

## **LLEWELLYN JOHN ANGUS**

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### **Education and Occupation**

1977: Bachelor of Agriculture with distinction in Animal Science (University of the Free State)

1984: BA Humanities majoring in Anthropology and Psychology (UNISA)

1979 – present: **sought after and well-regarded beef cattle stud and commercial farmer (cattle and sheep) and international judge** with expert practical and academic knowledge of livestock farming topics. (Also consulting for livestock breeders and societies from time to time.)

This includes scientific breeding, application of genetic principles, visual appraisal, total herd appraisal, grazing management, reproduction, animal health, and genomics. A total approach is followed.

- Stud has held 25 production sales
- Stud has held 16 Simbra/Simmentaler bull and heifer sales, with guest sellers

2017 – present: registered animal scientist (SACNASP)

1978 – present: member of SASAS (SA society of animal science)

1985 – present: member of GSSA (Grassland society of SA)

2008 – present: **freelance writer** for various national farming and other publications

2000 – present: **judge, presenter, educator, mentor, national committee member** in various fields of the livestock industry (see below for further information)

### **National Committees**

2000 – 2005: President Simmentaler/Simbra Cattle Breeders Society of South Africa

1994 – 2001: Chairman of the Simbra Advisory Committee (Simbra founder member)

2001 – 2009: Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the SA Livestock Registering Federation (LRF)

2009: Honorary Life Chairman of the LRF

2007 – present: SA Senior Interbreed Judge since 2007. (SAIJA – SA Interbreed Judges Association)

2012 – present: SA Senior Interbreed Judges Examiner (SAIJA)

### **National and International Awards**

2004: Breedplan All Breed SA Stud Breeder of the Year (2003: Runner-Up)

2005: Free State Farmer of the Year (National Farmer of the Year Finalist)

2012: Golden Book Award from the World Simmental-Fleckvieh Federation, Germany for services rendered to the Southern African Simmentaler and Simbra breeds

2016: Golden Award of the Simmentaler Society of South Africa for 50 years Simmentaler stud breeding (Willie Angus started in 1966 and I joined him in 1979).

2017: Agricultural Research Council National Stud Breeder of the Year Award

2018: Aldam Stockman School Merit Certificate from the LRF for helping to establish, and for serving, the school for a decade

2020: LRF/Breedplan 5 Star Completeness of Performance Award for Two Breeds (only South African to have achieved this)

2022: LRF 2022 Merit Award for outstanding services rendered to the livestock industry. (This is a lifetime achievement award of which I am so grateful and humbled)

1980 – 2015: Stud Awards (in conjunction with Willie Angus until 2000)

- 12 Gold Cup Awards (Interbreed Champions) at major agricultural shows from 1980
- 26 SA National Champions and Reserve Champions of Simmentaler and Simbra from 1980
- Twice Simbra Breeder of Champions at National Championships
- Five times LRF/Breedplan Simmentaler or Simbra Breeder of the Year or Runner-Up
- Five Simmentaler or Simbra Standard Bank Bull of the Year Awards
- Over 150 Champions and Reserve Champions at major shows since 1980

Ten LRF/Breedplan and Society Cow Group Awards  
(Ceased showing in 2002)

### **Judging/Presentations/Congresses**

Simmentaler and Simbra Breed Examiner/Senior Judge. SA Senior Interbreed Judge of Beef/Dual Purpose cattle since 2007. Serving on the Interbreed Examiner's panel since 2012. International beef cattle judge since 2000

Have had the honour of judging at 12 SA National Championships of various breeds including Santa Gertrudis, Simmentaler, Simbra, Braunvieh (2023) and Brangus. Interbreed judge at major shows in Southern Africa on 15 occasions.

Also judged throughout Southern Africa including Namibia, Zimbabwe, Botswana and visited Canada, USA, Europe, and Australia in livestock related matters including congresses, presentations, and judging.

2023: Have just returned from Nairobi Kenya where I was the international beef and interbreed judge at the International Kenya Trade Fair

Had the privilege of attending the 50<sup>th</sup> USA Beef Improvement Federation Congress in June 2018 in Colorado (Compliments of the ARC as South African representative).

### **Aldam Stockman School:**

Intensively involved with the establishment of the school. Presented at 8 of the last 13 schools.

### **Courses**

Presented livestock breeding and selection courses at UFS, CUT Free state, and to breeders over the last 24 years. Also given regular presentations and courses throughout Southern Africa on livestock and pastures.

2020: Presented a series of Zoom courses to Simbra breeders on various topics surrounding breeding

2021: Updated both the Simmentaler and Simbra training course material as part of my training portfolio on the Breed Improvement Committees (BIC)

### **Articles**

Have written numerous articles which mostly fall in the ambit of breeding, livestock management, judging and pasture management

*See Appendix 1 for list of selected articles*

### **Hobbies**

Swimming: 20 Midmar Miles completed. Received the 20 year scroll in February 2022.

Hiking

Squash

Game farm management and local conservation

### **Mentorship Programs**

Successfully established two emerging farmer families on their own land, with some support of the Department of Land Affairs in 1998.

Mentor to emerging and other farmers. Regular presenter to NERPO Free state and to developing farmer events.

### **List of selected authored articles and articles covering me**

Farmer's Weekly

[\*The fundamentals of fertility in beef cattle\*](#) (18 April 2020)

[\*12 basic principles of scientific livestock breeding\*](#) (20 January 2020)

[\*Finding value in cattle shows in an era of modern breeding\*](#) (11 February 2019)

[\*New thinking in beef cattle breeding\*](#) (November 2018)

[\*Scientific selection in beef cattle breeding\*](#) (3 October 2018)

[\*Pasture pays off on marginal lands\*](#) (29 August 2009)

[\*Natural veld: the backbone of beef & mutton economics\*](#) (1 September 2008)

Landbouweekblad and other Afrikaans publications

[\*Eerste boer met twee vyfsterkuddes\*](#) (11 September 2020)

[\*Teling: Twaalf beginsels van akkurate prestasiemeting\*](#) (3 April 2020)

[\*Veeboer se wenke vir hoër vrugbaarheid by vleisbeeste\*](#) (5 June 2020)

[\*Llewellyn Angus benut die voordele van wetenskap\*](#) (29 April 2019)

[\*Om te skou of nie\*](#) (11 February 2019)

[\*Blup onontbeerlik vir genetiese kuddeverbetering\*](#) (4 March 2019)

[\*Volg die 10 beesbeginsels vir sukses\*](#) (24 May 2018)

[\*Benut wetenskap vir sukses op lang termyn\*](#) (14 May 2018)