

# International Dairy Week 2024

## National Brown Swiss Show Judge Appointment

### Mr. Niel van Rensburg, Gippsland, Victoria, Australia

Growing up on a family operated dairy farm in North-Eastern South Africa, our Brown Swiss judge was involved with registered Holsteins from a young age; completing his first show at just 8 years old.

In 1997, he won the Grand Champion of the National Youth Show along with being crowned the National Young Farmer of the Year.

He became involved in the semen industry in 1998; which lead to various roles including Classifier with Holstein South Africa, Genetic Adviser, Mating Program Consultant and National Sales Manager.

Over the past 25 years, he has had the privilege of seeing some of the best dairies and cows in Australia, Canada, Germany, Kenya, Namibia, North America, South Africa, Sudan and Swaziland.

Never far from great cows; he has judged numerous shows and On-Farm challenges all over South Africa. In 2006, he had his first experience judging in Australia, when he judged the Holsteins at the Adelaide Royal Show; returning in 2011 to judge the Ayrshires.

2014 presented a career highlight, when he won The Gold Cup at the Royal Show in Pietermaritzburg, South Africa – winning Senior Champion cow, then Grand Champion and Interbreed Grand Champion.

His family immigrated to Australia in late 2020, where he joined his current employer, World Wide Sires in early 2021.

Since then, he has judged the Maffra Calf Show, East Gippsland On-Farm Challenge, Victorian Brown Swiss On-Farm Challenge, Victorian Ayrshire On-Farm Challenge and the Central Gippsland Jersey On-Farm Challenge.

Please welcome Mr Niel Van Rensburg as the 2024 National Brown Swiss Judge for International Dairy Week!