



SANTA Gertrudis

STAND OUT in 2025 Carcass Competitions

Santa Gertrudis cattle have once again proved their superiority in the carcass arena. At both the SAMIC National Carcass Competition and the Bergville Fatstock Show, Santas delivered outstanding results — securing Champion and Reserve Champion titles, achieving top dressing percentages, and walking away with the highest overall points on show. These achievements underline the breed's reputation for consistency, quality, and performance from hoof to hook.

These results confirm what breeders already know — Santa Gertrudis cattle combine adaptability, performance, and unbeatable carcass quality.

2025 SAMIC National Carcass Competition

SAMIC (South African Meat Industry Company) held its 28th National Carcass Competition, evaluating beef, pork and sheep carcasses based on quality and market suitability. The competition attracted 375 commercial and 25 emerging producers, with 49 carcass competitions taking place nationwide. SAMIC's mission is to promote high-quality red meat production and recognise excellence in the industry. Carcasses are judged on conformation, fatness, and age, using a strict classification system.

Beef Category (Commercial Producer):

- Single Carcass: Ellewee van Zyl achieved 98.62% with a Santa Gertrudis entry at the Desert Beef Carcass Competition.



SAFJA Fat Stock Shows

At the Bergville Fatstock Show Carcass Competition (23 September 2025), Tregenna Farming proudly represented Santa Gertrudis, securing multiple top awards.

- o Champion Carcass
- o Reserve Champion
- o Champion Group
- o Group of 4 – 2nd
- o Pairs – 2nd
- o Homebred Class – 1st
- o Below 440kg – 3rd
- o 440–480kg – 1st and 3rd
- o 480kg+ – 1st and 2nd
- o 2–6 Tooth Heifer/Cow – 2nd

The 1st place winner in the 480kg+ class went on to take Junior Champion and ultimately Supreme Champion of Show.

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- Group of 3 Carcasses (Below 530kg live mass):
 - o 1st place for the group, with individual placings of 1st, 2nd, and 3rd.
 - o Average warm mass dressing percentage: 64.9%.
- Super Ox Class (Above 530kg live mass):
 - o Placings: 2nd and 3rd.
 - o Average warm mass dressing percentage: 67.3%.

Tregenna Farming secured the most points on show, with special congratulations to the Fyvie's of Five Star Santas.



Conclusion

The Santa Gertrudis performances in 2025 underscore their reputation for quality, adaptability, and excellence in the carcass arena. These results reinforce the value of the breed to both commercial and emerging beef producers, setting the bar for consistency, efficiency, and superior beef production.

Santa Gertrudis carcass competitions are more than just a showcase of quality beef—they stand as a testament to the breed's enduring legacy and its future potential in South Africa and beyond.

