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AGRA'S MOBILE SCALE BOOST AUCTIONS

Modern equipment acquired by Agra to improve service to farmers, showed its worth on large stock auctions recently hosted in the south. Of course the good rains also played a role!

The first time that Agra's mobile scale was used to weigh cattle on the auction premises, during the auction, was at Stofbakkies and Samehaling near Aroab. This was also the first large stock offer of this magnitude in a long time in the south. All of the 553 heads of cattle offered on these auctions were sold for an average price of N\$4 275. The calves achieving the highest price, was sold for N\$19,81kg.

At the Karasburg large stock auction on 16 March, 460 heads of cattle were on offer in this area known for large goat auctions. All the cattle was sold at an average of N\$4 165. The most expensive lot of steers sold for an average of N\$20,06/kg. "We worked very hard to prepare the auction venue and it definitely paid off," said George Pearson, livestock coordinator in the south. He added: "The good attendance at this auction, the amount of animals on offer and the prices, which compare very well to prices in the traditional cattle farming areas, are reasons for great excitement and optimism for Agra livestock in the south."

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