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Royal Agricultural Show 2017

What an exciting whirlwind year Conestoga Farming has had so far in 2017. Our Simmentalers are slowly but surely getting to a position that they can contribute a great deal more to the whole enterprise. Stud breeding is a long term project and luck, patience and dedication are required. To start with ordinary cattle and breed them up to a quality standard that can sell seed stock to fellow farmer takes years. We sent five homebred Simmentalers to Weston Agricultural College where Ian jnr. and his gang trained and prepared them for the Royal Agriculture Show in Pietermaritzburg. What a pleasure to work and be involved with these kids.



These bulls on the left are the bulls that the Weston boys trained and showed for us. Thanks to the two Dickson brothers, Sven Lindeque and Ian for their sterling work. I would also like to thank Mr Cornelius Rossouw for the purchase of two of these bulls Conestoga Pepper and Conestoga Honey Star.

Royal Show 2017



GC134 Conestoga Pepper is our very own homebred champion. This is the first time Conestoga has shown cattle and we were delighted to take part and we all enjoyed the very best Agric. show in the country. Pepper was the Reserve Senior champ while Dane and Dante stood places in their classes. The kids took part in the youth show and also in the main Simmentaler classes





Royal Show Action Photos.

To compete in the future, the cattle will have to be better grown out and finished off properly. All the Conestoga Bulls were doing duty in our cattle herds ninety days before the show and needed another month of preparation for this event.



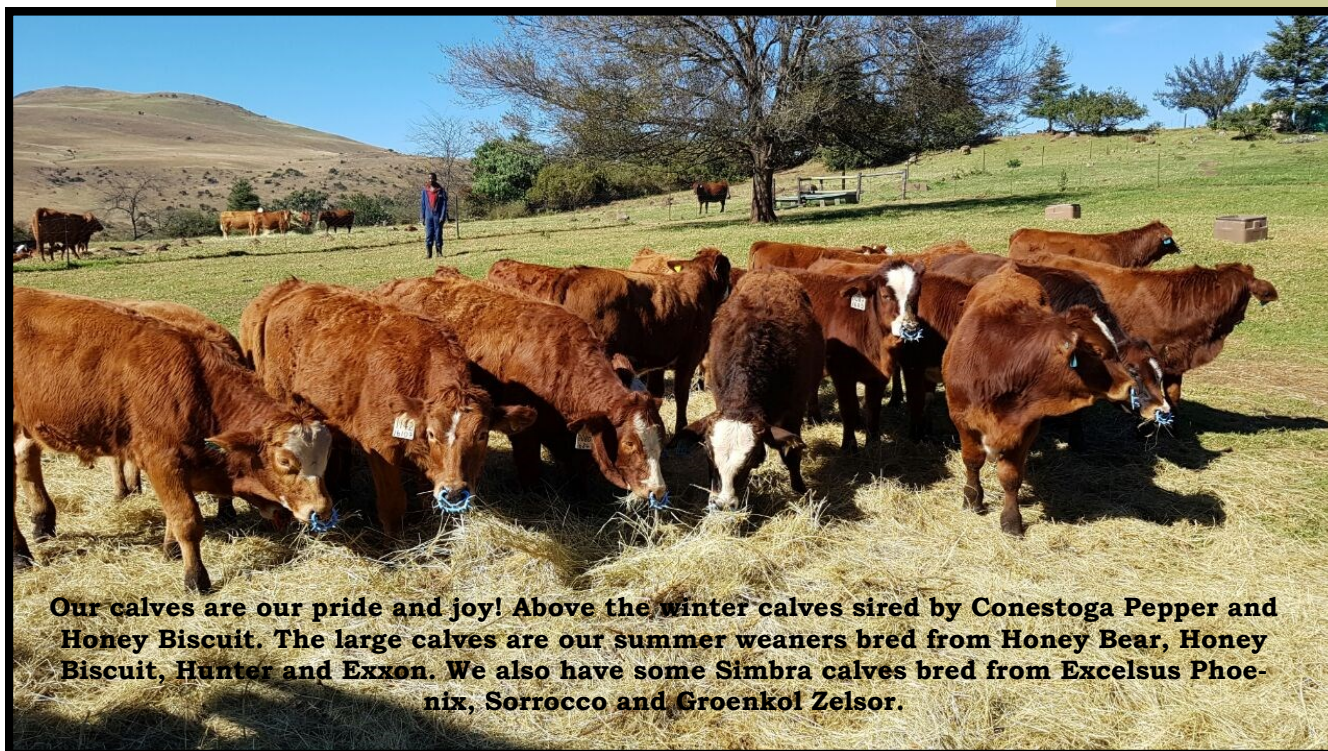
Royal Agricultural Youth Show.



Our summer breeding season went down with plenty of grass and rain. Our main stud bulls used were Conestoga Dane, a Salerika Browser son that Ian showed well at the Royal Show. We also are expecting calves from Conestoga Zurainne, a Leeupoort Zagreb son and Conestoga Matteo, a Jacatt Mocca son. Conestoga Pepper and Honey Biscuit were also used and sired most of the winter calves on the following page.



Our first homebred heifers! These beauties we bulled to Zurainne and Matteo. Matteo was a twin that Ian, Tayla and Se-Se hand-raised with a bottle. He got himself into a fight last year and was very slowly healed by Eileen and her team. Matteo has turned into a fine bull. Zurainne is the son of the National Champion Leeupoort Zagreb and half brother to the record seller Leeupoort Zaire.



Our calves are our pride and joy! Above the winter calves sired by Conestoga Pepper and Honey Biscuit. The large calves are our summer weaners bred from Honey Bear, Honey Biscuit, Hunter and Exxon. We also have some Simbra calves bred from Excelsus Phoenix, Sorrocco and Groenkol Zelsor.



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Conestoga Sale Bulls 2017



GC143 Conestoga Matteo

Matteo is one of our much loved bulls with an interesting history. He was born a twin and raised by Ian, Tayla and Sarah. With outstanding breeding Matteo has Taaibosspruit Vula as his grandmother who also produced a fantastic herd sire called Anroda Marula. He is also sired by an outstanding Namibian bull called Jacatt Mocca whose calves at Voigtland Stud were very impressive. We have used Matteo in our stud and his first calves will arrive this summer.

GC1327 Conestoga Dante



GC1327 Conestoga Dante is one of our first Salerika Browser calves and has Salerika Helderberg and Salerika Blossom 2nd in his bloodlines. We used Dante and have now eight beautiful calves from him and more expected this summer. Dante showed well with Sven Lindeque for us at the Royal show in 2017. Its always a pleasure to work with such calm beautiful animals.