

Auctions fetch record prices

Record prices, including a world record, have been fetched at Agra auctions.

The annual Outjo Game Auction (catalogue) was held on Saturday, 5th May 2007. 42 Buyers vied for the highly sought after game species. Of the offering of 902 animals, 612 sold at a total auction turnover of N\$ 2.1 million.

The highest price of N\$ 32,000 was fetched for a Sable Antelope. Tsessebes and Nyalas sold for N\$ 23,000 and N\$ 14,000 respectively.

Although total turnover was lower than total turnover in 2006 and it was felt that the current drought influenced price, sellers noted their satisfaction with the good prices fetched and the auction was regarded as a great success.

The small livestock stud auctions held recently also delivered good results with the following highlights:

72 Dorper rams were sold for an average price of N\$ 4,600 at Paul and Arnold Klein's Dorper stud auction held on 19 April. Mr Arnold Klein's ram fetched the highest price of N\$ 16,000 from Mr. Anton Zondag from Stampriet. The highest price of N\$ 2,700 for an ewe was fetched from Mr. Leonard Visser from Leonardville.

A new Namibian and world record price was fetched at the Karakul ram auction by Messrs. PA Karsten and PJ van der Merwe from Karasburg held on Thursday, 26 April. Two Karakul rams sold for N\$ 27,500 and N\$ 30,000 respectively. The previous record was N\$ 24,000. The proud owner of both rams is Mr. Johannes Vos and communal farmer from the Karas Region. The seller was Mr. Giel Karsten from Karasburg. A total of 85 rams sold at an average price of N\$ 6,252 at the auction.

The Boerbok auction by Fedcor Farming was held on Friday, 27 April. 11 Boerbok rams fell under the hammer at an average price of N\$ 2,918 with the highest price of N\$ 5,000 paid by Mr. JJ Brand from Outjo. 47 Boerbok ewes sold for an average price of N\$ 2,264.

The highly successful KTG Elite Autumn Ram Auction was held in Keetmandhoop on Thursday, 3 May. 72 Karakul rams were offered and sold at an average price of N\$ 8,330. Karakul Partners paid the highest price of N\$ 21,000 for a ram to Lovedale Farming CC from Helmerighausen.

Two rams by Messrs. Kobus van Wyk and Koos Kotze sold for N\$ 20,000 each to Mr. R Schreiber from Windhoek and Mr. JJ Grobbelaar from Koës.

Agra would like to congratulate sellers on the exceptional prices fetched at these auctions, with special mention made of Mr. Johannes Vos, communal farmer from the South for the world record prices paid for two Karakul rams.