

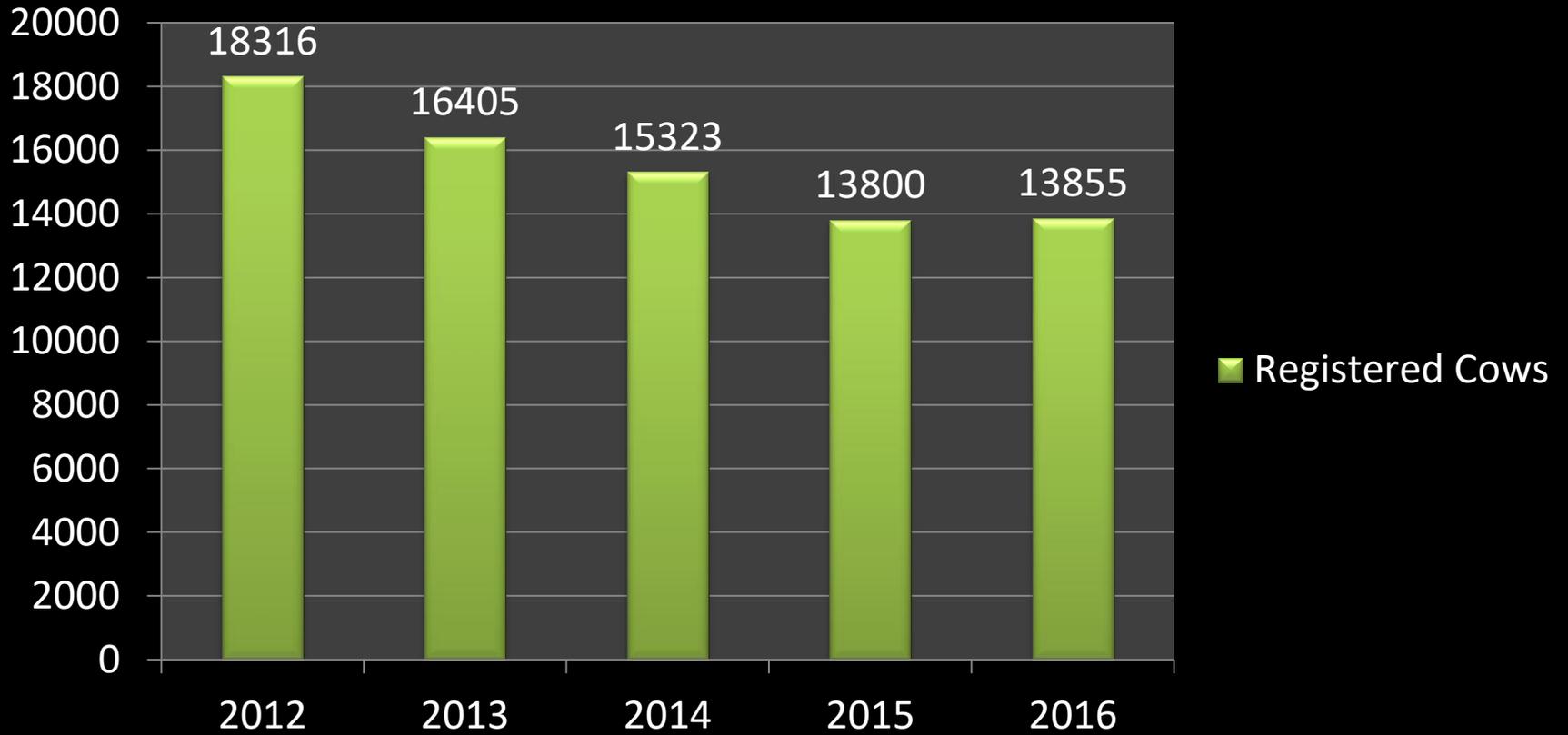
# Ayrshire South Africa

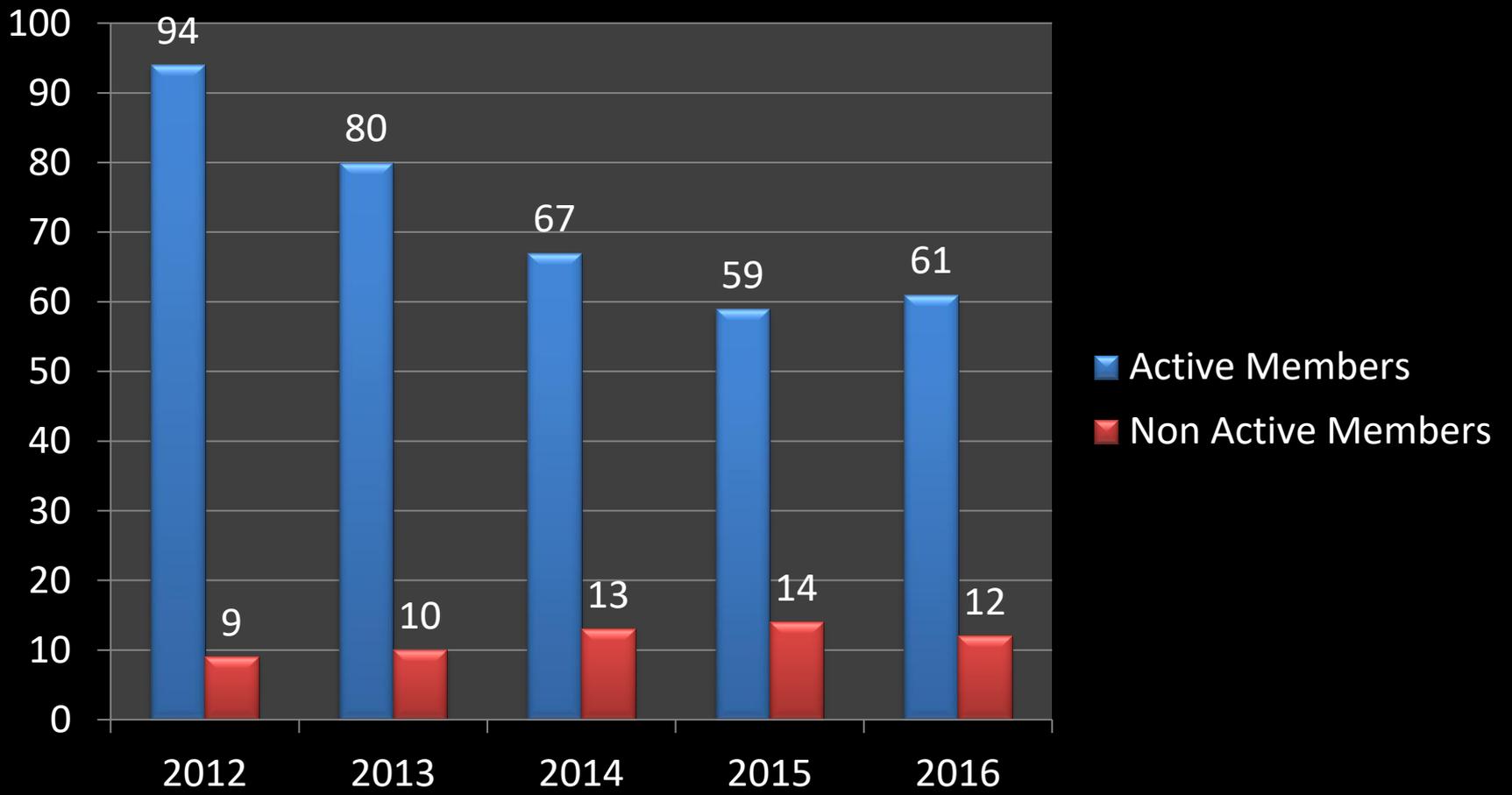
Welcome to all.

What a challenge we had the last couple years but still privileged to be here today. We had our first Ayrshire Nationals in the Western Cape with a 130 animals to show, 15 exhibitors and a excited but still competent judge and auctioneer Selwyn Donald from New Zealand. New record price for a heifer was bought for R60 000 by Rhino Ridge. Melkhout Free Beer 11

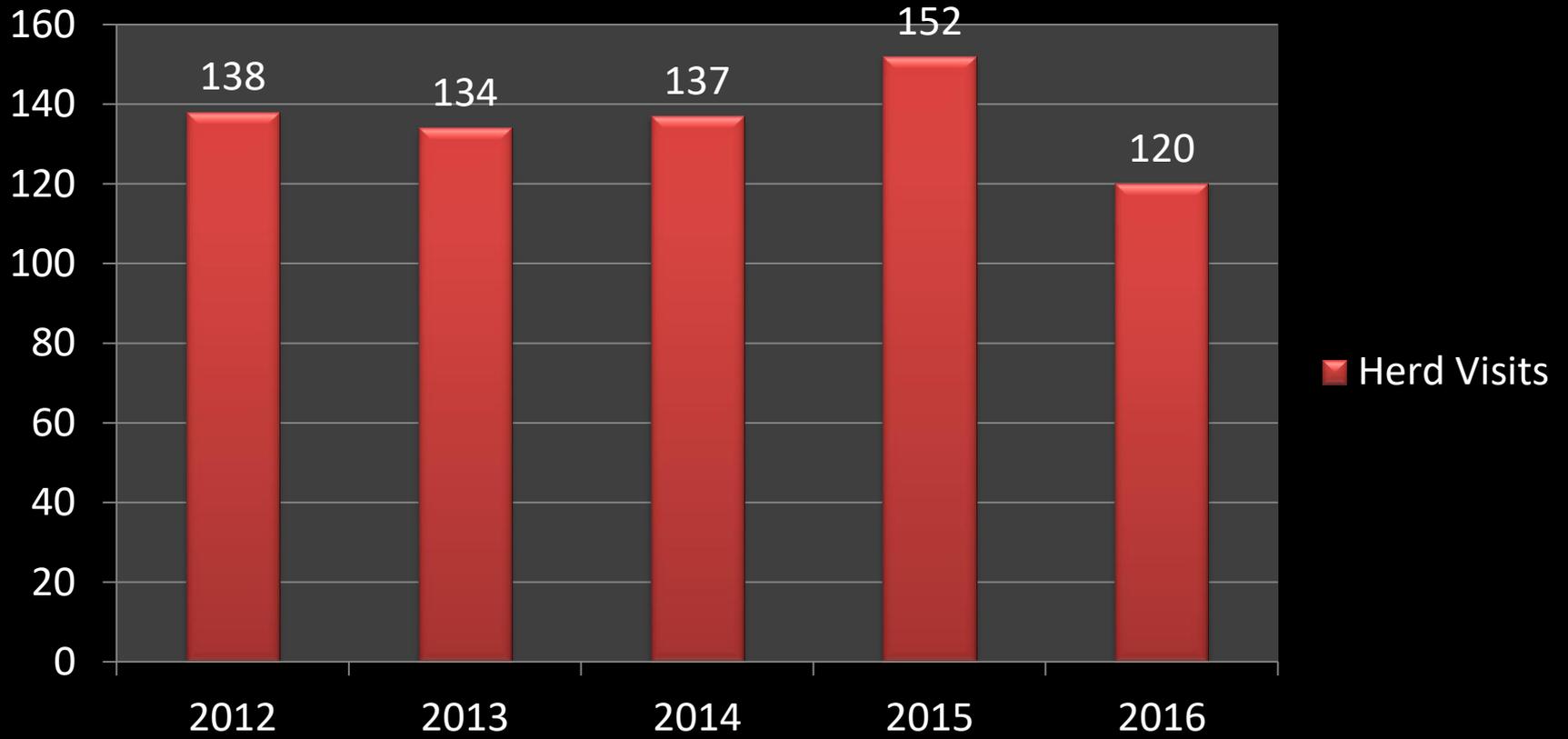
As elsewhere input cost are still raising with a low milk price that can't keep up, the whole country have just over 1 600 dairy farmers left in SA . We had some tough times the last couple of years and now we just had the worst drought in the last 24 years, causing a lot of struggle through our country , breed societies, companies, economy , people and animals are in a survival mode. The society lost breeders as well as animals we can only hope for a better season.

## Registered Cows

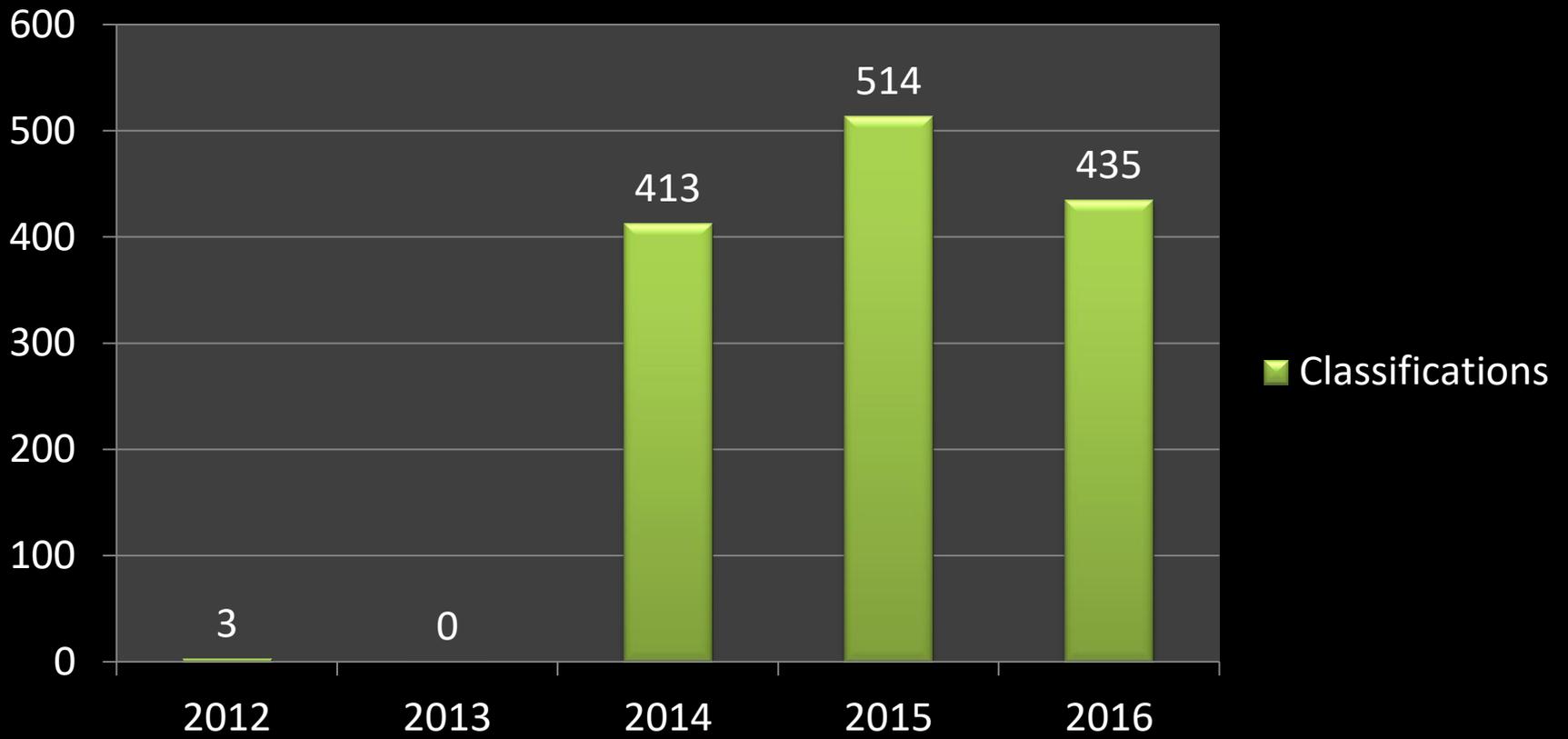




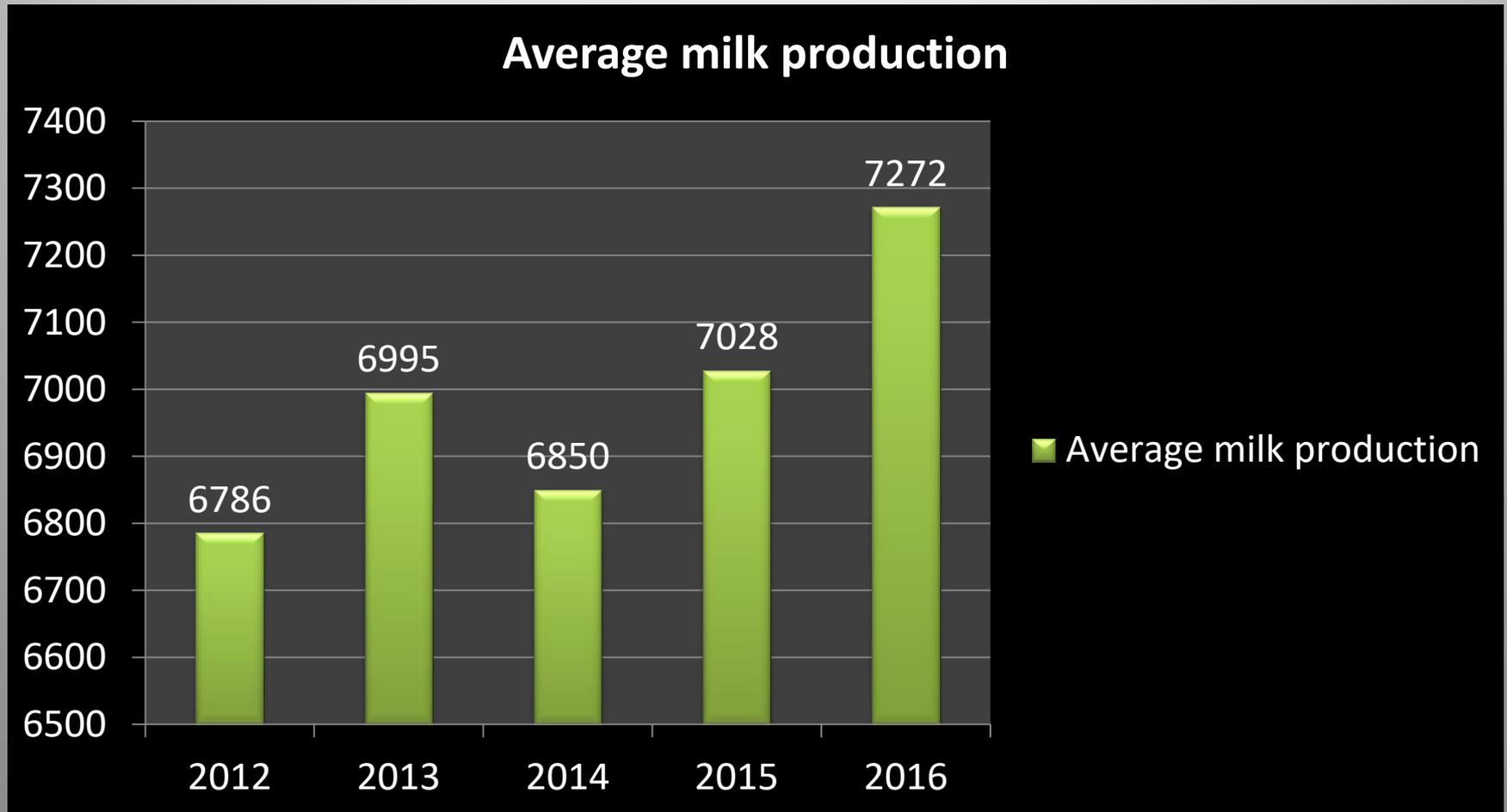
## Herd Visits

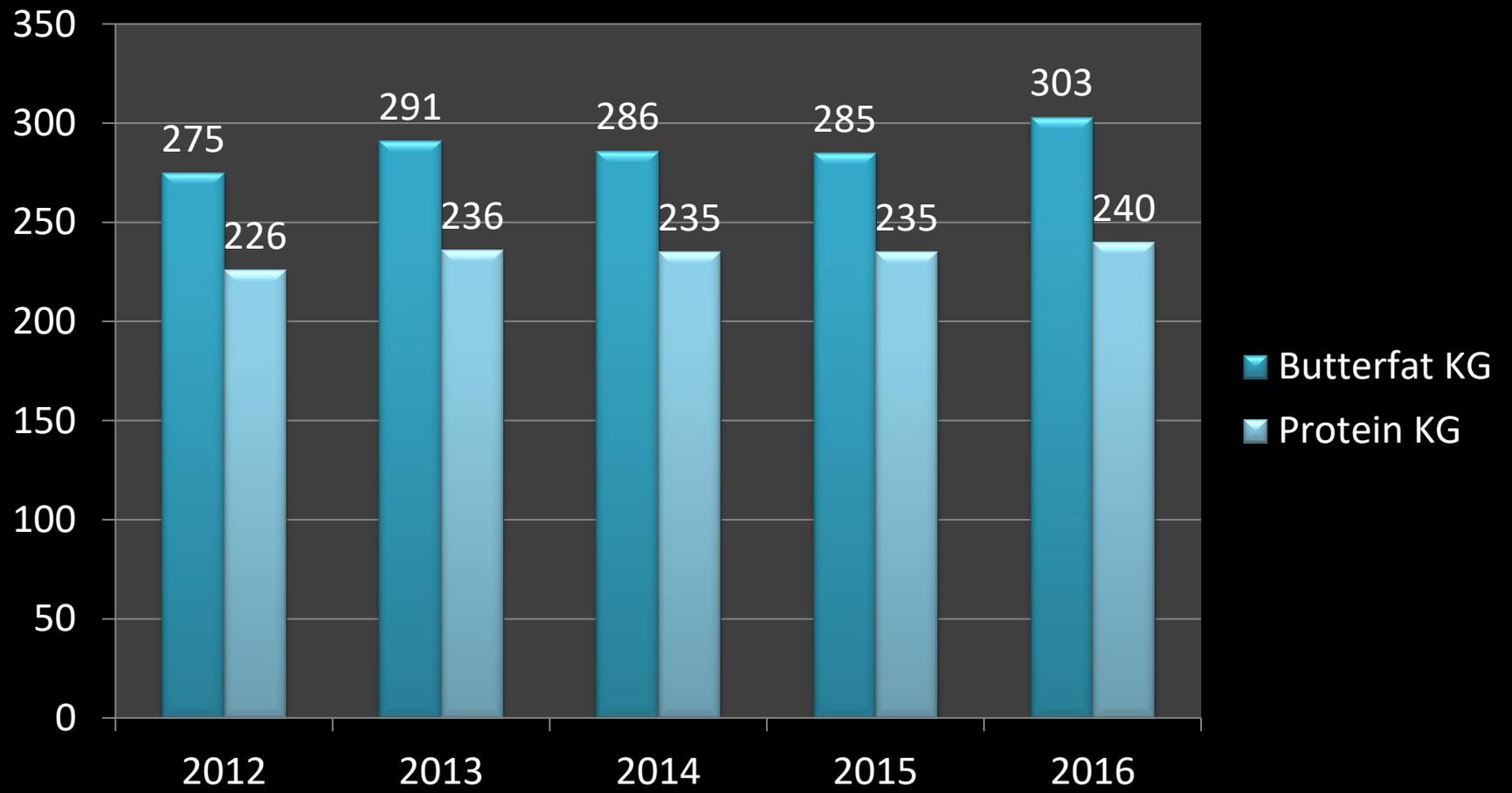


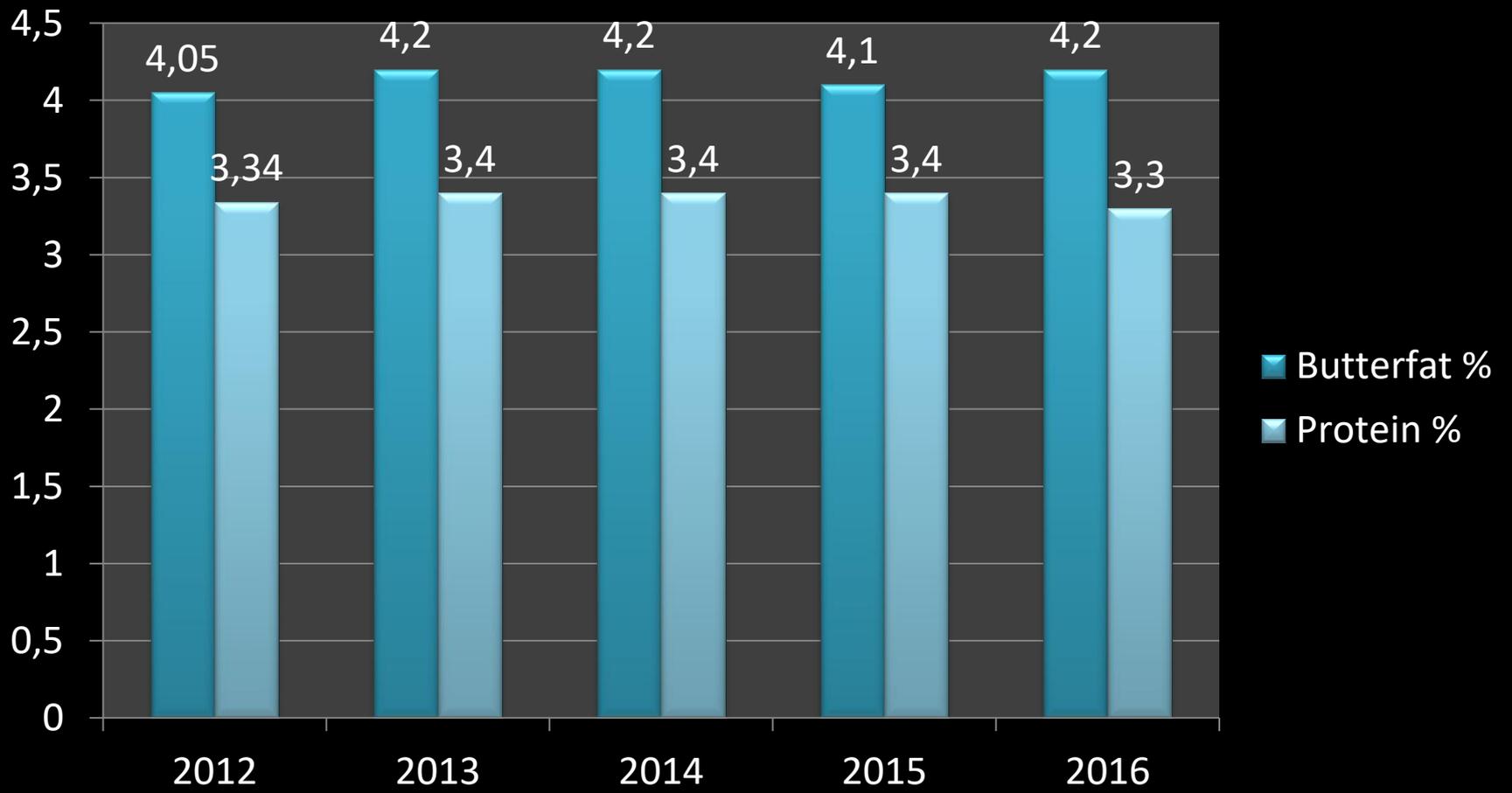
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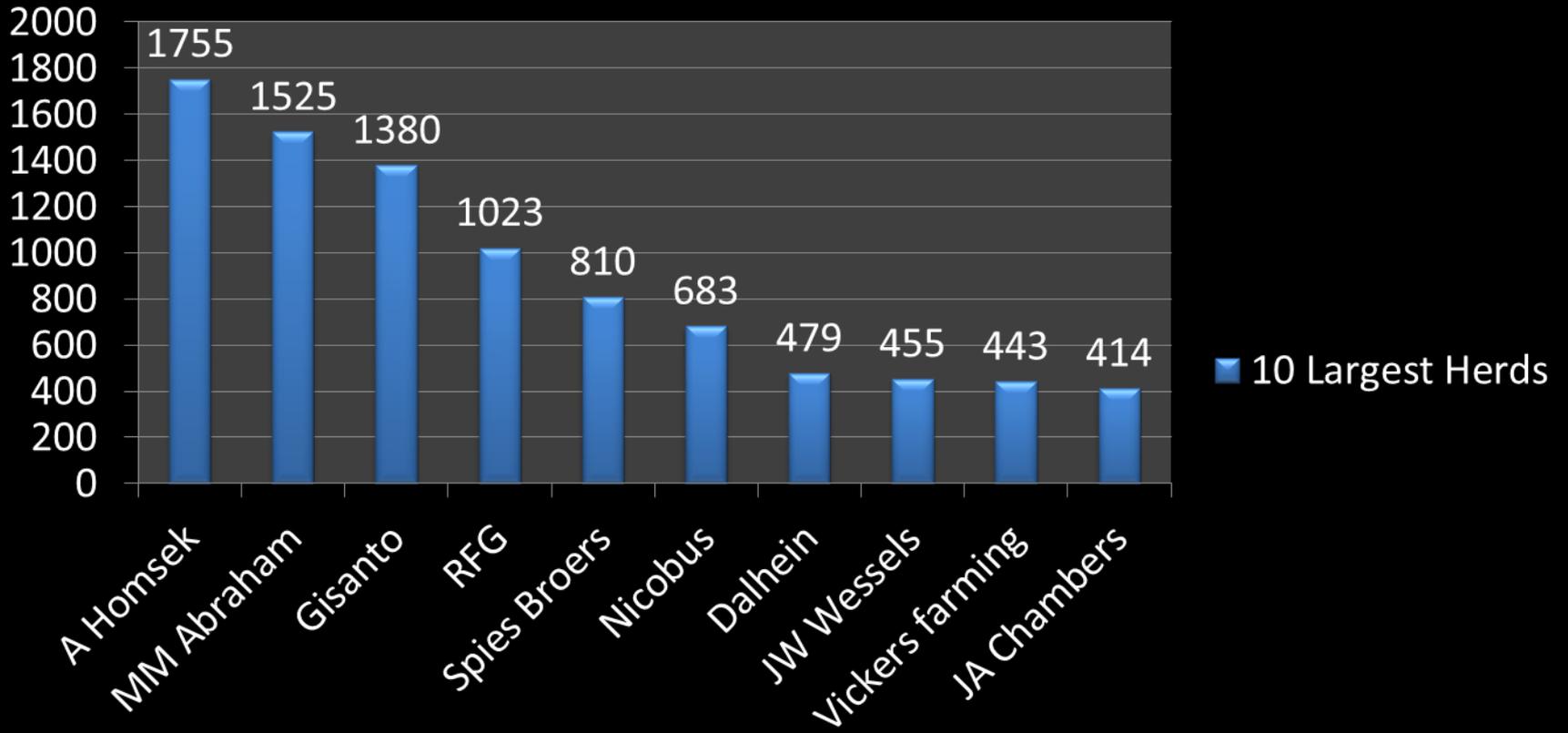
# Recordings ended the previous year



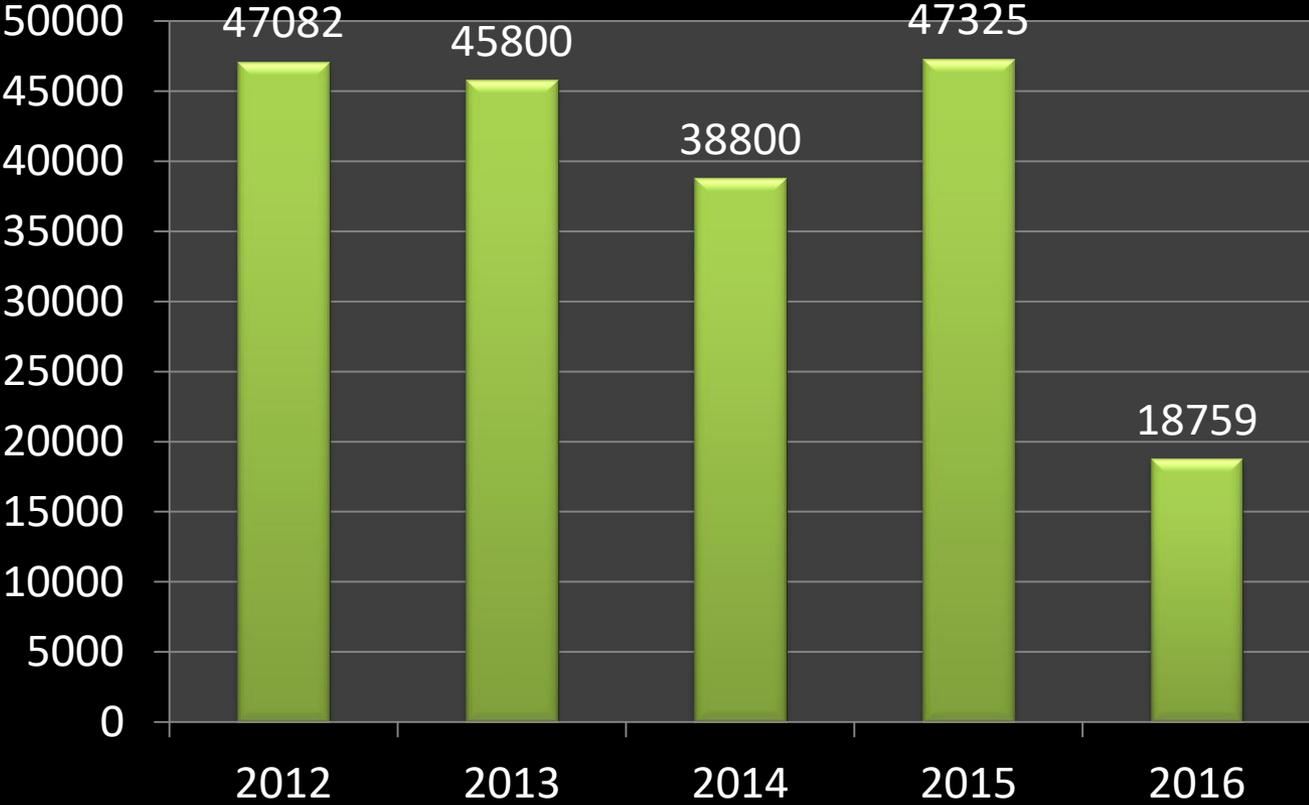




## 10 Largest Herds



# Semen imports



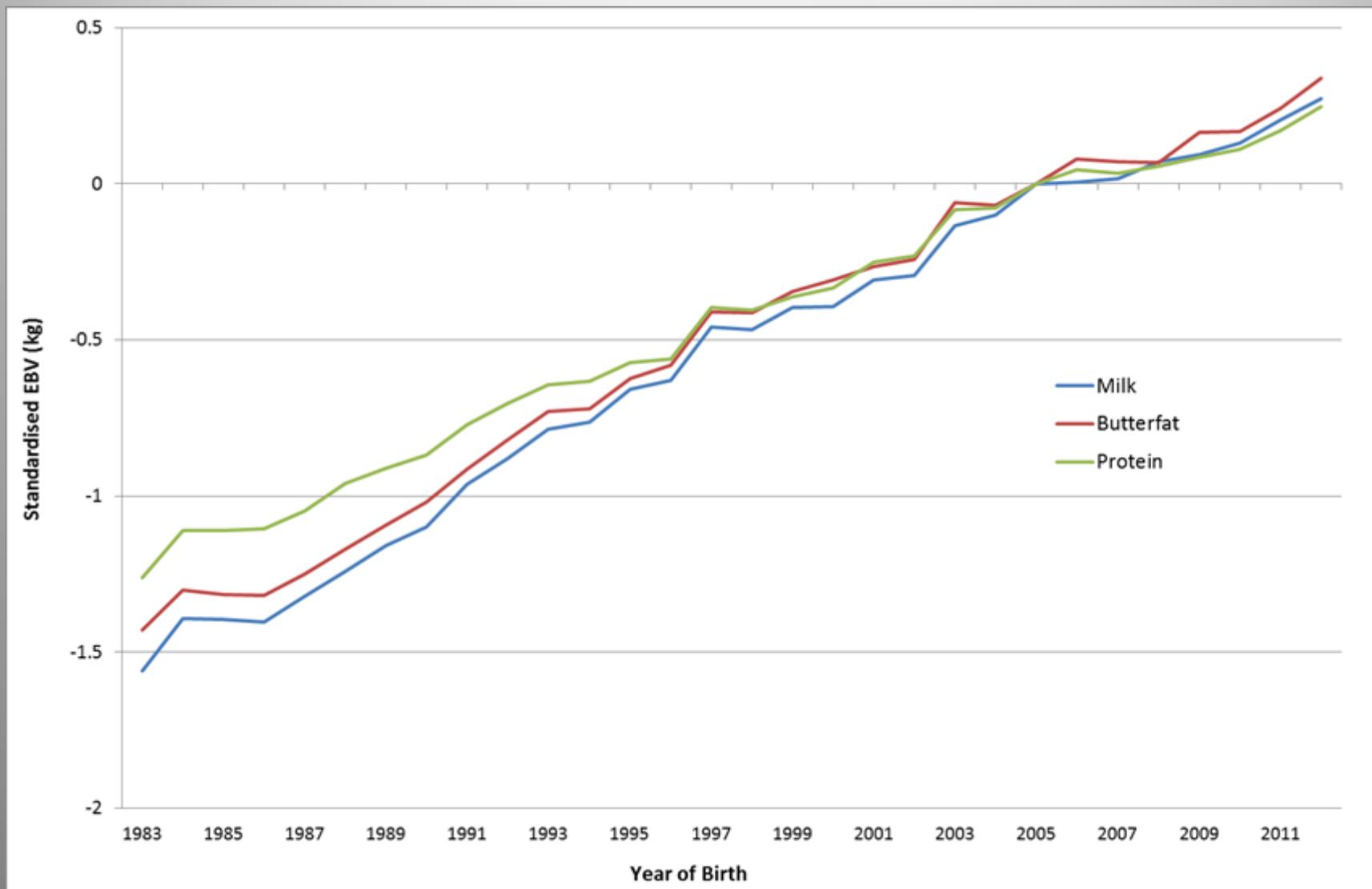
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# Dairy Genomics Project

- The aim for the SA Ayrshire Breed Society is the establishment of a Genomic Selection Service for the Ayrshire breed, utilizing a South African Reference Population that is based on expression of genes in the South African environment.



# Genetic trends for production traits of the SA Ayrshire population from the July 2016 Logix<sub>Milk</sub> Genetic Evaluation



# Drought in SA 2015/2016

- SA had the worst drought season in the last 24 years
- Water became scarce in certain areas in SA and people as well as animals had consequences.
- Animals died of hunger. Farmers had to cull a lot of animals.



Low water  
levels , no food  
, no pasture





Maize prize  
went  
through the  
roof

- A very bad  
crop  
season

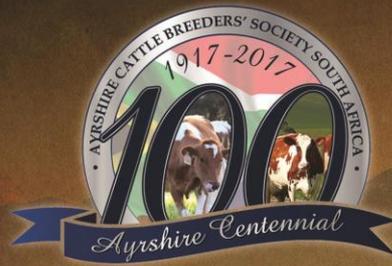


Bales transported to the north. Still we survive and the new season looks more promising. With believe and hope you can go reach the impossible through HIM



TOUR  
TO SA

100  
Years



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*South Africa*  
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as we celebrate the centenary of our Ayrshire  
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## Kevin Lang International Dairyman of the Year

Kevin Lang from Howick, KZN received his International award as 'Dairyman of the Year' in Madison, USA



