

# MEAT SYMPOSIUM : RELEVANCE OF SA CARCASS CLASSIFICATION SYSTEM

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# Relevance of the South-African Carcass Classification System

- ▣ Good afternoon distinguished guests, ladies and gentlemen,
- ▣ SAMIC was not in the past and is not now, against any changes, as long as it makes sense. For this very same reason SAMIC has no objection if the working group wants to change the Meat Classification System if there is a need to do so, in such a way that it will still be practical auditable, at any given time at abattoirs.

▣ It need to be notify that the Meat Classification System is a describable system, allowing people who understands the system, to buy carcasses without seeing such carcasses, but knowing at all times what they have bought.

▣ Therefore it is of extreme importance that what ever should be changed if any, will still be in line with the description of any carcass at any given time.

▣ At the same time, any changes in the system have to be at all times practicable for SAMMIC to audit.

To insure this, the Red Meat Classification System still has to provide a sound basis for :

- ▣ Meat traders to describe their specific requirements in simple terms when purchasing carcasses.
- ▣ Utilization of variety in the market with a view to optimum consumer satisfaction.
- ▣ Utilization of price differences
- ▣ Determining selling prices

## Needless to say, that the Aims of the Red Meat Classification System need to stay the following :

- ▣ To encourage the production of high quality red meat with regards to market specifications and consumer demands
- ▣ To demonstrate the classification system and the advantages thereof to producers
- ▣ To demonstrate to producers that the desired carcass characteristics are visible on live animals

▣ Ladies and gentlemen,  
with all this in mind, the  
Red Meat Classification  
System can be changed, if  
there is a need to do so.



I thank you !