



BRISTOW BONSMARA NEWS LETTER 2011

I trust this letter finds you all well and enjoying your cattle. The beef cattle industry is still vibrant and the future looks good. We have had our average summer rainfall in Louis Trichardt, there is ample grazing for the winter.

SALES

OUR THREE SALES THIS YEAR ARE AS FOLLOWS:

1. **NATAL** (Vryheid) Thur. 6th May @ 10:00
VENUE: Mooihoek S P Olivier's farm.
2. **MOLOPO** (stella) 31 May @ 11:00
3. **BRISTOW FARMING** Limpopo
Banbelierkop sale 15 June 11:00.

BRISTOW PARTNERSHIPS

An opportunity for me to expand my operation in the Limpopo has presented itself, in order for me to realize this, we are dissolving our partnerships and both partners have agreed to buy me out.

It has been a truly rewarding experience being in partnership with the Olivier family in Natal & the Pogenpoel family in the Molopo. There is no better way of getting to know people than risking being in Partnership together. I was really fortunate to find people here with Integrity, trust and the commitment to get on with the task of breeding great cattle.

From a genetic perspective it has been most encouraging to see how the Bristow cattle adapted to their new environments and over the next 6 years seen how the progeny of these cattle have established themselves in these herds.

The Bristow genetics in these two herds have clearly made a positive impact and contributed to a strong breeding nucleus.

I transported some of these females back to the Limpopo. I am very excited by the inclusion of these cows into my Limpopo herd and am looking forward to seeing what progeny will be bred from them.

Danie & SP will be continuing the herd as "**Hot Voor Bonsmara**" They have an excellent herd here and I wish them all the best for the future.

Phillip & Kobus will also be continuing with their herd in the Molopo. They have bred some outstanding cattle over the years and have some excellent Bristow lines. I wish them too, the very best for the future.

BRISTOW BONSMARA LIMPOPO SALE VENUE AND TIME

15 June 2011

BANDELIERKOP SALE PENS

TIME: 10h00

The sale pens are situated practically on the **N1** just South of Bandelierkop on the road to the Mara Research Station

ON OFFER

30 BULLS

100 Bristow females

50 Erasmus females

NO "CLOCK SALE" THIS YEAR

This year we will not be using my "Clock" sale but will be selling the conventional way. My apologies to those of you buyers who have become accustomed to the clock. I still believe that buying bulls via the clock is the best way but pressure from various areas has made me go with the conventional and familiar auction that everyone knows.

BULLS

ADVANTAGES OF BUYING BULLS OFF THE VELDT

- Adapted bulls can be identified by their condition off the veldt.
- Strengths and weaknesses are easily spotted.
- The bulls adapt easily back on your farm.
- No feed related fertility problems.

The bulls on sale come mostly out of the following sires:

JRB01-75 – A very long bull with good capacity, a length to height ratio of 1: 25. He was one of the best bulls tested on the veldt test at Mara. I have used him extensively in my herd and was used in both the Natal and Molopo herds. One of my top sires currently in my herd is a son of this bull and is producing some outstanding progeny.

JRB01-135 – A very masculine well adapted early maturing bull with dark pigment and strong hooves. He produces lovely heifers. He is out of N190/H157 & D47 Lines.

JRB03-25 – My herd sire that is now with Graham Mulders in Zambia. A truly masculine bull with an excellent skin, black pigment and well developed hump. I have kept back one of his sons and some lovely heifers.

JRB04-54 – Also one of my herd sires on sale this year. (see comments below under “Herd Sires on Sale”) His progeny constantly do well on phase D growth tests. He is a very long bull with a good coat. Comes out of an IVY line. Very happy with his progeny.

JRB05-17 – My favorite herd sire at present with tremendous breadth, a real block of a bull. Dark red and has a great temperament.

HERD SIRES ON SALE

JRB02-126 – This bull I used for a year before selling on to Pierre Burger, a commercial Bonsmara breeder in our area. He produced great calves for Pierre. I bought him back & have used him for two breeding seasons again. Out of JRB95-17 and a fantastic very fertile cow with ICP 367 with 10 calves. All EBV's are above breed average with a wean Mat of 6, and a wean Dir of 16. Both double the breed av.

JRB04-54 – Very good length and capacity. Out of a good IVY line on the sire's side and an Elite cow as a mother. EBV on adg = 165. Progeny tested on Ph D do consistently well.

BBM05-3 – This bull was bred at our Molopo herd. We chose him as a bull to rotate between our Bristow herds. He has been used in both the Natal & Molopo herds and I used him for the past year. An Early maturing, well muscled bull.

JRB06-14 – Out of the AI bull PER 00-77. Strong bull with excellent skin, dark muzzle. Good EBV's for growth and efficiency.

BULLS

I have a strong group of young bulls this year. Age between 2 to 3 year old and ready to work. I have given them a production lick to get them looking a tad better off this winter veld.

FEMALE OFFER –

To accommodate the new cows I have recently brought back from Natal, I will be selling more females than usual this year. This is a good opportunity to get some good cows.

All females will either be pregnant, have a calf at foot or both pregnant and have a calf (3 in 1) Cattle breeders don't part easily with their breeding stock This is a good opportunity to acquire some quality breeding stock.

All the cattle have been on virulent Heartwater & anaplasmosis veld.

BRISTOW

100 Cows and Heifers .

PIETER ERASMUS & SEUNS

50 Cows and heifers

The Erasmus herd is one of the largest Bonsmara herds here in the bushveld. There are good females here and an opportunity not to be missed.

ACCOMODATION

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