



BEEF-BULLETIN

HEAR IT FROM THE BULL'S MOUTH

August 2026

Childhood. We had great respect for the police, especially when we heard the sirens. That sound—you could hear it from far away. The first thought that crossed your mind was always: What have I possibly done wrong? There was always something I worried about. Who had been telling tales? Was it Piet, or Gert, or Moller? Probably Moller again—he always seemed a bit mysterious. His father too. But the system was effective; there were consequences if you were “caught”. It was something serious, something significant, a disgrace, or “he’s getting what he deserves now.” One less criminal, and we could carry on with confidence. This was OUR country.

Television arrived in our homes, and we watched until “the flag appeared” at the end of the broadcast. After the TV news came the announcements of soldiers who had lost their lives on the border. They died for OUR country, for one another, carrying out the policy of the day. Soldiers standing or hitchhiking along the roadside were quickly given a lift—out of respect, out of gratitude for what they were doing to keep the country safe. What now?

The Scorpions were a unit within the law enforcement system that was held in the highest regard. If the Scorpions investigated a case, the guilty WOULD be found and brought to justice. Thank goodness for that—the country was being cleansed of what we did not need.

Then the Scorpions were disbanded and replaced by the Hawks. Decisions were made behind closed doors, the people of the country heard about them and simply carried on with their daily lives, giving little thought to the effectiveness of what increasingly proved to be an utterly corrupt, politically manipulated nest of cadres. The justice system came under siege, and the implications reached far back, casting doubt on legal principles in previous cases that had once seemed well founded. It was shocking.

The Drakensberger breed is as old as the country’s history, having trav-

elled a difficult but honest road. The cattle have continually been improved—first for more milk, then through a sustained focus on increased beef production. So much so that excessively strong muscling traits (myostatin carriers) are viewed with caution. The cows rear their calves well, weaner calf prices remain strong, and breeders are still satisfied. The next improvement is what? The ideal bull? As close as possible. The past few Drakensberger auctions have reflected tremendous enthusiasm, and although it is disappointing when someone decides to leave farming, it has been wonderful to share in the success of Jan and Elna Dhooge. Well deserved, Jan and Elna—you are the embodiment of pride in, and confidence in, the Drakensberger breed. The upcoming auctions present opportunities for growth; the opportunity is there.

Drakensbergers remain productive to an advanced age, offering a tremendous financial advantage by reducing the number of replacement heifers that must be retained before they have proven themselves with a calving record.

Confidence in established institutions is wavering, and every farmer’s road is becoming narrower and more challenging. The cornerstone of our success as cattle farmers is the Drakensberger, a breed in which so much confidence is rightly placed. There is also confidence in our fellow Drakensberger breeders—we share something in common. We should surround ourselves with people who have a common purpose, because that is what fosters optimism.

Trust in the Lord—He is in control. Powerful words spoken by a remarkable man, Oom Danie Bosman. What a privilege it was to have known him. Take care.

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News Snippets

Birthdays

Congratulations to everyone celebrating their birthday:

- 4 August - Johannes Retief
- 9 August - Hannes Dreyer
- 16 August - Edward Wesley Abourizk
- 22 August - Monja Esterhuizen
- 26 August - Victor Roos
- 26 August - Frik Roux
- 30 August - Johann Fourie

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PHOTO FRIDAY



Do you have a beautiful photo of your Drakensbergers that you would like to share with us? Please send it to drakensberger@studbook.co.za

We would love to share Drakensberger photos on our social media every Friday.

Unistel DNA-tests

The Society was able to negotiate a special discount with Unistel for DNA tests on profiles and paternities. The prices are as follows:

Unistel DNA tests	Cost per animal for profile (VAT incl.)
Normal price for 2026 < 30	R 282.56
More than 30 (-5% discount)	R 268.43
More than 60 (-7.5% disc.)	R 261.36
More than 120 (-10% disc.)	R 254.30

Contact Unistel for more information, and remember to specify the breed for the special discount to apply.



IMPORTANT:

WhatsApp has changed our DRB SA broadcast news group to a paid service, and we are therefore changing to a normal WhatsApp group.

If you would still like to receive our official news as before, please join using the link:

<https://chat.whatsapp.com/LZrhtyvd-jr42IOATZ1tRCr>

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<https://www.facebook.com/DrakensbergerSA>



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News Snippets

YOUR HEART ON YOUR SLEEVE

These beautiful ladies are Nicola Boukes and Bianca van Metzinger, proudly wearing their Drakensberger jerseys. Visit our online store to order yours today.



NATIONAL AUCTION ONLY AGAIN IN 2027

The Drakensberger Cattle Breeders' Society would like to sincerely thank every breeder who completed the recent survey regarding the possible National Auction on 22 October 2026.

As everyone is aware, the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreaks across South Africa have had a significant impact on this year's auction planning. After carefully considering the feedback from breeders and the auction opportunities available for the remainder of the year, it has been decided to instead hold the Drakensberger National Auction at its traditional time in June 2027 at the Afridome in Parys.

We kindly request breeders who reserved

their top animals for the proposed October auction to, where possible, retain them for the National Auction in June 2027. This will provide us with the opportunity to once again bring together the finest Drakensberger genetics from across the country and further promote the breed's genetic progress.

Although this year's circumstances were beyond our control, the objective of the National Auction remains unchanged: to showcase top-quality Drakensberger genetics and continue strengthening the breed. We look forward to welcoming you and your finest animals in June 2027.

Should you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact the Society's office.



SA Stud Book Genomic Service for Beef Cattle

BGP2 funds for year 3 are approved and paid over by the funder.

For the third and final year of BGP2, the funder will subsidise genomic tests with R420-00.

SA Stud Book will subsidise an additional subsidy of R104-00 for SA Stud Book Breeders.

Therefore, the total costs to the Breeder will be R549-00 excl. VAT.

There are no deviations from the original BGP2 proposal as approved at the start of the 3-year project.

SA Stud Book is ready and awaits samples for year-3 of BGP2.



MEET THE COUNCIL

Who are you?

Johann Fourie



Where do you farm?

North West Province, in the Klerksdorp and Tosca districts.

What is your favourite season on the farm, and why?

Summer—once the rains have fallen. It brings the promise of new life, and hopefully the risk of veld fires is much lower.

What lesson would you like to share with other Drakensberger breeders?

One remarkable lesson I have learned is that Drakensberger cows will run towards the sound of jackals, with determination, to protect their calves by confronting and killing the predator if necessary. It is yet another testament to the exceptional maternal instinct and calf-rearing ability of the Drakensberger breed.

Who are you?

Henk Delpont



Where do you farm?

Ficksburg

What is your favourite season on the farm, and why?

Although spring is the most enjoyable season, bringing new life after a dull winter, autumn is the most beautiful. The trees are painted in shades of gold, and the cattle are at their very best.

What lesson would you like to share with other Drakensberger breeders?

One of the most valuable lessons I have learned is to identify a fellow breeder who shares your vision and speaks your language. Build a long-term relationship, exchange genetics, and enjoy constructive conversations that help both of you grow as breeders.

Who are you?

Udo Beneke



Where do you farm?

I farm on our family farm near Luneburg, a German village situated between Wakkerstroom and Paulpietersburg.

What is your favourite season on the farm, and why?

The period after the first spring rains, when most of the veld has been burned and the fresh green grass begins to emerge. It's especially rewarding to put the cows and their young calves out onto the lush green pastures.

What lesson would you like to share with other Drakensberger breeders? The Drakensberger has proven over generations that it can thrive under virtually any conditions. Keep things simple and stay with the breed that will never let you down.



MEET THE COUNCIL

Who are you?

I am Jean van der Merwe. I was born in Kimberley, where I lived for four years, then grew up in Roodepoort, and now live in Potchefstroom. From a young age, I developed a love for farming by spending holidays on my uncles' farms. I work as an engineer at an engineering company in Potchefstroom, but my passion for agriculture—and especially the Drakensberger breed—remains an important part of my life. Stud breeding allows me to combine my love for statistics, systems, measurement, and the wonders of nature through farming and breeding our indigenous Drakensberger cattle.



Where do you farm?

I farm just outside Potchefstroom with Willie Landman, where we focus on breeding functional, fertile, and well-adapted Drakensberger cattle.

What is your favourite season on the farm, and why?

Spring is definitely my favourite season. After winter, the veld starts turning green again, new life is visible everywhere, and the warmer temperatures bring the promise of rain. It is a season that symbolises hope, growth, and new beginnings.

What lesson would you like to share with other Drakensberger breeders?

One of the biggest lessons I have learned is that you can gain an incredible amount of knowledge by talking to fellow breeders, asking questions, and sharing experiences. No one has all the answers, but together we all grow.

I would also encourage every breeder to become actively involved in the Society. By taking part in its activities and discussions, you stay informed, contribute to the development of the breed, and build valuable relationships. The new friendships and network that come from this are a bonus I would not want to miss.



MEET THE COUNCIL

Who are you? Liesel Foster

Where do you farm? Zastron in the South-Eastern Free State.

What is your favourite season on the farm, and why? Autumn. April and the first half of May have the best weather. It is also when the leaves begin to change colour, and the golden Lombardy poplars are picture-perfect across the Free State.

What lesson would you like to share with other Drakensberger breeders? Take out a loan and buy that cow. You'll never fully stock leased land or a new farm using only the cattle from your own herd.



Who are you?

I am Willie Landman, a mechanical engineer by profession. We have been living in Potchefstroom since 2001. I am married to Ilze, and we have two sons, Martin and Wian.

Where do you farm?

Jean and I have been operating the Black Hills herd between Potchefstroom and Parys since 2009. We strive to breed well-adapted, fertile cattle that make a meaningful economic impact for our clients.

What is your favourite season on the farm, and why?

Autumn is the most beautiful season of the year on the farm for me. The cattle are usually in excellent condition after the summer, and the veld is filled with a variety of colours as the leaves on the trees begin to change.

What lesson would you like to share with other Drakensberger breeders?

Decide on a breeding policy and stick to it. Genetic change in a herd takes many years. Constantly changing direction will only have you going around in circles. Use every available tool to make selection decisions, and measure your progress.



Who are you? Willie Watermeyer

Where do you farm? I farm in the Volksrust area.

What is your favourite season on the farm, and why? Spring, because it's when everything starts again – calving, lambing, planning for the season ahead, and the grass begins to grow.

What lesson would you like to share with other Drakensberger breeders? Keep things simple and don't chase trends.



MEET THE COUNCIL

Who are you?

John-Paul (JP) Theunissen, a full-time engineer with a passion for farming and cattle.

Where do you farm?

Mixed farming outside Koppies, Free State.

What is your favourite season on the farm, and why?

Spring and early summer are my favourite times of the year on the farm. It's not only about the veld starting to sprout and turn green again after winter; this season also brings the next generation of our genetics to the fore.

Calving season is a special time, filled with great excitement and anticipation. It is the moment when the decisions and planning of the previous season begin to produce tangible results. Every new calf represents the fruit of purposeful genetic choices and offers a glimpse into the future of the herd. For me, there are few things that can match the excitement of a new calving season – it is a time of renewal, possibilities and the reward for well-considered decisions.

What lesson would you like to share with other Drakensberger breeders?

If I had to mention one lesson, it would be simple: farm with Drakensberger cattle!

On a more serious note, I don't necessarily have a lesson to share, but rather some advice that has stayed with me since Oom Danie Bosman shared it at an information day. He said: "If you want to make good progress in your herd, you need to tell your cattle tomorrow and the day after tomorrow."

Those simple words emphasise the importance of involvement for me. No amount of genetics, technology or planning can replace the value of daily observation. By regularly spending time among your cattle, you get to know them, identify problems early and make better management decisions.

Good cattle farming ultimately starts with the farmer who spends time with his herd.



The Genetics of Tenderness:

A New Tool for South African Beef Breeders

Hannah Kruger & Jason Reding – SA Stud Book

For any cattle breeder, the ultimate goal is producing an animal that performs well on the farm and delivers a top-quality product to the consumer. While we often focus on growth rates and weaning weights, the “eating quality”, specifically tenderness, is what keeps customers coming back to the butchery.

A 2022 study by Basson *et al.* has shed some new light on the genetics behind South African beef. By looking at specific markers in the DNA, we can now predict how tender an animal’s meat will be before it ever leaves the farm.

The “Scissors” and the “Brakes”: How Meat Becomes Tender

To understand the science, we have to look at what happens to the muscle after an animal is slaughtered. Tenderness isn’t just about fat or age, it’s about a natural process where enzymes break down tough muscle fibres in the process of converting muscle into meat.

Think of it as a biological battle between two players:

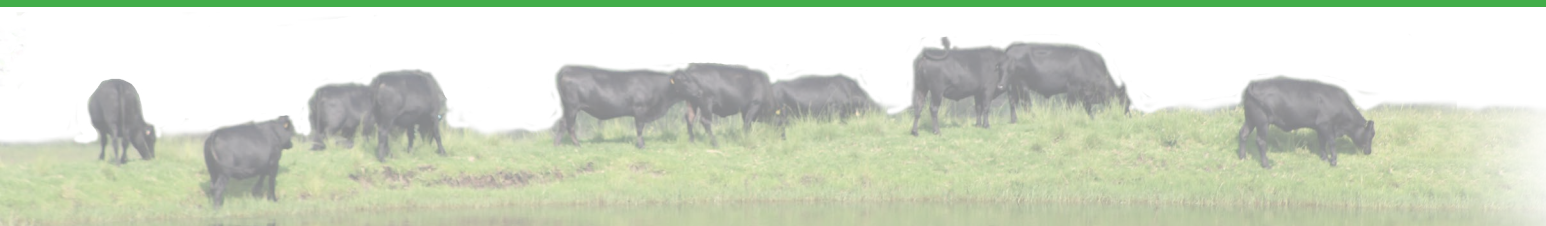
1. Calpain (The Scissors): These are naturally occurring enzymes that act like tiny scissors. Their job is to snip away at the tough proteins in the meat during the ageing process. The more active these “scissors” are, the more tender the meat becomes.

2. Calpastatin (The Brakes): This is a protein that acts as a “brake” on the scissors. It stops the Calpain from working. If an animal has very high levels of Calpastatin, the “scissors” are being blocked, the muscle fibres stay tough, and the meat remains chewy.

The bottom line: For the best beef quality, we want active “scissors” (Calpain) and “brakes” (Calpastatin) that don’t over-react.

The study by Basson *et al.* (2022) looked specifically at South African cattle breeds to find mutations, small variations in the DNA, that control these two players.

In the past, breeders had to guess which animals produced the best meat, or wait until after slaughter to find out. Now, by identifying these specific genetic mutations, we can assign a Tenderness Score to live animals through a genomic test.



Understanding the Tenderness Score (1 to 6)

This score tells a breeder the genetic potential of an animal to produce tender meat:

Score	What it means for the meat	The Genetic Reason
1 - 2 (Average)	Standard texture.	The “brakes” (Calpastatin) are strong, slowing down the tenderizing process.
3 - 4	Good quality.	A balanced mix; the meat responds well to standard aging at the butchery.
5 - 6 (Most Tender)	Superior tenderness.	The “scissors” (Calpain) are highly active and the “brakes” are dialed back.

How tender is the South African Drakensberger?

In Figure 1 below is the distribution of the current genomic population of the South African Drakensberger. It shows that the majority of the animals (50.5%) are at an average meat tenderness score of 3. There is 21.4% at a level 4 and 2.3% at a level 5 showing that there are animals who also have the genes for more tender than average meat.

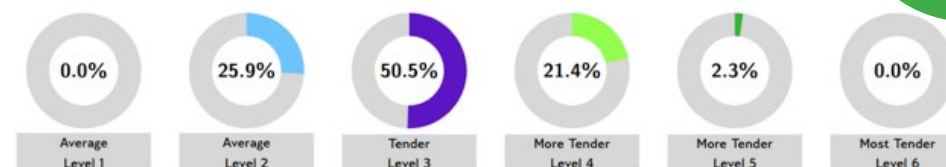


Figure 1: The distribution of meat tenderness scores in the South African Drakensberger

Why this matters for your herd

This research is a game-changer for Marker-Assisted Selection. Instead of relying only on how a bull looks or how he grows, breeders can now use a genomic test to see his genetic potential for meat tenderness amongst other advantages of genomic testing.

- **Predictability:** You can identify which bulls will pass on their “tenderness” genes to their offspring.
- **Breed improvement:** Sanga breeds like the Drakensberger have unique genetic profiles. This research helps identify the best individuals to improve the overall meat quality of the breed.
- **Value add:** As the market moves towards branded beef programs, being able to guarantee a “Score 5 or 6” for tenderness could command a premium price.

Summary

The work by Basson *et al.* (2022) proves that tenderness is highly heritable. By selecting for the right mutations in the Calpain and Calpastatin genes, South African breeders can ensure that the “Great South African Steak” isn’t just a matter of luck but a matter of good breeding.



Farming not merely a profession – it's a way of life

Written by Gerty Mostert

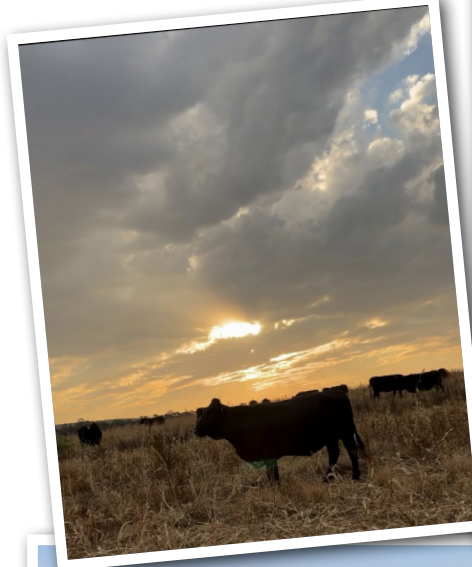
A.J.P. Mostert and Sons is a family farm in the Platrand area where tradition, hard work and a love for agriculture are passed down from generation to generation. We are a mixed farming operation where each family member has his or her own responsibilities, but everyone works together towards one common goal – to pass the farm on to the next generation in a stronger position.

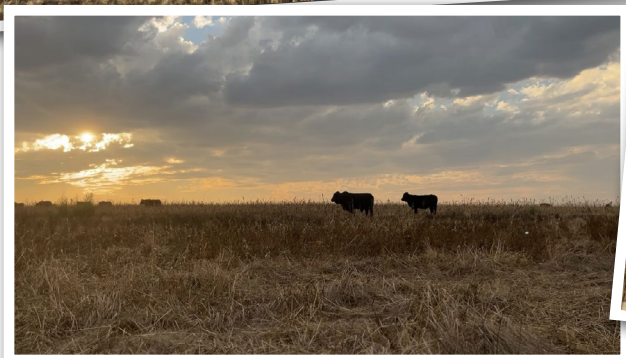
The story of our farm begins with Grandpa Arend Mostert, who sowed the first seeds of the future on the farm Groenvlei. The Drakensberger cattle breed became part of the farming operation almost from the very beginning. Today, decades later, the Drakensberger remains an indispensable part of our farm.

As Grandpa Arend always says: *"The Drakensberger is hardy and makes good mothers to their calves. They have excellent maternal qualities."* These qualities are precisely why the breed still proudly forms part of our herd today.

Over time, the farm was passed on to his two sons, Niekie Mostert and Gerrit Mostert. For them, it is a great privilege to be able to farm on the same land where they grew up as children. In addition to managing the farm and dealing with the daily challenges that agriculture brings, they have another important responsibility on their shoulders – to train the next generation, teach them the finer art of farming and, at the same time, pass on important values for life.

Today, the entire family is involved in the farming operation. Arrie and Adriaan are mainly involved in the crop farming, Gerty works with the livestock, while Marlie handles the bookkeeping. In this way, we prove every day that many hands do indeed make light work.





In addition to our Drakensberger cattle, we also farm with Dohne Merino sheep and crops. Behind the scenes, the women of the family, Lida and Daleen, play an indispensable role and manage the Dohne Merino flock with the same passion and dedication. After all, behind every strong man are strong women.

The greatest advantage of a family farm is that no one ever stands alone. When time is short, someone helps pack lunch boxes. When urgent help is needed in the fields or with the livestock, there is always someone who can step in. Every success and every challenge is tackled together.

If someone asks what we enjoy most about farming, each family member would probably give a different answer. For one, it is the shiny black Drakensberger calf standing beside its mother. For another, it is the joy when the maize flows into the harvester. And for others, it is simply being together – knowing that everyone is working towards the same dream.

The greatest privilege of all, however, is that we still have Grandpa Arend and Grandma Kittie with us. As the grandfather and founder of the farming operation, he continues to share his wisdom, experience and love for agriculture with the younger generation. His advice reminds us that a successful farm is not only about land, livestock and crops, but about people, values and the legacy you leave behind one day.

At A.J.P. Mostert and Sons, farming is not merely a profession – it is a way of life. It is a privilege to work together as a family every day, make decisions that are best for the farm, and proudly make the Drakensberger breed part of our story. We hope to carry this legacy forward for many generations to come.



IDTrax User Guide

Registration to Ordering Vaccines

If you are a registered stud breeder, you can use the following steps to login on IDTrax via Logix. ALL animals that are registered on Logix will automatically be on IDTrax.

Information You May Need

- RMIS GLN (Production Unit Number)
- veterinarian GLN or name of the vet
- Driver, vehicle and trailer licenses (optional not compulsory)

Step 1: Open the Logix system

- Log in with the following:
 - » Logix username
 - » Logix password
- Click on the go to IDTrax button on the left hand side of the screen.
- You will then be directed to the IDTrax website.

Step 2: Add your farm/s

- A map screen will then pop up.
- Search for your nearest town or use GPS co-ordinates to redirect you to your production unit.
- By the search bar above the image of the map, if you are using GPS co-ordinates, click on the button "GPS Coords" which is on the left hand side next to the search bar, you will then have to insert your GPS coordinates (please note that the "-" in front of the GPS coordinates is the latitude).
- Click on "add farm"
- Select your portion.
- Insert your Farm name and GLN number.
- Click on save.
- Click on next step on the top right hand side of the screen.

Step 3: Allocating your animals

- The next pop up screen will be of all your animals registered on Logix.
- There is a white button / checkbox which allows you to select all your animals, if they are all on the same farm.
- If your animals are on different farms, you need to select them one for one.
- PLEASE NOTE AS IMPORTANT FOR VACCINE ORDERS: If you are urgently needing vaccine, you may allocate all the animals to one farm first and after you have placed your vaccine order for the animals, you can then allocate them to the different farms.
- Once you have selected all your animals, click on the Allocate selected animals button on the right hand side bottom corner.
- Click on next step.



Step 4: Nominate your veterinarian

- Once you have done the above and clicked on next, a screen will pop up to allow you to choose your veterinarian.
- You can search for your veterinarian via GLN number, practice name or province (dropdown).
- Select you vet.
- Click on the save button.
- Click on next step.
- Click on finish guide.

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Step 5: Ordering your vaccines

- After you have finished the above step, this will automatically redirect you to the IDTrax dashboard/home screen.
- On the screen on the right hand side underneath, you will see the different categories:
 - » Administrative
 - » Animal
 - » Movement
 - » Herd Health
- Click on the herd health category: Vaccine Orders.
- Click on the + New Vaccine Order.
- Fill in the necessary information asked:
 - Disease: (FMD)
 - Vaccine / Treatment: This field is not necessary to fill in, it is an automated selection
 - Preferred vet: your nominated veterinarian will be available from the drop down list
 - Farm GLN: will be available from the drop down list
 - Quantity: Enter the max allowed to order beneath the quantity field (please note that the quantity allowed will be in yellow underneath the quantity field)
- Select the required vaccine, choose the quantity, review your cart, confirm delivery details and complete the checkout process.

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Step 6: Tracking your vaccine order

- Monitor your order status from your account and review your order history when required (vaccine order)
- On the home/ dashboard screen on the right hand side underneath, you will see the different categories again:
- Click on the herd health category: Vaccine Orders to view your order history.

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Rietkol Drakensberger Stud

A LEGACY THAT LIVES ON

Article taken from the
North West Drakensberger
Newsletter, July 2026

There are moments in life that are far more than just a business transaction. They are moments when a legacy is passed from one generation to the next. Today is one of those moments for us.

With great humility, sincere gratitude, and tremendous excitement, we would like to announce that we, **Tiaan Niemandt** and **Chante van Staden**, have been given the privilege of taking over **oom Piet de Villiers' Rietkol Drakensberger Stud**.

This is not the beginning of a new stud—it is the continuation of one of the breed's remarkable stories. That is why the name **Rietkol** will remain unchanged. It is a name built over many years through hard work, integrity, perseverance, and an unwavering passion for the Drakensberger breed. Going forward, the stud will be managed as **Rietkol at TC Legacy Livestock**. The word **Legacy** was chosen deliberately, because our greatest goal is not to replace oom Piet's work, but to preserve, build upon, and one day proudly pass on his legacy to yet another generation.

You can buy cattle, but you cannot simply buy decades of experience, wisdom, and instinct. That is why we are especially grateful that **oom Piet will remain 100% part of the Rietkol family**. His guidance, knowledge, and passion are invaluable, and we look forward to learning much more from him. His experience is the foundation upon which we hope to build with the greatest respect.

For young breeders like us, this is a privilege that very few people are ever fortunate enough to experience—to begin with a stud of this calibre. We fully appreciate the responsibility that comes with it, and we accept it with humility. Our dream is not only to uphold the standards oom Piet has established, but to build on them so that Rietkol will continue to be synonymous with functional, fertile, and exceptional Drakensberger genetics for many years to come.



The Rietkol Stud has also found a new home at **Hartebeesfontein IQ38, Vlakdrif (Magaliesburg)**. Here, the **Rietkol** and **Bonheim** studs literally run side by side, separated only by a fence. To us, this represents far more than simply being neighbours—it symbolises collaboration, shared values, and a united commitment to advancing the Drakensberger breed.

To oom Piet, we would like to express our heartfelt gratitude. Thank you for entrusting us not only with a stud, but also with the privilege of becoming part of your life's work. Thank you for your trust, your belief in us, and your willingness to continue walking this journey alongside us.

We would also like to extend our sincere appreciation to the North





West Drakensberger community for the warm welcome we have already received. We look forward to learning alongside fellow breeders, making a meaningful contribution, and serving the breed with pride.

We believe that the greatest legacy is not measured by the number of animals a person owns, but by the values, knowledge, and passion they leave behind in others.

The story of Rietkol does not end here. On the contrary—a new chapter begins. With the same values. The same passion. The same name. And with oom Piet’s legacy continuing to remain at the heart of Rietkol.

Tiaan Niemandt & Chante van Staden
Rietkol at TC Legacy Livestock



*Good morning, Chante and Tiaan,
Thank you very much for this message. It leaves me feeling both humbled and deeply grateful that we have reached this moment.
What I pass on to you is an unwavering faith in God, who has given us, the Viljee family, the knowledge and perseverance to help preserve and develop our beloved Drakensberger breed over the past 85 years.*



RMIS Traceability Platform

Step-by-Step Registration Guide

This guide explains how to register a Production Unit on the RMIS Traceability Platform.

Step 1: Open the RMIS Website

- Go to the RMIS website
www.rmisa.co.za

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Step 2: Register Your Profile

- Register with your cellphone number.
- Verify your account using the OTP sent to your cellphone via SMS.

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Step 3: Identifying the location

- You will then see the “home / dashboard” screen and on this screen you will see an icon that says Identify Location.

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Information Required Before You Start

- Cellphone number
- Farm name
- Farm location
- GPS location
- Livestock species

Information required when you want to log in again:

Use your registered cellphone number and verify your account using the OTP sent to your cellphone via SMS.

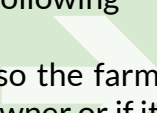
Step 4: Choose your production unit:

- Choose one of the following; if you have more than just one, you are welcome to click on the other options too.
- The following options are available:
 - » Communal Land
 - » Farm
 - » Feedlot
 - » Auctioneer agency
 - » Abattoir
 - » Processor
 - » Testing Station
 - » Veterinarian
- Click on the “next” button in the right hand side corner.
- A Screen will then pop up, to show you on how to select your production unit.

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Step 5: Capture Your Farm Location

- On the map in the left hand side corner, insert your farm name or nearest town.
- Select the portion (this is the portion in which your production unit is in) and then click on next in the right hand side corner of the screen.
- Follow further instruction as on the screen, which will ask the following steps:
 - » Farm Boundaries is also the farm details (If you are the owner or if it is a rental production unit and also the name of the production unit in which the GLN number must be allocated to).



RMIS Traceability platform (continued)

- » Select Farm type/s (Cattle, Sheep, Goats, Poultry, Game, Dairy, Grain, Pigs, etc)
- » Contact information (Choose Individual or Company, First name, Last name, Tel nr., Email) and click on next in the right hand side corner of the screen.

Step 6: POPI Act Compliance

A pop-up screen will then appear and it will ask you for permission to agree to the terms and conditions.

Step 7: Receive Your GLN

Once approved, RMIS will allocate your Production Unit a Global Location Number (GLN) and this will be sent to you via Whatsapp.

Step 8: Using Your GLN

Use your GLN in compatible systems such as IDTrax for livestock traceability.



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Feedlot contact numbers

Here is a list of board members, successful breeders and sellers of Drakensberger weaners and feedlot buyers. Contact any of these individuals for advice or a second opinion or price.

NEAREST TOWN / REGION	DRAKENSBERGER FARMER / COUNCIL MEMBER	FEEDLOT BUYER / AGENT
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Vrede	Rodney Neuman	Arend Munnick - 071 540 9913 - Various feedlots
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NEAREST TOWN / REGION	DRAKENSBERGER FARMER / COUNCIL MEMBER	FEEDLOT BUYER / AGENT
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If you have feedback about good prices, advice or good buyers, please contact us to add the names here, in order to equip our fellow farmers with the right advice and contacts.



Farm ahead in August

5 August
Neuman Brothers Viewing day
Vrede

6 August
Neuman Brothers Auction
Vrede

7 August
Kuruman Ram and Bull Auction
Kuruman

12 August
Talman & Calela Auction
De Goede hoop farm,
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20 August
SHDK Auction
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