

## Windhoek Show delivers champions in various categories

This year's Windhoek Show, which took place from 26<sup>th</sup> September to 4<sup>th</sup> October, again provided various opportunities for livestock producers to trot out their animals, discuss industry developments and supplement their herds with the purchase of animals at the stud auction.

The Show Society held its annual Exhibitors' Reception at the Agra/Standard Bank Ring on the 29<sup>th</sup> September. In his opening address Mr. T. Schoeman, Chairman of the Windhoek Show Society, referred to the Windhoek Show's 46<sup>th</sup> anniversary and the Simmentalers' celebration of their 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary. On behalf of Agra, main sponsor of the event, Mr. P. Kazmaier, Chief Executive Officer of Agra, delivered an address in which emphasis was placed on the quality of Namibian stud stock as the foundation of successful livestock production in our country. He furthermore encouraged Namibian producers to continue breeding quality stud stock; not only for the competitive advantage that can be gained by Namibia over other African countries, but also for the importance of future trade with neighbouring states.

During the event Mr. M. Krafft of the Simmentaler and Simbra Breeders Association addressed the audience on the 110<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Simmentalers, providing interesting historic facts on the establishment of Simmentalers in Namibia: With a view to upgrading herds and increasing milk production, the first Simmentalers were imported from Europe in 1893. The first owner of Simmentalers in Namibia was apparently Mr. A. Nitschke. Unfortunately, virtually all herds were decimated by the outbreak of Rinderpest in 1896. After this tragedy, producers again started to import Simmentalers and replenish their herds.

The Simmentalers in Namibia survived two World Wars, the main products gleaned from the breed being predominantly butter and cheese. The changes and shifts occurring over the years saw increased emphasis placed on meat quality and augmented the exceptional popularity of the Simmentaler also for cross-breeding purposes. With the development of lineage registration for the Simmentalers in the 1950s, Namibia affiliated with South Africa in 1963 for the registration of these animals. Today, information is available on more than 5 million Simmentalers world wide.

The Show week was again characterised by various championships held in the small and large livestock categories. Results of the various cattle categories as follows:

<b>Breed</b>	<b>Championship</b>	<b>Exhibitor</b>
Afrikaner	Stud Champion Cow	F Nel
Afrikaner	Stud Champion Bull	Mouton, CL & Sons
Brahman	Stud Champion Cow	S von Luttwitz
Brahman	Stud Champion Bull	FJ Schloder
Braunvieh	Stud Champion Cow	W Versfeld
Braunvieh	Stud Champion Bull	DB Delpport
Charolais	Stud Champion Cow	B Calitz
Charolais	Stud Champion Bull	B Calitz
Dexter	Stud Champion Cow	Sacwitz
Dexter	Stud Champion Bull	Sacwitz
Hereford	Stud Champion Bull	John Bull Breeders
Limousin	Stud Champion Bull	S Wilckens
Santa Gertrudis	Stud Champion Cow	GT de Jager

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Simbra	Stud Champion Cow	A Baggot-Smith
Simbra	Stud Champion Bull	H Breedt
Simmentaler	Stud Champion Cow	HW Riedel
Simmentaler	Stud Champion Bull	S Martin

A total of 850 small livestock were exhibited by 50 exhibitors in the small stock categories. The Dorpers, White Dorpers and Boerbokke held their national championships during the Windhoek Show. Other breeds showed included Karakul with photos and pelts, Damara and Van Rooy sheep and, for the first time, the Kalahari Red goat. Results as follows:

Breed	Championship	Exhibitor
Dorper	Grand Champion Ram	PF Strauss
Dorper	Grand Champion Ewe	A Klein
White Dorper	Grand Champion Ram	K Esterhuizen
White Dorper	Grand Champion Ewe	K Esterhuizen
Boerbok	Grand Champion Ram	HJ van Wyk
Boerbok	Grand Champion Ewe	D Louw
Damara	Grand Champion Ram	NC Kruger
Damara	Grand Champion Ewe	NC Kruger
Van Rooy	Grand Champion Ram	SF Theron
Van Rooy	Grand Champion Ewe	SF Theron
Karakul Pelts	Grand Champion	GT Karsten
Karakul Photos	Grand Champion Ram	Gellap-Ost
Karakul Photos	Grand Champion Ewe	Gellap-Ost
Karakul Single Photo	Grand Champion	JH Duvenhage

The interbreed Championships delivered the following results:

Champion	Breed	Category	Exhibitor
Champion: Group of Five	Afrikaner	Interbreed: Meat	C Mouton / F Nel / WS Tromp / Neudamm
Reserve Champion: Group of Five	Simbra	Interbreed: Meat	M Wiechmann / D Metzger / H Breedt / A Baggot-Smith
Champion: Group of Three	Brahman	Interbreed: Meat	Lorden      Brahman Stud
Reserve Champion: Group of Three	Santa Gertrudis	Interbreed: Meat	GT de Jager
Champion Cow	Simbra	Interbreed: Meat	A Baggot-Smith
Reserve Champion Cow	Limousin	Interbreed: Meat	S Wickens
Champion Bull	Brahman	Interbreed: Meat	F Schloder
Reserve Champion Bull	Afrikaner	Interbreed: Meat	C Mouton
Champion: Group of Five	Simmentaler	Interbreed: Dual Purpose	H Riedel / H Gunzel
Reserve Champion: Group of Five	Braunvieh	Interbreed: Dual Purpose	D Delport / W Versfeld
Champion:	Braunvieh	Interbreed: Dual Purpose	W Versfeld

Group of Three			
Reserve Champion: Group of Three	Simmentaler	Interbreed: Dual Purpose	H Riedel
Champion Cow	Simmentaler	Interbreed: Dual Purpose	H Riedel
Reserve Champion Cow	Simmentaler	Interbreed: Dual Purpose	W Versfeld
Champion Bull	Simmentaler	Interbreed: Dual Purpose	S Martin
Reserve Champion Bull	Braunvieh	Interbreed: Dual Purpose	D Delport
"Select Cow"			JH Human

The annual stud auction was held at the Agra/Standard Bank Ring on Friday, 3<sup>rd</sup> October. Concentrating on stud bulls, the auction was attended by approximately 500 interested persons with 32 of the offered 48 bulls falling under the hammer.

The highest price obtained for a stud bull was a Simmentaler of Mr. HW Riedel, which fetched the price of N\$ 43,000. The bull was purchased by Dr. Thomas Grupp.

Highest prices fetched by other breeds as follows:

Brahman - N\$ 26,500  
Braunvieh - N\$ 18,000  
Limousin - N\$ 10,000  
Simbra - N\$ 21,000

Agra again exhibited at the trade fair of the Windhoek Show in conjunction with ten South African suppliers and Safari Den. With a hunting farm theme, Agra received a golden award for its exhibition.



Mr. HW Riedel's Simmentaler stud bull fetched the highest bid of N\$ 45,000 at the stud auction.