
**ALFA online programme for 2021: 1 May 2021 - 31 August 2021 &
Nampo/ALFA 2021 programme on Nampo Park: 30 September 2021 – 2 October 2021.**

The following programmes, events, competitions, and projects will form part of the ALFA 2021 experience: the first as part of the ALFA online programme and the second as the Nampo/ALFA programme on Nampo Park. (A final decision whether this program will go ahead will be taken 1 June 2021). Some of the sponsors still need to be confirmed and some new projects and events need to be finalised. More information in this regard will be released soon with a final program as well as dates and operational arrangements. **More information about the programme and updates will be available on www.alfaexpo.com, www.nampoalfa.co.za or our ALFA Facebook page.**

Beef cattle programme:

1. ALFA National Beef Interbreed Championships (Sponsor TBC)

The winners of the different regional shows (those that will be held) and breed championships are invited to participate in the fifth edition of this prestigious championship to crown national champions.

2. Zoetis Online Interbreed Show

Breeders of different breeds are invited to participate in the second edition of this online competition that was born in the Covid-19 pandemic to crown SA's champion interbreed cow and bull.

3. Zoetis Tri-Continent Interbreed Show

The SA online interbreed winners competes against the winners of Argentina, Australia as well as the rest of Africa to crown the interbreed bull and cow champions of the southern hemisphere.

4. Nutri Feeds MoneyMaker Nominations

This project gives recognition to a bull and cow for exceptional lifetime performance in the last phase of his/her production life. Fertility, the performance of their progeny and their own performance data is taken into consideration.

5. Beef Cattle Performance Championships (Sponsor TBC)

This project uses the same process and criteria that every breeder uses to select replacement heifers and young bulls. The top ten animals in each beef breed, based on performance data and functional efficiency are selected.

6. RPO National Interbreed Slaughter Ox Carcass Competition

An interbreed competition for all beef breeds will be held at twelve different abattoirs across all nine provinces. Prizes will be awarded per province, per breed and nationally for single carcass and group of four.

7. SAFA Beef Brand Challenge

Different beef brands will compete for the second time to select SA's best quality beef brand. The University of the Free State will scientifically evaluate all entries.

8. Cape Gate Mega-Ox Competition

This competition aims to identify the largest ox in SA every year. This will be the second year this is done with Agri Gauteng online and on Nampo Park (last-year's winner weighed 1,35 tons).

9. LNR/Afridata Beef Cattle Webinar

This webinar looks at beef cattle farming from the perspective of the emerging cattle farmer, focusing on the most important issues that will determine his/her success.

10. Bloem Show Interbreed Judging Webinar

This webinar looks at interbreed judging in SA from the viewpoint of the National Interbreed Judges' Association, senior breeders as well as other role-players to support participants in the interbreed projects.

11. ALFA Prestige Multi-Breed Bull Auction with GWK Veewinkel

This is the first year that an auction of this nature will be held. Top bulls of five different breeds will be sold off under floodlights as part of the Cattle Fest program.

12. ALFA People's Choice Challenge (Sponsorship TBC)

Visitors to Nampo/ALFA get the opportunity to taste sirloin steak strips of five different beef breeds and vote for their favourite to carry the People's Choice crown.

13. ALFA Cattle Fest

Everything regarding beef will be celebrated at this dinner with an ox braaiing on the spit. The awards of all ALFA cattle projects, Samic's national beef awards and SA Studbook's Logix beef awards (northern region) as well as a GWK Veewinkel all-breed premier auction, will be part of this prestigious event.

Small-stock programme:

1. BKB Small-Stock Performance Championship with SA Studbook

This project identifies the top ten young rams and ewes of each breed involved in BLUP, based on their performance data and functional efficiency.

2. Barnlab Feeds Best of the Best Small Stock Exhibition (Sponsorship TBC)

This exhibition was one of the highlights of the 2019 program. The winners of the different breed championships (those that will be held) are invited to showcase their animals and stud at Nampo Park.

3. ALFA online small-stock performance show (Sponsorship TBC)

The different breeds get the opportunity to compete on an online to identify the best performance tested senior rams in each breed. These winners will be showcased at Best of the best @ Nampo/ALFA.

4. Q-Pro Feeds national small stock growth test with RFID

Breeds are invited to nominate their best animals for a growth test at the University of the Free State and the Stellenbosch University. Daily gain and feed efficiency are measured.

5. Nutri Feeds Moneymaker Awards

This project gives recognition to a ram and an ewe's lifetime performance in the last phase of his/her production life. Fertility, the performance of progeny and their own performance data is evaluated.

6. RPO National Interbreed Slaughter Lam Carcass Competition

An interbreed competition among all breeds will be held at twelve different abattoirs in all nine provinces. Prizes will be awarded per breed, per province as well as national award for single carcass and group of four.

7. ALFA Indigenous Small Stock Expo (Sponsorship TBC)

Following a successful exhibition in 2019 we focus on SA's rich heritage of indigenous small stock breeds. Two ewes and one ram of each breed will be on display.

8. Northern Cape Field Ram Club Auction @ NampoALFA will be held by GWK Veewinkel.

This is the second year that this prestigious auction that will be held at Nampo Park. Only top performance test animals will be on offer.

9. ALFA Bok & Chop Braai

The small-stock industry will be celebrated at this dinner with lambs and goats on the spit, and the music of Ruan du Toit. Awards of all ALFA small-stock projects, Samic's national small-stock awards and SA Studbook's Logix small-stock awards as well as a GWK Veewinkel performance ram auction, will form part of this prestigious event.

Wildlife program:

1. Total Agri Game Expo

A series of webinars that addresses the most important issues facing the game farmer are broadcast, followed by an exhibition at Nampo/ALFA. It covers subjects like feeding, animal health, infrastructure, and success factors of the industry. A hunting package auction also forms part of this programme. A wildlife pavilion as well as a soapbox workshop, form part of the Nampo/ALFA program.

2. ALFA Wild & Wakker Breakfast

Game meat and the ample opportunities it offers to SA's consumers will be celebrated and showcased with good company and all participants to the ALFA wildlife programme.

Dairy program:

1. GWK Dairy Performance Show

This is the second year for this unique online show that considers genetic value, performance data and visual evaluation to crown the queen of the expo. Semi-finalists are exhibited at Nampo/ALFA.

2. Nutri Feeds Moneymaker Awards

This project gives recognition to a dairy cow's lifetime performance in the last phase of her production life. Fertility, the performance of progeny and their own performance data is evaluated.

3. ALFA People's Choice Cheese-Challenge (Sponsorship TBC)

Visitors to Nampo/ALFA have the opportunity to taste cheese of five different types of cheeses and vote for their favourite to be awarded the People's Choice crown.

4. ALFA Dairy-Expo (Sponsorship TBC)

South Africa has four dairy cattle breeds as well as four dairy goat breeds which will all be showcased at this event. There will also be a functional dairy parlour where the animals will be milked.

5. ALFA Cheese & Wine Dairy Lunch

The dairy industry gathers to enjoy the fruits of their labour while the dairy performance show exhibits the semi-finalists as well as the Logix dairy awards.

Pork program:

1. Envarto Pork carcass competition

The Envarto pork carcass competition that was held last year was one of the success stories of 2020. It was the biggest pork carcass competition ever in SA! This year pigs can be entered at twelve different abattoirs across all nine provinces over a two-week period. Prizes will be awarded per province as well as national for single carcass and group of four.

2. Pork Expo (Sponsorship TBC)

A number of pig breeds will be showcased at this year's ALFA to show the variety of breeds that support pork production in SA.

3. ALFA Best Bacon Competition (Sponsorship TBC)

The search for the best bacon in SA kicked off. This competition is done in partnership with the US that will do a scientific and sensory evaluation.

4. ALFA People's Choice ham-Challenge (Sponsorship TBC)

Visitors to Nampo/ALFA have the opportunity to taste cheese of five different cheeses and vote for their favourite to be awarded the People's Choice crown.

5. ALFA Bacon Breakfast

All ALFA awards as well as Samic's national pork awards will form part of the programme of this premier breakfast against the backdrop of good music and good food.

Working Animal Program:

1. Working Horse Expo (Sponsorship TBC)

An online work horse expo where the different work horse breeds and their use on the stock farm are showcased will be followed up with an on-site exhibition and demonstration at Nampo/ALFA.

2. Working Dog Expo (Sponsorship TBC)

An online working dog expo and show where the different working dog breeds and their functioning on the stock farm is showcased, will be followed up with an on-site exhibition, show and demonstration if the event takes place at Nampo Park.

Poultry Program:

1. ALFA Poultry Exhibition (Sponsorship TBC)

An online poultry expo with the different breeds and production systems which will be followed up with an on-site exhibition at Nampo/ALFA with the Bloemfontein poultry club.

Agri-Business Program:

1. Import & Export Expo (Sponsorship TBC)

This is the second edition of this expo with Waymakers & Agri Gauteng as a webinar series that will be followed up with an exhibition and workshop at Nampo/ALFA.

2. SME Expo (Sponsorship TBC)

This is the second edition of this expo with SBI & Agri Gauteng as a webinar series that is followed up with an exhibition and workshop at Nampo/ALFA.

Youth programme:

1. Voermol Online Youth Show

The first online youth show for agricultural schools was a great success in 2020. Children compete in two age groups and seven categories, all by video entries. A live show will be held at Nampo/ALFA.

2. Engen Agricultural School Marketing Competition

Learners from agricultural schools compete among each other with marketing videos for their school and their agricultural programme to attract potential learners to their school.

3. Zoetis junior interbreed championships

Agricultural schools participate in a own beef cattle interbreed competition with their own Young Farmers herds that is part of the Agricultural Youth foundation's herds.

4. FNB Agricultural School Conference

Agricultural schools participate in a conference with experts on the different issues that learners of agricultural schools face on the journey from school to a successful career in agriculture.

5. Afgri Animal Feeds Online Rabbit Show

This online show for agricultural schools is judged by international judges. Five different breeds compete against each other for the best interbreed rabbit on the show.

6. Santam Agricultural Student Programme

Students from four universities participate in the organising committee activities @ Nampo/ALFA.