



**WISP-WILL**  
Simmentalers & Simbras  
since 1967 since 1986  
*balanced breeding*

## SIMBRA TEELDOELWITTE 2009

### 1. VRUGBAARHEID EN RETENSIE

Dws. gereelde kalwing is by verre die belangrikste teelddoelwit. Tot 90% van die winsgewendheid van 'n koeikudde word deur koeivrugbaarheid bepaal. Retensie van kalwers na speen is ook baie belangrik.

### 2. "BALANCED BREEDING"/ BREED OBJECT

Die teelwaardes waarna gestreef word kom nou ooreen met die Genootskap se ideale TW's. Het gevind dat die winsgewensde diere gewoonlik gem. kalfgrootte, bogemiddelde groei en gem. finale massa met gem. na effe bog melk het. Dit is die diere wat makliker weer dragtig raak. By Simms is Breedobject klaar in plek wat 'n gesamentlike \$ of R waarde gee gebaseer op teelwaardes MET VRUGBAARHEID DIE BELANDRIKSTE. Kan nie wag vir Days to Calving teelwaardes nie ! By Simbra kom Breedobject hopelik gou.

### 3. DNA TESTING

This is becoming more and more important as new marker genes are being found. In 10 years DNA testing will be more important than measuring and weighing for traits. A combined EBV will also be available incorporating measurements, eg weights and scrotal size, with DNA markers. This is revolutionary!! Then obviously eyeballing will still take place to check for structural correctness. This will be the third most important selection criteria.

### 4. THE POLLED FACTOR.

Our cattle are steadily becoming a predominantly polled herd. This is what the market wants. Yet we will not sacrifice the above points just for the polled factor. They must be good cattle in their own right.

### 5. "STRUCTURALLY SOUND ANIMALS SUPPLIED TO THE MARKET"

Vanselfsprekend. Behalwe vir streng inspeksie by keuring word diere weer 'gekeur' voor verkoop.

### 6. "SUPPLY HARDY ADAPTED BULLS AND FEMALES TO THE MARKET"

Diere word wel afgerond vir veilings maar nie in 'n voerkraal situasie nie. Fiksheid is baie belangrik. (sien my opsomming hieroor in die laaste nuusbrief). Selfs na speen moet jong bulle nie te goed opepas word nie.

### 7. "PLANNED MATING RESULTING IN 5/8 sim, 3/8 bra. SIMBRAS WITH BALANCED EBV'S"

'n Mondvol maar eintlik redelik eenvoudig. Probeer so gou moontlik by bog. verhouding uitkom want dit blyk die meer aangepaste diere in my en meeste semi-ekstensiewe omgewings en toestande te wees. Sal nie F generasies najaag nie maar liefs eers die

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verhouding (60 -65% Simm) regkry bv. F1 of F2 bul op F3 vroulike diere.

“PAYING SPECIFIC ATTENTION TO PHENOTYPE” pas ook hierin want die Simbra-tipe dier is nog nie so vas geteel nie soos byvoorbeeld Simms. Mens moet soms diere wat aftipe is maar wel goeie TW's het en 5/8 simm is uithaal.

8. “IDENTIFY AND MAINTAIN COWLINES”

Het oor jare gevind dat koeilyne is baie belangrik. Kan baie hieroor gesels. Weet dat 50% van ma en 50% van pa af kom maar koeilyne is vir my belangriker as individuele bulle.

9. IMPROVE MEAT QUALITY AND CARCASS CHARACTERISTICS.

This is done by testing with Ultrasound scanning and also Genester DNA tests for feed efficiency, tenderness and marbling.

10. KEEP THE GENETIC BASE AS WIDE AS POSSIBLE.

Especially important in a developing breed as inbreeding could so easily result if not checked. I also bring in new F1 animals frequently to help broaden the base. Do not like bringing in cums but rather breed real F1's so as to know exact breeding from the start.

IN SUMMING UP - THE ORDER OF IMPORTANCE IS MORE OR LESS FROM '1' TO '10'.

REMEMBER THE FIRST COMMANDMENT OF BREEDING – “THOU SHALT NOT SINGLE TRAIT SELECT” but also remember the more you select for the slower the progress. '1' and '2' have far more weighting than the rest.

Also refer to [www.simbra.org/wisp-will](http://www.simbra.org/wisp-will)

Thankyou

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