



AGRA SELLS MORE WEANERS DESPITE DECREASE IN PRICES

During the past two months Agra conducted 17 weaner auctions with a total turnover of N\$31 944 005, which is lower than the turnover achieved for the 2006 weaner auctions. Prices achieved in 2006 were much more favourable than the 2007 prices. Although the total turnover is less than in 2006, it is still a good achievement to have sold 12 834 weaners, which in return are 1 165 weaners more than the previous year. This reinforces the prominent role played by Agra in the industry, who is by far the largest livestock auctioneer in Namibia. The annual weaner auctions start during the last part of July and end during the first week of September.

According to Kiep Lepen, Manager Stud Services of Agra, weaners sold were generally of good quality. It was notable that a fairly large number of calves weighed in at 200 kg or less, which however, did not compromise quality. Participation at the annual weaner producers competition was good and this again highlighted the top quality of Namibia's cattle production.

Gobabis is yet again the livestock branch with the highest offer of 2035 weaners at its weaner auction. The highest price of N\$14.18 per kilogram was paid at the Otjiwarongo auction. The bulk of the weaners was bought for feedlots in the RSA.

In addition to numerous regional prizes for the various sub-categories, the overall winner of the weaner auctions will receive a cash prize of N\$5 000 from Standard Bank as well as 20 x 50kg bags of Beesmix from Voormeester.