

# Cross Breeding with Simmental

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- ✓ A major role for the Simmental breed is its use in crossbreeding programs.
- ✓ Simmental x British or Bos Indicus calves gain weight 10% to 20% faster, reaching market weight younger and earlier, reducing annual stocking pressure.
- ✓ Crossbreeding with Simmental produces significant productivity gains due to hybrid vigour and to the additive traits derived from the Simmental breed.
- ✓ When combined, these gains generally boost overall productivity by 10% to 20% in the Simbeef F1 (first cross) animal and by 20% to 25% where the Simbeef F1 female is used as a breeder.
- ✓ Simmentals may be used in either "Terminal" or "Rotational" crossbreeding programs.
- ✓ Crossbred cows stay in the herd 3.1 years longer and produce 20% more weaning weight over the lifetime of the cow than their straight bred counterparts. Source USDA Mark.
- ✓ Simmental composites simplify crossbreeding, maintain uniformity and achieve optimum levels of heterosis.