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# ARBOR ACRES SOUTH AFRICA CELEBRATING EXCELLENCE

The annual Arbor Acres South Africa Awards is a highlight for producers as the best performers in the broiler and breeder categories are honoured for their achievements. Meet the winners of 2024

**W**INNING AN AWARD in recognition of hard work and exceptional performance is a boon to any producer, and once a year Arbor Acres South Africa extends this honour with the Arbor Acres South Africa Breeder and Broiler Club Awards. The club acknowledges breeder customers who achieve 140 or more chicks per hen housed (hh) at 60 weeks of age, and broiler customers who achieve a European Production Efficiency Factor (EPEF) of 400 or more with their broiler flocks.

Janus Pretorius of Henwil Chickens spoke for all the winners when he expressed his gratitude: "The Arbor Acres breed has delivered excellent positive results for us."

Said Arbor Acres South Africa GM **Arno van der Nat**, "We are proud of the outstanding breeder and broiler statistics delivered by our customers, and will continue to highlight the impressive performance of the Arbor Acres breed with our club. It is my pleasure to congratulate each and every one for their outstanding achievements in 2024 and to extend a warm welcome to the new club members. We wish you continued success!" 📸

## SUPREME POULTRY

Supreme's top breeder flock achieved 161.78 chicks per hen housed at 60 weeks, and the top broiler flock attained an EPEF of 443.78.



**BREEDERS:** Arno van der Nat (right) with winners Warren Vinson (1) Ruan Germishuizen (2) and Pricilla Hlatshwayo (3) – 161.78 chicks/hh; Charl Cronjé (4) and Elisa Kheswa (5) – 155.34 chicks/hh; Ruan le Grange (6) – 155.64 chicks/hh; Etienne Steyn (7) – 147.90 chicks/hh; and Jakobus van den Berg (8) and JJ van Zyl (9) – 158.25 chicks/hh

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### CHUBBY CHICK

Chubby Chick's top-performing breeder flock achieved 161.35 chicks per hen housed at 60 weeks, with the top broiler flock reaching an EPEF of 498.34.



**BROILERS:** Arno van der Nat congratulates Chubby Chick owner Deon Fourie (1) for his top flock's 498.34 PEF. Deon Fourie then with Berrie Swanepoel (2) – 481.90 PEF; Gerrit Burgers (3) – 464.65 PEF; Ivan vd Westhuizen (4) – 459.20 PEF; Johnny Momberg (5) – 436.99 PEF, Boeta Burgers (6) – 483.26 PEF; and Terrence Taylor (7) – broiler farmers top flock



**BREEDERS:** Deon Fourie with winners Derick Burgers (8) – breeder top flock, 161.35 chicks/hh; and Cooper Emms (9) – 161.35 chicks/hh

### LUFABA HATCHERY

The top breeder flock from this hatchery in Letaba near Tzaneen reached 159.7 chicks/hh.



**BREEDERS:** James Stewart (1) and Saymon Baloyi (2) – 159.7 chicks/hh

### GRAIN FIELD CHICKENS

GFC was welcomed into the Arbor Acres South Africa Broiler Club with its best broiler flock achieving an EPEF of 471.78.



**BROILERS:** Arno van der Nat with Kyle Saunders (1), Willem Dreyer (2), Melvyn Trollope (3) and Theo van Strijp (4) – Grain Field Chickens top flock, 471.78 PEF



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## HENWIL CHICKENS

Henwil achieved excellent slaughter weights, with only three of its 16 sites falling short of the 400 PEF target.



**BROILERS:** Arno van der Nat congratulates Schalk Botha (1) and Dr Dewald Steyn (2) – Henwil top flock, 469.32 PEF. Dewald Steyn then with winners Hercu Steyn (3) – 424.16 PEF; Steven Brendt (4) – 418.94 PEF; Sagie Pillay (5) – 414.35 PEF; Eben Pheipher (6) – 449.72 PEF; Deon Marx (7) – 441.56 PEF; Jaco du Plessies (8) – 437.62 PEF; Fanie Hartman (9) – 432.65 PEF; Hannes v Biljon (10) – 432.55 PEF; Arno van der Nat and Vic Callaghan (11) – 453.29 PEF; Arno van der Nat and Bernard Arnoldi (12) – 467.13 PEF; and Arno van der Nat and Wynand Rossouw (13) – 469.32 PEF

## CC CHICKENS

The company's top flock reached an EPEF of 451.13. "The insights and recognition from Arbor Acres South Africa meant a lot to our farmers, and we're grateful for all your help. You are always willing to go the extra mile."



**BROILERS:** Arno van der Nat with Albie Esterhuizen (1) – top flock 451.13 PEF; Arno Potgieter (2) with Michelle Nel (3) – 429.56 PEF; Werner Louw (4) with Michelle Nel – 422.05 PEF; André Roux (5) with Michelle Nel – 425.53 PEF; Marius du Plessis (6) with Michelle Nel – 433.15 PEF; Riaan Benson (7) and Darryn Lenferna (8) with Michelle Nel – 433.05 PEF; Arno vd Nat with Jaco Lohman (9) and Albie Esterhuizen (10) – top flock 451.13 PEF

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### NDIZA POULTRY

Located in the village of Dargle in the KZN Midlands, the top flock from this breeding farm achieved 160.4 chicks/hh



**BREEDERS:** Sponelo Msomi (1), Justin Fly (2) and Ndumiso Khumalo (3) – top flock 160.4 chicks/hh

### ELGIN FREE RANGE CHICKENS

A brand trusted across South Africa for its free-range broilers, Elgin Free Range's top flock reached an impressive 170.5 chicks/hh.



**BREEDERS:** Arno van der Nat with Jaco Viljoen (1), Khulani Rawula (2), Martin Sere (3) and Oscar Ramaphala (4) – top flock 170.5 chicks/hh

### JR POULTRY

The Zeerust company's top flock reached a solid EPEF of 466.58.



**BROILERS:** Arno van der Nat with winners Ruan Minnaar (1) – 419.51 PEF; Nelis Pearce (2) – 413.81 PEF; Christi Swanepoel (3) – 443.73 PEF; Johan vd Merwe (4) – 432.55 PEF; Heinrich Stroebel (5) – 437.88 PEF; Johan Pretorius (6) – 439.97 PEF; Dirk v Niekerk (7) – 428.49 PEF; Jan-Hendrik Horn (8) – 437.32 PEF; Dolf v Niekerk (9) – 466.58 PEF; and Cilliers Harman (10) and Fernando Carvalho (11) – JR Poultry top flock, 466.58 PEF