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CALVES GALORE AT AGRA!

The bellowing of weaner calves in the night and the increase in cattle truck traffic where auction kraals are near towns are indications that its weaner auction time!

For Agra this is an exciting time. Not only does it mean a lot of hard work and movement, but it is an opportunity to share in the glee of farmers bringing their cattle "harvest", showing the quality they produced and making it available to their fellow farmers. It is also the time of the year where suppliers and other role players are involved by means of supporting the weaner calf competitions and joining the farmers on the auctions. It's a get-together of all who love and are involved in cattle farming and agriculture.

The weaner calf auctions in 2009 saw more than 12 500 calves changing hands at an average of N\$3 146.51 per animal or from N\$15.06 to N\$15.59 per kg. The experience at Agra livestock auctions this year up to date is that prices of calves are higher than the past nine years.

Besides looking forward to be able to trade good quality calves for good prices, there are the annual weaner calf competitions. These competitions aim to create an awareness of the ideal product that is in demand for use on natural grazing as well as in the feedlot. Producers delivering the best quality weaner calves are not only rewarded by means of prizes, but through the exposure and recognition these producers receive during the weaner auctions.

Agra provides the opportunity for role players and suppliers of goods and services to take our hands in this initiative by means of sponsoring prizes for the winners.

Weaner auctions are scheduled as follows:
20 July – Imkerhof

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21 July – Saambou/Gobabis
21 July – Akanous/Aranos
22 July - Okahandja
27 July – Tweeriviere/Gobabis
29 July – Otjiwarongo; Windhoek
3 August – Outjo
4 August – Grootfontein
6 August – Aranos; Loskop/Outjo; Gobabis
10 August – Rehoboth
11 August – Otavi
12 August – Karasburg
19 August – Aub/Windhoek
24 August – Keetmanshoop
9 September – Nomtsas
14 October – Aroab/Samehaling
Dates t.b.a.
– Korridor/Gobabis
– Aminuis/Gobabis
– Onderrombapa/Gobabis
– Otjinene/Gobabis

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