



## *2023 National Cattle Farmer of the Year Competition*

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### NOMINATION OF CANDIDATE FOR 2023 NATIONAL CATTLE FARMER OF THE YEAR

#### REQUIREMENTS

- The candidate must be a leading farmer in their area and must set an example for their peers.
- The candidate's management practices and results must serve as a benchmark.
- Any farmer can be nominated as long as fellow farmers can identify with the candidate.
- The candidate must be willing to receive farmers on his farm and to present a farmers' day in cooperation with the organisations involved in the competition.

#### PROCEDURE

- Complete the attached nomination form.
- Keep it confidential and do not discuss this nomination with the candidate, as it may create an expectation.
- Candidate information is submitted to a panel of independent judges.
- The panel nominates three finalists whose farms they will visit in order to determine who the 2023 National Cattle Farmer of the Year will be.
- The following aspects will be considered during final adjudication: utilisation of resources, fodder flow planning, pasture management, breeding and selection standards, record-keeping, benchmarking, marketing and value addition, herd production, physical appearance of animals, infrastructure, labour management and participation in organised agriculture.
- The panel's decision is final and no reasons or comments will be made available to candidates.
- **The completed form must reach Ashley Grimsell by 8 September 2023 via email: [Ashley.grimsell@tongaat.com](mailto:Ashley.grimsell@tongaat.com)**

Where you are offered a choice, please tick the appropriate block or blocks with a ✓.



**1. BIOGRAPHICAL INFORMATION OF CATTLE FARMER OF THE YEAR CANDIDATE**

1.1 Initials and surname: \_\_\_\_\_

1.2 First name: \_\_\_\_\_

1.3 Farm's name: \_\_\_\_\_

1.4 District: \_\_\_\_\_

1.5 Postal address: \_\_\_\_\_

1.6 Contact details:

Landline: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_ Fax number: \_\_\_\_\_

1.7 Person (referring party), group or organisation nominating the candidate:  
\_\_\_\_\_

1.8 Referring party's details:

Landline: \_\_\_\_\_ Cell number: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Is the candidate a member of the local farmers' association?

YES	NO
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3. Please fill in the below reproduction values:

	Norm for the area	Candidate
Conception percentage		
Weaning percentage (calves weaned per cows mated)		
Intercalving period (ICP)		

4. Cattle Breed: \_\_\_\_\_

5.1 Is the candidate also a stud breeder?

YES	NO
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5.2 Number of stud cows: \_\_\_\_\_ Number of commercial cows: \_\_\_\_\_

6. Does the candidate have a time specific calving season in his/her herd?

YES	NO
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7. Natural resources consist of:

VELD	CROP RESIDUES	CULTIVATED PASTURES
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8. In what ways is the candidate distinguished from fellow farmers? E.g. herd production, resource and pasture conservation, organisational abilities, innovative thinking, use of technology, general management, accomplishments, leadership, etc. Motivate fully.

8.1 What differentiates this candidate from the rest in the area?

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8.2 Which innovative practices are implemented by this cattle farmer?

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8.3 What can fellow sheep farmers learn from this candidate to farm more profitably?

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8.4 Is new technology used and what impact does it have on this beef enterprise?

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8.5 What is the candidate's involvement in the community and does he/she play a leading role?

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8.6 Any additional motivation, such as herd production figures as listed under section 3 above.

Referring party's name: \_\_\_\_\_

Referring party's signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_ Place: \_\_\_\_\_

