



Inspections:

The Nguni Society has since its inception relied on Nguni breeders to do the yearly inspections of all animals, including animals to be sold on sales under the auspices of the Society. To accomplish this, training courses are held on a regular basis by each club so that Senior- and Junior Inspectors are available for each inspection.

In the earlier days these regular inspection courses and information days were held which resulted in very interesting social events as well. The members operated as a family. Memories from days at Ghost Mountain Inn near Mkuze in Zululand and Kosi bay near St Lucia are still talked about when the older inspectors gather. The program would consist of some lectures followed by practical demonstrations and then an admin and practical exam.

Marketing:

Initially the marketing of the Nguni breed was a difficult matter as the breeders could not convince the commercial farmers of the value of these small frame animals. Prices of R1300 for cows and R3000 for bulls were accepted. It was only after breeders could convince the farmers of the low maintenance costs and their survival in very adverse conditions, that the economic value of the Nguni breed became accepted.

One marketing venture by three Northern Transvaal (now Limpopo) farmers Dr Doug Reed, Andre Bothma and Mike Rauch was to hold a Farmer's Day in Mozambique. Resulting from this, several consignments of Nguni cattle were sent to Mozambique and their efforts were even caught on TV News!

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Christo Badenhorst, Mr. M. De Villiers, and
the headman, Frans.

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The Nguni Society over the past years has increased way beyond expectations and the old Nguni family venture has made way for a well oiled business structure. The increase in membership to over 400 breeders has brought farmers of all creeds and from all walks of life together into a breed society with a dynamic vision further.

The combination of a breed that goes back almost to biblical times together with the latest research techniques should combine to bring about a breed that will remain a sought-after entity amongst all commercial farmers in the years to come. ■

