

The Limousins Breed

The Limousin breed is a medium-framed, early-maturing breed. Limousins have become popular because of their desirable carcase traits and the breed's production efficiency, attributed to the F94L myostatin gene or "Profit" gene.

The Limousin is an ancient breed from the rugged, hilly south-central France characterised by poor soils, hot summers and severe winters. The animals produced beef under pastoral conditions and were used in agriculture as draught animals. The breed's hardiness is also proven in Africa, where they are very well adapted to the varied climate and production conditions they are exposed to.

ABOUT LEADWOOD LIMOUSINS

Leadwood Limousins are bred in the Tuli-Block, an endemic heartwater area. We use our Limousin Bulls for crossbreeding in our commercial herd in the Sandveld area close to Lethlakane.

We aim to breed well-muscled, well-balanced medium-framed bulls of outstanding quality and presence. Masculinity, movability, hardiness and robustness are vital to us.

We aspire to breed fertile females with excellent mothering capabilities and sufficient milk yields of good quality to raise solid and lively calves.

THE LEADWOOD LIMOUSIN GUARANTEE

Leadwood Limousins take great care in marketing quality animals that you can be proud of:

Animal Health

The Leadwood Limousin stud is vaccinated against anthrax, botulism, black quarter, lumpy skin disease and Pasteurella. All animals are treated against internal and external parasites. Vetswana conducts bull fertility tests and issues certificates.

Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs)

At Leadwood Limousins, we keep detailed records of our animals to ensure that we offer Estimated Breeding Values (EBVs) for a range of essential production traits (e.g. weight, carcase, fertility). These EBVs provide objective information on the animals we are selling so that you know what you are buying!

DNA profiling

All of our animals are DNA-profiled, also known as "genotyping", to confirm the parents of a specific animal. DNA-based parentage testing allows for correct individual identification of animals, ensuring a unique, permanent DNA ID for traceability.

Animals approved for sale

All our animals are inspected and approved for sale by the Limousin Cattle Breeders Society of Southern Africa. This process ensures that when you purchase a Limousin from us, you can be sure it complies with the breed standard.

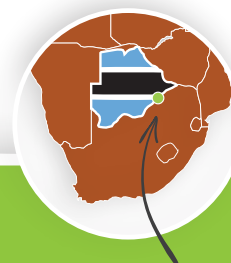
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Visit us in the Tuli-block, Botswana.



10 reasons to choose Leadwood Limousins

MABAKA A GO TLHOPHA KGOMO YA LEADWOOD LIMOUSIN

1

Genetically produces more meat E na le nama e ntsi ka tholego

Distinguishing the Limousin breed from all other breeds is the presence of the F94L myostatin "Profit" gene. This gene variant naturally increases meat production by 20% without artificial growth hormones. The Limousin carcass has a high meat-to-bone ratio and dress-out between 65 and 70 per cent. Therefore, "Much More Meat" means "Much More Profit"!

2

Improve commercial cattle with the hybrid vigour of crossbreeding Fa e kopantswe le mefuta e mengwe ya dikgomo e a di tlhabolola ga bonolo

Limousin bulls are the bulls of choice when crossbreeding with local indigenous breeds such as Brahman, Beefmaster, Bonsmara etc. Crossbred calves benefit from the hybrid vigour and the presence of the F94L gene, which is transferred to the progeny (offspring). Limousin bulls are often used to open heifers of breeds with large calves, e.g. Charolais, because of the small calving characteristic of the Limousin breed.

3

More efficient with less feed E dira ka natla e sa jesiwe mo go kalokalo

The Limousin breed has an excellent average daily gain and feed conversion ratio. They are good foragers, ideal for grass-fed beef production, achieving more meat per hectare. They are the ideal choice for feedlots since they need less feed to produce more meat, and they can be fed longer before putting on excess, unwanted fat.

4

Easy calving with small calves E tsala marole aa lekanetseng mothofothofo

The breed is renowned for producing small, vibrant calves which are light at birth leading to minimum calving problems, less neonatal mortality and fewer veterinarian expenses. They grow rapidly after birth, weaning at weights well above international beef industry averages.

5

Fertile with sufficient milk production Ke kgomo ee letsalo e bile ena le masi a mantsi

The Limousin cow has good mothering capabilities, producing more than enough milk for strong, beefy calves. Many large herds have an inter calving period of 370 – 380 days.

6

A long, productive life E tshela lobaka gape e na le maduo

The longevity of Limousin cows is considerable. The morphology of female cows reaches its full development between 6 and 8 years of age. This asset enables females to produce high-quality calves up to an advanced age of 18 years, and after rearing several calves, they provide remarkable added value in quality categories.

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Calm character for easy management E bonolo e le motlhofo le go thokomelwa

Limousins have a relaxed and calm temperament making them easy and safe to work with.

8

Adapted to Botswana's conditions Ke kgomo e e kgonang go emelana le seemo sa bosa mo lefatsheng la Botswana.

The Limousin is very well adapted to diverse climates and conditions. Originating from France, the Limousin cattle evolved into a breed of unusual sturdiness, health, and adaptability due to the harsh pastoral and climatic conditions. In Africa, the breed is now farmed in feedlots and free-range conditions across Botswana, South Africa, Namibia, Zimbabwe, Zambia and Mozambique. At Leadwood, we successfully breed with them in the Tuli-Block and Sandveld area.

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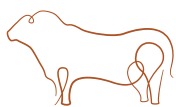
Tender, healthy beef for the health-conscious E nama ee monate e bile e siametse botsogo

The breed produces naturally lean beef, low in cholesterol and saturated fats, making it the ideal choice for the modern health-conscious consumer and export markets.

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Registered Stud E mmele o o lekanetseng

You know what you buy! The Leadwood Limousin herd is registered with the Limousin Cattle Breeders Society of Southern Africa, which inspects each animal to ensure compliance with the breed standard.



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