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This is the last newsletter of 2020. The NAU office closes on 18 December 2020 at 12:00 and will open again on 4 January 2021.

The NAU's Executive Manager and staff would like to thank all members for their co-operation during this year and wish all a Merry Christmas and a prosperous and wet 2021.

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- Christmas message from the NAU president, Piet Gouws
- FA and other news

Christmas message from the NAU president

It takes a special calibre person to be a farmer in this harsh and beloved land of ours. That is why our Heavenly Father equipped us with extra love, passion and drive to intensely love every special piece of land we call "Farm", to manage our farm with increased passion and relentlessly proceed, in growing faith, with a stronger drive towards survival and success.

Jesus completed his work on earth with even more love, passion and drive when He, more than 2000 years ago, was born to a virgin, laid in a crib in Bethlehem, to eventually die on the cross for you and me. If we could manage the same love, passion and drive for His Kingdom, just imagine what an amazing piece of Heaven we would experience here in Namibia.

May we, after this rollercoaster year of restrictions and freedom and renewed restrictions, really break free from the bondage of sin and start living with the freedom with which Jesus gifted us.

I wish you a blessed Christmas with your loved ones. My prayer is that 2021 will be a year of jubilation with extraordinary optimal production conditions so that agriculture may grow, and we can be free of the restrictions of drought and financial concerns.

THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE MEMBERS



Rangeland Early Warning System gets funding

The Rangeland Early Warning System (REWS) received funding from Mr Chris Brown's Namibian Chamber of Environment (NCE) to expand the warning system. For more information on how the REWS may benefit your farm, visit this website:

<http://conservationnamibia.com/blog/b2020-managing-rangelands.php>

Meatco Annual General Meeting

Meatco hereby informs producers that this year's Annual General Meeting (the 34th AGM) will be held on 19 February 2021 at the Namibian Institute of Public Administration and Management (NIPAM) in Windhoek.

As per the Meatco Act, Act 1 of 2001, Section 14(8), only registered members of the Meat Corporation of Namibia may attend and vote at the AGM.

The resolution of the 33rd AGM stipulates that to qualify for registration as a member of Meatco, as per Section 17(1), a producer must at least sell one unit of livestock to Meatco during the period immediately preceding the date on which his/her/its membership is to be determined, namely, three years for members south of the Veterinary Cordon Fence (VCF) and five years for members north of the Veterinary Cordon Fence (VCF), respectively.

Further information will be communicated in due course.

NAU AgriBraai 2021

The 2021 NAU AgriBraai will take place on 26-27 March 2021 at the Mariental Showgrounds. With the theme *Fireside Legends*, the Uhlenhorst FA wants to ensure the focus of 2021 is placed on those who instilled a rich tradition in the farming community.

Farmers' Associations are welcome to enter the teams on the website (www.nluagribraai.com) or via email (uhlenhorst.bv.sekretaris@gmail.com). More information about this event will be available soon. For enquiries contact Hoekus van Niekerk at 081 294 4676 or uhlenhorst.bv.sekretaris@gmail.com or Corrine van Wyk at www@afol.com.na or 081 358 2299.

FA and other news

Biomass Fair 2021

The Standard Bank Biomass Fair 2021 will take place from 3 to 5 June 2021 at Otjiwa Lodge, Otjiwarongo. On 3 June will be the research symposium, on the 4th the conference and on 5 June the Expo. Details available from Roelien Coffee, roelien@biomassfair.com.na or 081 124 0081.

Channel 7

Three highlights from the Afrikaans programme *Landbou Joernaal* at 06:00 on Saturday:

- Channel 7 talks to Piet Gouws about the recent meetings that were held and the plans that were made to manage the elephants.
- Gert van Wyk reviews the small stock industry in the south and ponders what to expect next year.
- Jacolette Kloppers of Landbouweekblad gives us more information on the Wagyu cattle breed's international conference that was also attended by members of the local society .
- This year farm sales were under pressure for various reasons. Maans Dreyer gives us more information.

A re-broadcast of Saturday's *Landbou Joernaal* takes place on Wednesday evenings from 20:00.

Channel 7 can also be heard on their website at www.k7.com.na or on their cell phone app or on DStv Audio Channel 825. Enquiries and requests can be sent via SMS to 1023 with the code **landbou**. Like, share & follow the FB-page, *Landbou op K7*, for interesting agri-info.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: For God has not given us a spirit of fear, but of power and of love and of a sound mind. - 2 Timothy 1:7 (NKJV)

Exchange Rate NAD (3 – 9 Dec 2020)

	Nov	EURO	USD	POUND	PULA
<i>Thursday</i>	3	18.440	15.174	20.480	1.376
<i>Friday</i>	4	18.425	15.176	20.461	1.376
<i>Saturday</i>	5	18.425	15.200	20.427	1.378
<i>Sunday</i>	6	18.419	15.195	20.422	1.378
<i>Monday</i>	7	18.362	15.127	20.199	1.373
<i>Tuesday</i>	8	18.188	15.019	20.059	1.363

Wednesday

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Saturday to Thursday: 17:00 UTC (Coordinated Universal Time)