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**15 January 2021 - In today's newsletter**

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## **Welcome back!**

Hopefully, many of our members were pleasantly surprised by the good rains when they returned to their farms after the holidays, especially those members who had not had rain in years. We are very grateful for the welcome relief across the country.

Apart from the usual obstacles this year, it is likely that we will face massive challenges due to the COVID-19 pandemic and its effects on the economy. Therefore, we ask for your support for the leaders of the NAU in their efforts to create an environment for you in which you can farm in peace.

Our regional representatives, the management of the commodities, and the Executive Board sacrifice a lot of time and energy to achieve this goal. We trust that we shall be blessed and have the wisdom to face the many challenges this year holds for us. Of course, we can only achieve this with the grace of God.

On behalf of the NLU President, Executive Board, and management, we wish you all the best for 2021.

## **Plant pests and -diseases**

The Ministry of Agriculture, Water, and Forestry announced that they had received reports of plant pests and plagues, such as "koringkrieke" and fall armyworms. The Ministry urges farmers to regularly inspect their fields and report any outbreaks to their nearest agricultural extension workers. The agricultural extension officers will inform farmers which pesticides to use. The Ministry encourages farmers in the ten agronomic producing districts to make use of the crop production program which provides inputs at subsidised prices to producers.

**THANK YOU TO OUR CORPORATE MEMBERS**



## **Dr. Archie Norval passed away**

When the veteran veterinarian, Dr. Archie Norval, died after a second heart attack on his farm Liabettus, agricultural circles lost a great man.

His grieving wife Limmie told Agriforum that at 76 her husband was still fit and healthy. "Archie had his first heart attack last night at 22:30. The world around us is so wet that we could not venture on the road to get medical help. Today at 03:15 the fatal heart attack followed. I tried heart massage and mouth-to-mouth breathing, but to no avail."

Until his death, dr. Archie was still actively involved in agriculture as Vice-Chairperson of the Meat Board, the Chairperson of the FAN Meat Committee, and the Vice-Chairman of the Animal Health Committee. He was also a member of the Land Reform Advisory Committee from 2010 to 2012.

Paul Strydom, general manager of the Meat Board, says dr. Archie has taken FAN Meat to new heights by streamlining the traceability system, making it more practical, introducing user-friendly online features for farmers, and improving the integrity of the system. Since dr. Archie joined the Meat Board at the beginning of 1995, Paul worked very closely with him, up until 2004 when he was responsible for animal disease control in the country and later as the chief veterinary officer at the state. When he started serving as a board member in the Meat Board in February 2014, they were colleagues again.

"He had a great personality and was incredibly experienced in the meat industry, especially when it came to animal disease control. He was able to communicate his knowledge and insight on animal health, dealing with foot-and-mouth disease (especially in the north), the status of the veterinary cordon fence, and veterinary management south of the red line, easily and meaningfully to colleagues and industry role players. His input will be sorely missed," says Paul. "I have lost a good friend."

Dr. Archie was also a community leader par excellence. Jaco Kotze, who took over the chairmanship of the Stampriet Farmers' Association in 2012 from dr. Archie: "We lost an incredible mentor and icon. He was an intellectual, a strong leader, a man of God, and a father figure to our younger farmers. One could always depend on him. The saddest thing is that so much knowledge is now lost."

His wife Limmie: "He was my dear partner. He was good to me." She adds that this year's generous rains have made them want to farm again. "After Archie became involved with the Meat Board, we sold all our livestock and leased the pasture for five years. The plan was to start farming again this year."

Dr. Archie also leaves behind two daughters, a son, and seven grandchildren. The Meat Board, the Namibia Agricultural Union, and Agriforum pass on their deepest condolences to his next of kin.

**BY: Marietjie van Standen, *Agriforum***

## **A tribute to Buks Wahl**

Mr. Buks Wahl was already convinced of the impact of deforestation on our grazing and production potential of our land when he entered farming. Hence his involvement in deforestation and the establishment of pasture crops. He played a leading role in establishing structures such as the Bush Utilization Association as well as the Bush Utilization Company as platforms to regulate and promote the marketing of products derived from deforestation. Furthermore, due to his involvement with the commandos, he had a lively interest in farm security and was actively involved in his immediate community. He had a great interest in farmers' association activities and was involved in the

management of Veldduin FA from time to time. He will be remembered as someone who was devoted to his family, farming, and the community.

## Meatco Annual General Meeting

Meatco herewith informs producers that this year's Annual General Meeting (the 34<sup>th</sup> 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 33<sup>rd</sup> 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 *Campfire Legends*, the Uhlenhorst FA wants to ensure that the focus of 2021 will be 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](http://www.nluagribraai.com)) or via email ([uhlenhorst.bv.sekretaris@gmail.com](mailto: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](mailto:uhlenhorst.bv.sekretaris@gmail.com) or Corrine van Wyk at [wvw@afol.com.na](mailto:wvw@afol.com.na) or 081 358 2299.

## Trade Fair coming to southern Africa

In October 2021 Messe München will host a trade fair, **bauma CONEXPO AFRICA 2021** (<https://www.bcafrica.com/en/>), in South Africa. This is sub-Saharan Africa's leading trade fair for construction, building material, mining, agriculture and forestry machines, machinery, and vehicles. Farmers or organisations who would like to exhibit their products and get more information about the fair can download the following documents:

- Visitor flyer: [Click here](#),
- Africa flyer: [Click here](#),
- Application co-exhibitor: [Click here](#),
- Application international: [Click here](#),
- Application national: [Click here](#)

The Southern Africa-German Chamber of Commerce and Industry is the official authorized representative of German industry and trade and as such also represents various trade fairs in southern Africa. They officially represent Messe München, a world-renowned trade fair organizer situated in Munich, Germany.

For more information about Messe München visit their website at <https://messe-muenchen.de/en/>.

For more information about the trade fair contact Katrin Geisler at + 27 11 4862780 or [kgeisler@germanchamber.co.za](mailto:kgeisler@germanchamber.co.za).

## Channel 7

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

- Francois Thiart talks about snakes and specifically about the Zebra snake, its behaviour, and habitat.
- Eben de Klerk shares the results of the surveys that Economic Policy Research Association (EPRA) did regarding the fair distribution of assets.
- Goliath Tujendapi will discuss the state of affairs regarding the veterinary cordon fence (VCF).
- One of the biggest talking points currently is the weather, and Nelia Richter of *Landbouweekblad* will give 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](http://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.

### *Exchange Rate NAD (7 – 13 January 2021)*

	<i>Jan</i>	<i>EURO</i>	<i>USD</i>	<i>POUN D</i>	<i>PULA</i>
<i>Thursday</i>	7	18.914	15.422	20.896	1.429
<i>Friday</i>	8	18.698	15.258	20.727	1.413
<i>Saturday</i>	9	18.693	15.296	20.752	1.417
<i>Sunday</i>	10	18.693	15.289	20.742	1.416
<i>Monday</i>	11	18.858	15.495	20.953	1.428
<i>Tuesday</i>	12	18.687	15.363	20.944	1.386
<i>Wednesday</i>	13	18.612	15.238	20.837	1.375

**THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK: MAKE SURE YOUR WORST ENEMY DOESN'T LIVE BETWEEN YOUR OWN TWO EARS – Laird Hamilton**