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. The Kochbo Santa Gertrudis Stud

Situated in the Western part of South Africa about 100km North-West of Cape Town at Moorreesburg. The Koch Family started the stud on the 4th of June 1992 after they had Simmental cattle and then changed to Santas.

Kochbo is a proudly run family business which consists of mainly wheat, canola and pig farming and the Santa Gertrudis cattle. The stud started when my father bought Santa females from Namibia and from well-known breeders in SA, such as Valley Venture and Sansa. Our first stud bull was bought at the Koos Locks sale and he gave us a good starting line on breeding good females.

At Kochbo Santas the cattle are raised on natural pasture, oats in winter and in the summer on the wheat fields after harvest without supplementation, through varying seasonal conditions. Good constitutions are developed through this system of grazing, and only easy doing livestock are retained in the herd. Breeders are only given a supplement in drought conditions. Weight gain ability is a key economic factor. Only bulls of high weight gain are used in the herd to ensure this benefit is passed onto their progeny.

Longevity in both bulls and females is another benefit this management system delivers. The criteria for selection are size, body capacity, structural soundness, desirable muscle pattern and disposition.

Fertility, milk and good udders are also very important factor and are monitored closely. Bulls are semen tested before

joining. Heifers are joined at 18 months and all females are pregnant tested annually. I usually A.I. all my females the first time with new bulls from SA, USA and Australia just to bring in new blood lines in the herd. Today we are confident that our heifer and bull replacements, going into stud or commercial herds, will reproduce the quality expected of them.

The year 2013 treated us good when we took part in our first SA National Championships where we won the Junior Champ bull, Interbreed Junior bull and did great with our young animals. We also had the Gold Cup Interbreed bull at the Moorreesburg show that year.

2017 We had our World Congress in South Africa where we won the Junior and breed Champion and Interbreed Junior cow and she was awarded silver in the World Champion Competition.

2023 another great year for our stud and family. We showed at Bloemfontein where we won the Grandchamp bull and reserve Grandchamp female. In September we went to Moorreesburg show where our junior bull won the interbreed and the Supreme Grand champion gold cup bull.

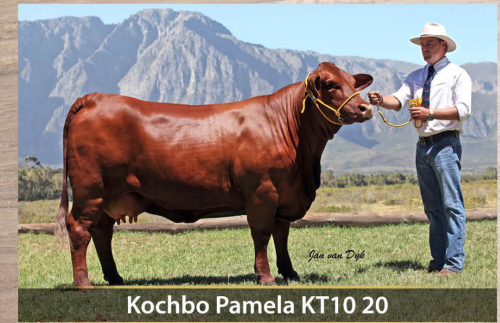
In November our family was blessed with our first grandson.

All glory to our Heavenly Father.

Thanks to all our support throughout the years with our sale at the Santa Select sale.



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