

## DAM CHARACTERISTICS OF OUR BREEDS

Ranking and averages (in brackets) for performance tested breeds with more than 1000 weaning weights recorded in 1992 consider possible differences in regional distribution of herds and heterose effects in Beefmaster, Nguni and Simbra.

	No. of weaning weights	Weaning weight (kg)	Efficiency [1] (%)	ICP (days)	Ranking average
Afrikaner	2600	8 (175)	7 (40,2)	9 (470)	(8,0)
Bonsmara	34000	6 (205)	3 (45,5)	3 (420)	(4,0)
Brahman	2900	5 (207)	5 (43,4)	11 (488)	(7,0)
Drakensberger	4700	7 (200)	3 (45,7)	8 (456)	(6,0)
Santa	3200	3 (224)	1 (48,8)	7 (455)	(3,7)
Angus	2100	6 (202)	4 (44,3)	1 (399)	(3,7)
Hereford	1100	7 (198)	6 (42,5)	10 (480)	(7,7)
Simmentaler	4400	1 (235)	2 (47,3)	4 (435)	(2,3)
Sussex	2300	5 (208)	8 (39,6)	2 (410)	(5,0)
Beefmaster	3100	4 (218)	2 (47,7)	6 (442)	(4,0)
Nguni	2500	9 (154)	5 (43,6)	5 (436)	(6,3)
Simbra	1600	2 (230)	1 (48,6)	2 (406)	(1,7)

[1] Weaning weight of calf as % of dam's weight.