



BRISTOW BONSMARA NEWS LETTER 2008

We have entered yet another year of Bonsmara breeding, activities and sales. In good Bonsmara fashion it is a flurry of activity with field days, our symposium national sale and AGM and over 90 production sales ahead of us. Thanks for all this must go largely go to the Bonsmara Office and council for keeping this show on the road and keeping standards high. This success is completed by the partnership we have with the ARC and S A Stud book and the comrade that exists between breeders.

SALES

THIS YEAR WE OFFER CATTLE FOR SALE AT FOUR DIFFERENT VENUES.

1. NATAL (Vryheid) 8th May @ 11:00
VENUE: Mooihoek S P Oliviers farm.
2. MARA Veld Bull Club 8th May @ 11:00
Mara research Station.
3. LIMPOPO (Bandelierkop) 21st May @ 10:00
VENUE: Bandelierkop sale pens
4. NORTH WEST (Stella) 27th May @ 11:00.
VENUE: Stella sale pens.

1. BRISTOW BONSMARA LIMPOPO SALE

I am pleased to once again be able to offer cattle for sale from their original home in the bushveld.

This will be our 34th annual production sale in the Soutpansberg.

VENUE AND TIME

BANDEIERKOP 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

30 Bristow females

85 Erasmus females

BULLS

The bulls are a hardy group of well muscled, masculine bulls and will be offered straight off the veldt having had no extra feeding for the sale. This must be one of the few production sales in the country where the sale bulls are not fattened for the sale.

ADVATAGES OF BUYING UNFATTENED BULLS

- Veldt adapted bulls can be identified.
- strengths and weaknesses are more visable.
- Adapt easily back on your farm.
- No danger of fertility problems due to fat deposits around the scrotum

The bulls come out of the following sires:

JRB98-158 – A registered AI bull who was purchased by Peter Hoogenboesem from Vivo. This bull is a highly adapted, masculine bull with a perfect shiny skin and hair, dark pigment and strong hooves. Bennie Miles from Cedarville used 98-158 semen and is very pleased with the progeny. I am currently using one of his sons and getting wonderful calves with strong conformation.

JRB00-170 – Two of the older bulls on sale are from 170. This is a dark bull with tremendous length and capacity. We have great heifers from him, both here and in Natal.

JRB01-75 – This is a strong Bristow bull. **On offer at our Natal sale on the 8th May.** He is very long and deep. with a good 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 some of the more promising bulls for sale this year are from this bull. I have kept back one of his sons to use in the herd.

JRB01-25 – A 2007 “Curve Bender” out of an IVY line. A dark bull with great capacity and adaptability. His progeny have done the best on the Mara veldt test for the last two years running. **This herd sire is on sale at our sale at Stella this year.**

JRB01-135 -- A very masculine well adapted early maturing bull with dark pigment. He is out of N190/H157 line. He is currently being used in our Molopo herd.

BULLS ON SALE

All the summer 05 bulls were tested on a veld phase D and the winter calves on a phase B.

EXPANDING FURTHER ON SOME SALE BULLS:

LOT 1.-- A 00-170 son. Early maturing, well fleshed and keeps excellent condition throughout the year. Highly fertile dam with an ICP of 360 days. With a birth mass of 35kg, supported by low EBV figures for birth, this bull can comfortably be used on heifers.

LOT 2 -- The other 00-170 son. A dark bull with excellent figures .Out of one of my good old cows. The calves on the ground so far from this bull look promising.

LOT 3 -- A 01-75 son with a strong head, good top line and generally good conformation.

LOT 4 -- A typical 01-135 son. Very masculine, well muscled with dark pigmentation. A strong bull.

LOT 6 -- Out of the well known AI bull HTC99-18.

He has tremendous depth, carries a lot of flesh and stands out in the group. Very good Wean, Year & 18m Ind. 120-116-117

LOT 7 -- Identified as a promising young bull at weaning and sent to Irene to be phase C tested where he passed with a silver merit. I used him on heifers and have already had some strong little calves from him.

LOT 8, 9, 10 & 11 -- Were tested at Mara and will first be offered for sale at the Veld Bull Sale at Mara on the 8th May. Any bull not sold there will come to the Bandelierkop sale on 21st May. Lot 9 and 10 had the best ADG figures on the test.

LOT 12 -- Can be used safely on heifers.

A neat well balanced bull from a great mother.

LOT 14 -- A strong 98-158 bull showing good muscling and above average performance.

LOT 20 TO 25 -- I acquired the last of Peter Menne's cows when he sold his Bonsmara herd. These are progeny from those cows. There are some promising bulls here.

LOT 26 TO 29 -- These 4 "B" grade bulls all have 01-135 as their father and this can be seen in each one of these bulls showing the characteristic masculinity and dark pigment. These bulls can be used with confidence by any commercial farmer and can be used safely on heifers.

FEMALE OFFER

There will be 115 females for sale:

BRISTOW

30 Cows and Heifers

PIETER ERASMUS & SEUNS

85 Cows and heifers

Most of these cattle will be SP and the others commercial. All these 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.

The Erasmus herd is one of the largest Bonsmara herds here in the bushveld. As a result of losing one of their farms in a land claim, they have had to reduce their breeding herd. I have invited them to sell some of their females on my sale. Knowing the quality of this herd, there are good females here and this is an opportunity not to be missed.

TRANSPORT DISCOUNT

To assist with your transport costs, I offer a discount on your purchase price based on how far the cattle will be transported. This % is illustrated in the following table.

KM	100 – 200	200 – 300	300 – 500	> 500
%	1.5	2	2.5	3

AUCTIONEERS

Vleissentraal will be conducting the sale with **Mike Killassy** as the auctioneer.

The bulls will be sold via my "Clock" system and the females auctioned in the conventional way.

ACCOMODATION

Lalapanzi Hotel: 015-516 5455 or 0824941155
Adams Apple Hotel: 015-516 3304

2. NATAL SALE

This will be our 3rd BRISTOW NATAL production sale. Danie and SP are doing outstanding work and the herd is going from strength to strength. With their keen eye on quality animals and their enthusiastic involvement in Bonsmara activities the herd is in good hands.

There is a comprehensive flyer and news letter with photos and more information on the cattle for sale which has already been distributed by Danie. If you have not received this and would like to do so, please contact Danie or SP on their contact numbers listed at the end of this letter.

A summary of our Natal offer:

3 HERD SIRES - JRB01-075, JRB02-112 and EH00-144. All three of these bulls are highly recommended.

37 YOUNG BULLS: - These bulls out of Bristow cows are predominantly from JRB (Bristow) sires. The other sires used are AG (Arthur de Villiers) and LAR (Laurence Ralfe). Two young bulls out of JRB02-112 recently completed a phase C test at Cedara. As our Bristow cattle are usually tested in extensive conditions, it was encouraging to see how well they did on the test. One of the bulls was awarded gold merit status and the other Silver. The gold merit bull had an ADG of 2.48 and a Feed conversion of 4.08.

The NATAL Female offer –
100 pregnant commercial heifers.

INFORMATION DAY TUESDAY 22 APRIL 2008

3. BRISTOW MOLOPO

The North West have had a wonderful summer season and the cattle are in excellent condition. Philip is a keen cattle man and with his passion for cattle the herd is in good hands. As with our Natal sale Phillip and Kobus have made their own flyer with photos and more information. Contact them for more information.

ON OFFER:

- 3 outstanding herd sires:
JRB01-25, JRB00-116 and JRB03-095
- 17 Bulls
- 80 Females.

I know the genetics involved here and can say with confidence that there are some outstanding bulls.

- **THE THREE SALES WILL BE HELD UNDER THE AUSPICES OF THE BONSMARA SOCIETY.**
- **CATALOGUES ARE AVAILABLE ON REQUEST.**
- **LOOKING FORWARD TO SEEING YOU AT THE SALES**

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