

TO INCREASE PROFITABILITY, COMMERCIAL BEEF FARMERS USE SIMMENTALER BULLS FOR

CROSSBREEDING

- Maximum commercial profitability requires hybrid vigour which results in up to 25% more lifetime production per commercial female.
- The larger the genetic variation between breeds, the more hybrid vigour.
- The best results in Southern Africa are achieved by crossing British/European beef breeds with Zebu/Sanga.
- Crossbreeding will improve fertility.

The unrelated factor:

Maximum genetic diversity is found between dual purpose Simmentaler and Zebu/Sanga breeds.



The availability factor:

Simmentaler is by far the most popular British/European breed in Southern Africa.



The performance factor:

Simmentaler ranks number one in fertility, weaning weight, yearling weight and feedlot growth amongst popular British/European beef breeds.



The no-guess factor:

Simmentaler have twice as many performance tested animals with EBVs than the second ranked British/European beef breed.

