

## **Annual Weaner Calf Auctions: A Highlight of Agra's Auction Calendar**

Unique to Agra in the last few years, and a highlight of its auction calendar, Agra will again host the annual weaner calf auctions in July and August. These auctions provide all weaner calf producers the opportunity to market calves of high quality at all livestock branches of Agra.

Winter is traditionally the season in which producers wean their calves and is arguably one of the busiest times on a cattle farm as calves are branded, vaccinated, dehorned, castrated and selected. Weaner calves of high quality are again expected at the auctions this year. As the largest dealer of livestock in the country, Agra provides its livestock clients an exceptional and professional service with modern auctions facilities making it the number one choice for the marketing of all livestock. Agra's skilled personnel are also available to provide its services in the preparation of high quality animals for auction.

Agra would like to encourage all weaner calf producers to enter their calves in the competition that will be held at each of the following auctions:

Okahandja	19 July
Outjo	31 July
Grootfontein	01 August
Otjiwarongo	02 August
Gobabis	03 August
Otavi	03 August
Rehoboth	07 August
Imkerhof	08 August
Aranos	09 August
Duikersvlei	09 August
Aub	15 August
Loskop	17 August
Windhoek	23 August
Stampriet	05 September

### **Various prizes are on offer and include:**

- A first, second and third place prize are awarded per auction.
- Prizes awarded for the lot with the best growth potential; highest price per kilogram per lot; the most uniform lot; and the most calves sold in monetary terms.
- An overall winner will be selected after all the auctions have taken place and awarded a cash prize of N\$ 5,000.

Various institutions have again come on board as sponsors and we would like to extend our gratitude in advance to Standard Bank, Feed Master, BP, Bayer, N-Wes, Intervet, Pfizer, Virbac and Molatek for their support.

Weaner calves are evaluated on a number of criteria and attain a score out of 100 for a lot of between 15 to 30 young oxen. The current criteria are designed to meet the requirements of South African feed pens to ensure maximum profit margins from calves procured. Agra would like to encourage all weaner calf producers to prepare their calves accordingly.

Brand marks must be clearly visible and no hide damage must be evident. Animals must be well dehorned; points will not be awarded to animals with horns. Points are awarded for temperament and mass uniformity. Appropriate weight ratios, growth potential and

musculature account for 50% of the points awarded.

Agra, your number one choice in the marketing of livestock, herewith invites all weaner calf producers to enter the annual weaner calf auctions. Agra's professional staff and tidy facilities promise a pleasant service experience. Livestock officials are able to assist in the selection and preparation of animals for auction. Kindly contact your nearest Agra Livestock office for further information on the weaner calf auction of your choice.