CHULU BORAN – a top Zambian herd

Sally and Craig Heath of Wilkins Don Horligh the story behind the development of their herd, and why this breed’s unique characteristics are ideal for drought prone areas of Africa.

Sally and Craig Heath, an arable farming couple from the English Midlands, developed their herd of Boran cattle from the original animals that were imported to the UK in the 1930s. Sally states that the Boran breed was because of its hardy and drought-resistant nature that was an ideal fit for their farming enterprise.

The Boran breed has been acquired by the Heath family because they spent many years travelling to the Bushveld and Drakensberg areas of South Africa, and fell in love with the Boran breed.

Craig Heath explains, “We selected the first of our Boran cattle in 2003 with the aim of acquiring cattle with the best combination of hardness, fertility, and performance. We started with a small nucleus herd and over the years have acquired more cattle from various sources, including charolais and salese cattle. We have also trained the herd through our own selection and breeding programme.”

The Boran breed has been selected for its unique characteristics such as its hardy nature, fertility, and performance. The breed is known for its resilience in the face of drought and other adverse conditions.

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CHARACTERISTICS

- Boran cattle are known for their hardy nature, fertility, and performance.
- They are adaptable to various environments and can thrive in drought-prone areas.
- Boran cattle have a low maintenance and feed requirement, making them ideal for farmers in drought-prone areas.

BORAN ADAPT THEIR BODY SIZE TO THE ENVIRONMENT

Each year the couple travels to various countries to select the best quality Boran cattle to add to their herd. They have been successful in establishing a top Zambian herd of Boran cattle. They have a strong relationship with their customers and focus on providing top quality cattle.

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