



Dual Purpose Cattle

Judge Mr. Cleopas Okore

My interest in Sahiwal Cattle began way back in the Mid 1980s when I joined Livestock Recording Centre in Naivasha which is in the same station with KARI's Sahiwal Stud. I developed interest in Sahiwal mainly due to its docility and adaptability to the Semi Arid conditions of Naivasha. The Sahiwals in Kenya have been developed over many years for milking without calf at foot under extensive ranching management. The breed's sires cross very well with dairy breeds mainly Friesian and Ayrshire whose crossbreed females perform well in Coastal, Western and Central Kenya.

Having developed interest in the breed, I joined the Sahiwal Cattle Breeders Society in 1986. Later I was introduced to Sahiwal



Mr. Cleopas Okore right



Mr. Okore judging Sahiwals at a Nairobi Show

Judging by the then Chairman of the Society as a learner judge in Nairobi and Nakuru Shows. At the same time I was also being trained as a Sahiwal breed inspector by Mr. Guy Grant of Elkarama Ranch and Dr. William Muhuyi of KARI.

Currently I am one of the Sahiwal breed inspectors for the Sahiwal Cattle Breeders Society in the country. I practiced as learner judge for over three (3) years before I qualified to be a full time Sahiwal Judge.

My interest in Cattle Judging was not only limited to Sahiwal as I also trained as a Judge in dairy

breeds especially Ayrshire breed. My dedication to Cattle Judging has been enhanced by virtue of my work at the Ministry of Livestock Development where currently I am the Head of Livestock Breeding Services Branch in the Department of Livestock Production. Cattle judging is therefore part of my duties in promoting various breeds and breeding in the country.

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