

Dear Brahman Breedplan Member

The Monthly Brahman Breedplan analysis has been completed.

Remember that reports are created ONLY for those members whom submitted performance information in the last month, i.e. from the 9th to the 9th.

NEW information Added to the Group Reports –

3 Indices have been implemented as from March 2013.

Economical indices estimates the genetic difference between animals expressed as a net Rand value difference in profitability per cow mated. Each index is aimed at a specific production system within which the breeding bull will be used.

The indices are applicable to the breeding of purebred Brahman as well as within a crossbred system utilising Brahman bulls.

They are:

- **Brahman Rangeland Grazing Index** – this index is for a herd that keeps replacement females. There is a moderate emphasis on calving ease, fertility and cow size. Progeny age at turnoff is 30 months off pasture. Steers are around 500kg live weight (250kg carcasse) at slaughter.
- **Brahman Wean Index** – an index placing more emphasis on breeding and selecting females as replacements and maximising returns at weaning. It focuses on the production of weaners to 7 months of age, hence a higher maternal component than the “whole of life’ indexes (like the Rangeland and Feedlot indexes). Use the Wean index in conjunction with either the Rangeland or Feedlot index to maximise returns at weaning as well as for later finishing.
- **Brahman Feedlot Index** – this index is for a herd that keeps replacement females with a moderate emphasis on calving ease, fertility and cow size. Progeny age at turnoff is 12 months after 120 days of extra feed. Steers are around 400kg live weight (230kg carcasse) at slaughter.

All reports are posted to the member download area and can be accessed there. To download from the web, do the following:

- Go to www.brahman.co.za and press MEMBER LOGIN. If you are unsure of your password, contact the office.
- On the login screen, enter your member number under “Member ID” and password as indicated.
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123456_OUTLIERS_1011.PDF	Outlier Report	10 May 2013	500.1 KB
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123456_HERD_ETREND_G.DAT	Phenotypic Trends	10 May 2013	13.8 KB
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123456_GROUPEBV.ZIP	Group EBVs	10 May 2013	165.3 KB
123456_BREEDPLAN_REPT.PDF	Your own Herd's Group	10 May 2013	3.3 MB

	BREEDPLAN Report. Contains EBV Reports, Trends (Tables and Graphs) and Percentile Tables.		
GROUP-BREEDPLAN-herd-rept-intro.pdf		10 May 2013	39.3 KB

- 123456_OUTLIERS_1011.PDF needs to be verified and returned to the office
- 123456_HERD_GTREND_G.DAT is the herd's Genetic Trend in electronic format (also zipped)
- 123456_HERD_ETREND_G.DAT is the herd's Phenotypic Trend in electronic format (also zipped).
- 123456_GROUPEBV.DAT is the EBV extract file to import into HerdMaster, 123456_GROUPEBV.ZIP is the compressed version of the same file.
- 123456_REEDPLAN_REPT.PDF is the analysis report of the herd in .PDF format, you will need Acrobat Reader to open it.
- GROUP-BREEDPLAN-herd-report-intro.PDF is an explanation of the lay-out and meaning of the Group Report.

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Completeness of Performance Report

The Information table summarises the quantity of pedigree and performance information on record for the animals in the herd. The table gives an indication as to how much information has been recorded by providing a score for each trait block, i.e. animal details, weight traits, carcass traits, birth traits and fertility traits, as well as an overall score and rating across all trait blocks.

At the bottom of the table, summary statistics for the last 5 calf drops are provided, including a star rating for the overall performance of the herd. This is also presented in a logo-format for those who would like it displayed on other reports.

123456_PERF_COMPLETENESS_20130408_5192.pdf	"Completeness of Performance" – report for your herd. Contains a summary of the pedigree and performance information currently recorded with BREEDPLAN for your animals.	10 May 2013	745.7 KB
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