the animals to be inspected are available from SA Studbook (logix)
- 2.1.3 All the animals must have clear and permanent identification marks, brand, tattoo and ear tags.
- 2.1.4 Arrange in good time with the inspector/selector. ( If you experience problems, do not hesitate to contact the office 051 410 0635).
- 2.1.5 An inspection list must be requested from the office either by the inspector or by you.

### 2.2.1 Minimum breed standards for inspection of your Beefmaster stud- Growth potential.

All animals born from January 1, 2005 must have official performance data, as processed by S A Studbook (logix). Thus all animals presented for selection will only be inspected if the data is available on the day of inspection. Wean index is COMPULSORY and one or both of the 12 month or 18 month indices must be available.

Heifers: \* Weaning index minimum of 85

\*Year old and/or 18 month minimum 85

Bulls: \* Weaning index minimum of 90

\* Year old and/or 18 month minimum 90

### NO EXCEPTIONS

**Note:** The scrotum circumference of Phase B bulls is not officially measured. In cases where there is doubt as to whether the testes are the desired size, the inspector may measure the testes and use the following table as a guideline:

- \* Minimum 30 cm for a weight under 400 kg
- \* Minimum 31 cm for a weight of 400 - 449 kg
- \* Minimum 32 cm for a weight of 450 - 499 kg
- \* Minimum 33 cm for a weight of 500 - 549 kg
- \* Minimum 34 cm for a weight of 550 - 599 kg
- \* Minimum 35 cm for a weight of 600 kg and higher

Phase D & C Tested bulls: \* Weaning index of a minimum 90

\* During an after wean growth test, the minimum requirement as laid down by the National Beef Improvement Scheme applies for selection.

\* Animals that do not meet the requirements must be cancelled, castrated and/or slaughtered. (ADG; FCR - Phase C)

The minimum ADG for Phase D2 and Phase C bulls is 90.

### 2.3 Inspectors– what is required from you as an inspector before performing an inspection:

#### 2.3.1 On the arrival of the inspector on the breeders farm:

- Observe the general grazing conditions on the farm and environment.
- Observe the general condition of the animals in the kraal.

### 2.3.2 Two types of studs which can be inspected:

- **An existing stud** , where the animals are registered with the SA Stud Book Association, but some animals for the first approval may also be presented.
- **A New stud**, commercial animals are inspected for first acceptance. The normal procedure to be followed on registered acquired animals.

### 2.3.3 Documents required for inspections:

Consult your Beefmaster constitution as well as schedule B, to eliminate any uncertainty regarding the minimum breed standards.

## 2.4 Existing studs

- 2.4.1 Check the performance data during the selection process. Also check the animal's ID numbers.
- 2.4.2 Inspection list – Request the Beefmaster office to send you an inspection list (Logix inspection list) on which the performance data of the animals to be inspected appear.
- 2.4.3 First Acceptance list –The inspector must fill in and complete this list.
- 2.4.4 Inspection list s – This list accompanies the inspector in the kraal where he inspects the animals. The official inspection list issued by Stud Book (Logix) shall be used. A copy of the final inspection document must be sent to the breeder for his information.
- 2.4.5 Claim form – Must be completed and sent to the Beefmaster office.

## 2.5 New Herds

- 2.5.1 Inspection list – Request the Beefmaster office for an inspection list (Logix inspection list) on which the performance data of the animals to be inspected appear.
- 2.5.2 First Acceptance list –The inspector must fill in and complete this list.
- 2.5.3 Inspection list s – This list accompanies the inspector in the kraal where he inspects the animals. The official inspection list issued by Stud Book (Logix) shall be used. A copy of the final inspection document must be sent to the breeder for his information.
- 2.5.4 Inspection list —Send completed list to the Beefmaster office

Encourage the breeder to at all times improve his herd.

Share your knowledge and discuss trends in his herd. Show strong and weak points in the herd and where to improve.

**Do the job with a passion and be positive because it is the image you convey to a new breeder. Remember NO job is completed before the paperwork had been completed.**

## **Bye-Laws**

### **1. HERD BOOK**

The Herd Book, shall be known as The Beefmaster Herdbook, which shall be divided into two main sections, namely the Appendix Section and the Herd Book Proper Section and which shall be maintained and operated by the Association in terms of the Act.

#### **1.1 First Acceptance (FA)**

Female animals, being the progeny of Braham bulls or cows , and any other recognised beef or dual purpose breed which during inspection show the phenotypical characteristics of Beefmaster: Provided that;

Animals may not be the progeny of any dairy breed.

Animals may not be of any other recognised beef or dual purpose breed not bred from Brahman.

#### **1.2 Appendix A**

(a) The female progeny of a First Acceptance female bred to an Appendix B , Appendix C or Herd book proper Beefmaster bull, which comply with the minimum breed and production standards, shall qualify to be registered as an Appendix A female. The male progeny from such matings shall be recorded as “not for registration”.

(b) Females which originate from a herd of which the breeder can give proof that the progeny was bred from Appendix B, Appendix C or Herd Book Proper Beefmaster bulls and beef or dual purpose breed females, which comply with the minimum breed and production standards, shall on inspection qualify to be registered as Appendix A females.

#### **1.3 Appendix B**

(a)The progeny of an Appendix A female mated with a registered Appendix B, C or Fully registered Beefmaster bull , which comply with the breed standards and in respect of which all other registration requirements

have been met shall be eligible for registration as an Appendix B.

- (b) The progeny of Appendix A, Appendix B or fully registered females mated with multiple registered Beefmaster bulls which comply with the breed standards and in respect of which all other registration requirements have been met shall be eligible for registration in the Appendix B section of the herd book.

#### **1.4 Appendix C**

The progeny of Appendix B females and a registered Appendix B, Appendix C or fully registered Beefmaster bull, which comply with the breed standards and in respect of which all other registration requirements have been met shall be eligible for registration in the Appendix C section of the herd book.;

#### **1.5 Herd Book Proper**

The progeny of Appendix C females mated to a registered Appendix C or herd book proper Beefmaster bull as well as the progeny of herd book proper animals which comply with the breed and production standards shall be eligible for registration in the herd book proper section of the Herd Book.

**If there are any further questions in this regard, kindly contact the office at:**

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