



Why Simmentaler?



This question has been asked numerous times. However, I want to change the question somewhat. Why farm and why Simmentaler? The answer is simple, because farming is your passion and love. This makes the answer to “why Simmentaler?” so much easier.

Simmentalers have been in South Africa since the early 1900's and even longer, since 1893, in our neighbouring country, Namibia. It shows that this breed has already proven itself and deserves its rightful place. The beautiful red cow with its white blaze head and eye pigments (“glasses”) grazes just as happily in our neighbouring countries Botswana and Zimbabwe.

This brings me back to the question: Why Simmentaler? This breed will be an advantage to any farmer, thanks to:

- mothers with a very high milk content;

- good maternal qualities;
- excellent weaning calves, weaning up to 20 kg heavier in any crossbreeding programme;
- feedlot preference for pure and cross Simmentalers;
- good cross-breeding characteristics with other breeds;
- fertile bulls;
- an animal that is hardy and adaptable;
- the poll gene;
- the breed for the stud breeder and most certainly for the commercial farmer;
- and then of course – this is the most beautiful cattle breed!

Breeders in South Africa and Namibia host successful production auctions every year, where commercial farmers and stud breeders will find an animal or two. The demand in Botswana has skyrocketed over the past few years and our breeders regularly export animals to this country.

Please visit our website, www.simmentaler.org for more information about auctions in your area. ♦

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