

# Simbra gains popularity in the emerging market and amongst Nguni farmers.

Tito Vorster

**T**ito Vorster interviewed various emerging farmers who had bought Simbra bulls recently. He wanted to know why they prefer Simbra bulls.

**SIMON MAZIBUKU** farms in Moolman near Piet Retief. An outstanding cattie man with 100 Nguni, Bonsmara and Simbra type female animals. In the last four years he has bought three Simbra bulls.

Simon gives the following reasons for choosing Simbra bulls:

- "Die bulle het vleis en hulle kalwers het baie melk"
- "Hulle blink soos die Brahman maar hulle is nie wild nie"
- "Hulle loop goed in die veld en eet gras. Hulle word nie maer in die winter nie en die bosluise pla nie."
- "Die kalwers van hierdie bulle groei goed en die speenkalwers bring baie meer geld in"
- "Sy verse wat hy terug hou om mee te teel is baie beter as hulle ma's. Meer vleis meer melk en hulle kalf maklik."

Simon does not weigh his animals but he is of the opinion



Simon Mazibuku

that his weaners increased by 50% in weight, because he bought Simbra bulls. Simon proudly presented us with the registration certificates of his bulls and drew our attention to the EBV's reflected on the registration certificate. The fact that the certificate reflects him as the owner makes him very proud.

**JEREMIAH MATHABULA** farms in Iswepe between Ermelo and Piet Retief. He is also a silviculture contractor in the forestry industry and employs many people. Jeremiah benefited from the Rural Development and Land Reform process and is currently leasing a farm of 1300ha. He started his cattle farming by buying



Jeremiah Mathabula

various types of cattle. He was then invited to attend a cattle day at Delft where he was introduced to Simbra cattle. He was impressed and started to buy Simbra cattle only. He has bought two Simbra bulls and twenty stud heifers.

Jeremiah has a herd of 200 productive females. Up to now Jeremiah used various bulls but he is now convinced that his investment in Simbra stud bulls has paid off.

#### Jeremiah gives the following reasons for choosing Simbra bulls:

- He prefers red animals with a blaze.
- Simbra bulls produce small calves that grow very well. His weaners weigh between 206 and 234 kg. Better than any other breeds on the farm.
- The bulls maintain their constitution throughout the year, they show tick resistance and are medium framed animals.
- Most important to Jeremiah is the fact that the Simbra cattle are so easy to work with. (temperament)

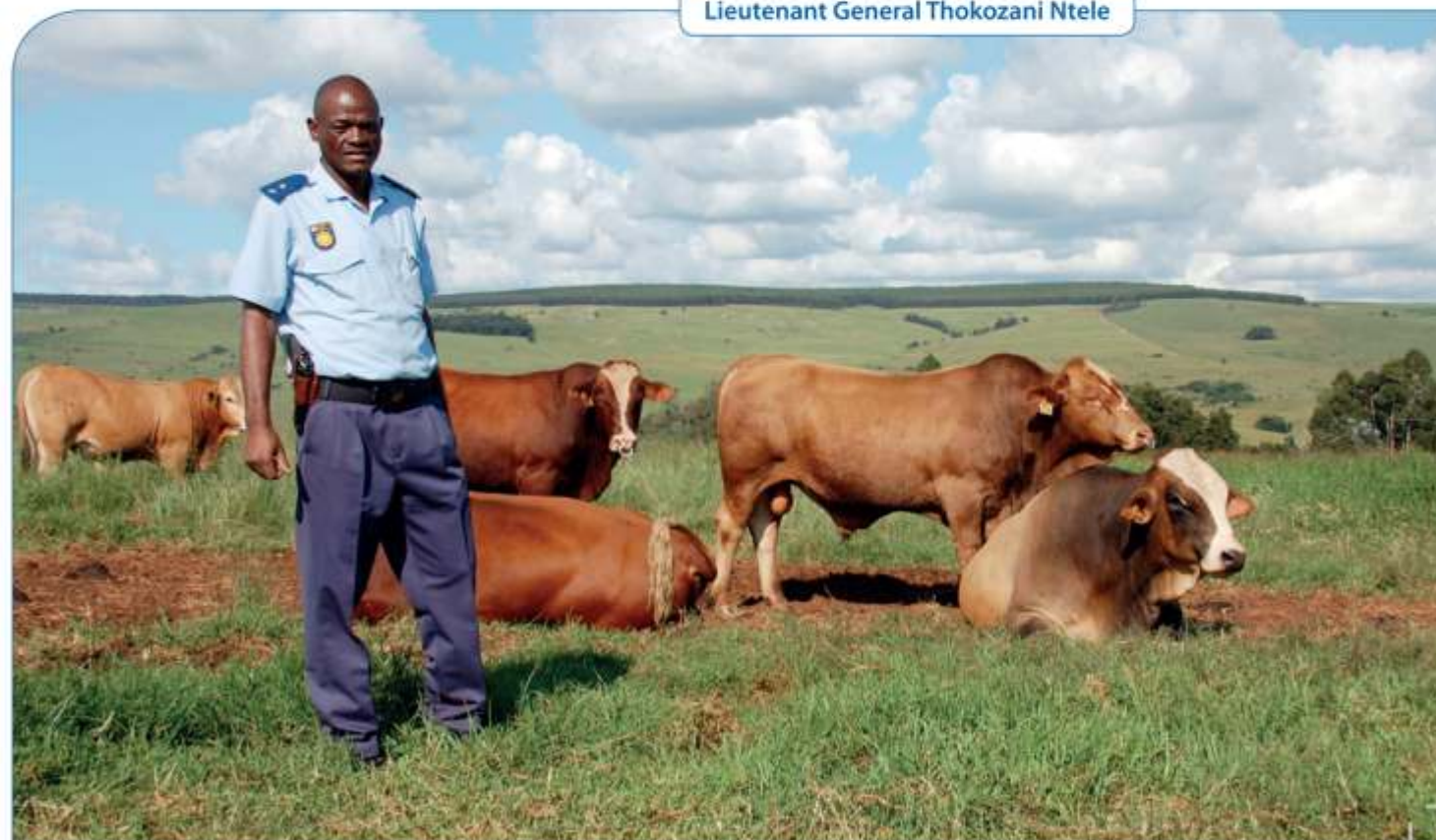
Jeremiah is serious about cattle breeding and he plans to join the Simbra stud breeding fraternity.

**LIEUTENANT GENERAL THOKOZANI NTELE** is the commanding officer of the Mahamba Border Post and farms in the district of Mhatubatuba in the east of Natal. You must believe me this is harsh cattle country. Thokozani is an educated individual with a scientific approach to cattle farming.

#### He loves Simbra cattle for the following reasons:

- They are disease resistant.
- Easy to farm with and they have a good temperament.
- No calving problems with Simbra bulls.
- The progeny of his Simbra bulls has outstanding growth.
- They live on grass alone.
- He is very pleased with the progeny of Simbra bulls on Nguni and Bonsmara cows.
- He has however made a decision to go the Simbra route and will henceforth be buying Simbra females.

Lieutenant General Thokozani Ntele



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Moses Hlatswayo

**MOSES HLATSWAYO** has recently bought his first Simbra bull. He is commonly referred to as Doctor Moses, due to his advance knowledge of cattle sicknesses. Moses says that he has been studying Simbra cattle carefully. He compared them with his own commercial herd and other cattle breeds in the area and came to the conclusion

that "Simbra is the way to go". Moses bought a son of the wellknown stud sire Ben-Bee and is very impressed and proud of his Simbra stud bull. His registration certificate is also kept in a safe place and it is a very important document to him. He is adamant that he will be selling progeny of this bull at a premium to his fellow cattleman. \$+

### GEDENKDAE • GESKENKE

- Eerste – Papier, plastiek
- Tweede – Katoen, breekgoed
- Derde – Leer
- Vierde – Linne, sy
- Vyfde – Hout
- Sesde – Yster
- Sewende – Koper, geelkoper
- Agste – Brons
- Negende – Erdewerk, Kristal
- Tiende – Aluminium
- Elfde – Staal
- Twaalfde – Linne, nylon
- Dertiende – Kantwerk
- Veertiende – Ivoor
- Vyftiende – Kristal, glas
- Twintigste – Breekgoed, porselein
- Vyf-en-twintigste – Silwer
- Dertigste – Pêrels
- Vyf-en-dertigste – Niersteen, koraal
- Veertigste – Robyne, granaatsteen
- Vyf-en-veertigste – Saffiere
- Vyftigste – Goud
- Vyf-en-vyftigste – Smaragde
- Sestigste tot Vyf-en-sewentigste – Diamante, goud

### 'n Geboortesteen is 'n edelsteen – 'n simbool van die maand van 'n persoon se geboorte.

Januarie	Granaatsteen	Bestendigheid
Februarie	Ametis	Openhartigheid
Maart	Akwamaryn	Dapperheid
April	Diamant	Onskuldigheid
Mei	Smarag	Liefde, Sukses
Junie	Pêrel	Gesondheid
Julie	Robyn	Tevredenheid
Augustus	Peridoot	Huweliksgeluk
September	Saffier	Helder denke
Oktober	Opaal	Hoop
November	Topaas	Eerlikheid
Desember	Turkoois	Welvaart