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TOP PRICES FOR TOP BULLS AT TOP TEN.

Namibian farmers recognize the importance and value of good genetics. This was evident again on the Top Ten Auction that was hosted by Agra in Otjiwarongo on 22 July 2011. The highest price for a Bonsmara bull paid by Terraro Zucht Bonsmara stud, was N$165 000. MR Ingo Halberstadt, owner of this bull was pleased to have achieved more than double the price of the 2010 auction, where a bull from his stud was also sold for the highest price, which was N$80 000. A total of 48 Bonsmara bulls sold for an average of N$34 937.

The genetics that was offered on this auction is the product of more than 30 years of selection and breeding by the various breeders. The animals originate from seven different geographical areas and are thus well adapted. Mr. Halberstadt also sold another bull for N$75 000. Bulls from the Bonsmara stud of Mr. EM Arnold achieved respectively N$100 000, N$75 000 and N$70 000. Another breeder that fetched high prices for his bulls, was Mr. TM Sigwart whose bulls sold for N$70 000 and N$60 000.

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Other buyers paying the highest prices for bulls were E Freyer & Sons, Garthanri Properties, EM Arnold, CJJ Liebenberg, Friedensdorf Partnership, JS Human. VH Kreft paid the highest price of N$15 000 for a Bonsmara cow of Hochfeldstreek Bonsmaras and N$16 000 for a heifer of EM Arnold. Mr Gerrit Mouton received a prize from Agra for buying the most animals at the auction. A total of 111 commercial heifers were also sold for an average of N$ 10 667.00.

"It was again a pleasure to be involved in the Top Ten event", said Agra's Manager: Stud Services and added: "Stud breeding in Namibia goes from strength to strength and we look forward to the next stud auction, the Northern Bull auction on 3 August in Grootfontein, where genetics from five different breeds will be on sale."

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