

# Brookside picks 20 farmers for Israel trip

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The Brookside Breeders' Show got into its third day yesterday at Jamhuri Park with the selection of 20 lucky farmers to visit Israel.

The trip, slated for later this year, is intended to expose the farmers to insights of livestock breeding in a country known to have overcome its extensive deserts to rival super powers in bio-technology and commercial farming.

Other best breeders of livestock in several categories were also awarded with trophies and gift hampers. On parade at the biennial Brookside Livestock Breeders Show and Sale, were different livestock breeds, including local borans, goats and sheep. Others are Ayrshire, Holstein, Guernsey, and Jersey.

Also on display are dairy products such as milk, ghee, butter, ice cream, yoghurt, cheese and milk powder.

## BETTER BREEDS

There were also demonstrations on artificial insemination, fish farming, silage making and presentation on zero grazing.

Through the Show, farmers from the region interact and get details on where to buy better breeds to improve their livestock.

They are also equipped with knowledge on animal health, clean milk production, breeding, daily animal judging, feeding and nutrition.

The event also brings together auctions, grand parades, displays and livestock judging. Opening the show yesterday, Deputy President William Ruto said the Jubilee Gov-



**Brown Mwanzi spruces his Ayrshire cow in readiness for Brookside Livestock Breeders Show and Sale, being held at Jamhuri Park, Nairobi.**

**The owners of the best livestock are rewarded.**

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ernment will work with all shareholders in the livestock industry to ensure farmers record maximum returns.

"The Government will partner with the private sector and facilitate farming programmes to ensure profitable returns," Ruto said.

"We recognise livestock is a source of food, raw materials, employment and foreign exchange. The Government will therefore set up initiatives that aim at adding monetary value to farmers produce and equip them with knowledge on breeding," he added.