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Weaner exports show significant decrease

Total cattle marketing (in comparison with the same period in 2019) significantly decreased by 31% for the period 1 January 2020 to end August 2020, despite producer prices showing a 2% increase for slaughter cattle and a 39% increase for weaner calves.

Weaner calf exports, that represent 63% of the total cattle market share, however decreased by 49% during the reported period. This is mainly due to a low supply and a greater demand from commercial producers for slaughter cattle. The current favourable auction price for weaners weighing 200-250 kg, as opposed to the slaughter price for B2-grades, actually encourages weaner calf production, and may potentially boost future weaner calf exports. (Source: Meat Board of Namibia)



Sheep industry reaches historical low

Meat Board statistics show that the total sheep marketing for the period 1 January 2020 to the end of August 2020 (in comparison with the same period in 2019) decreased by 56% in spite of producer prices increasing by 20%.

Sheep exports decreased by 52%, although exports form 65% of the sheep market shares. In total, only 270 000 sheep were marketed during this period, as a result of several factors like drought, policy uncertainties and predation. The local abattoir market share could only maintain 35%. Interestingly, the price difference between the Namibian and the Northern Cape abattoirs still exceeds N\$5 per kg despite the free market environment that exists. The total marketing, including the export of goats, decreased by 50% during this period in spite of an average price of N\$ 34 per kg. (Source: Meat Board of Namibia)

Feedmaster animal nutrition and maintenance programs

Feedmaster invites producers to send their current animal nutrition and maintenance programs to dkrause@feedmaster.com.na. With the latest feeding and nutritional technology, Feedmaster can provide technical advice to make sure producers stay up to date and apply the most accurately compiled feeding programs. They will also provide information regarding a healthy rumen and the best possible way to optimise grazing/bush feed for increased production and profitability.

Damara Breeders' Association offers course

A junior-level course will be presented on 18 and 19 November 2020 at the Omatjenne research farm at N\$ 450 per person. Registration is to be done via the Association by 13 November. Direct enquiries to Linda Sterkenburg at btgn@afol.com.na at 061 252994.

FAs and other news

Summerdown FA

They will have a meeting on 20 October in the FA Hall. The speakers are Christoph Knye, Anke Metzger en Hanlie Winterbach. For more information contact Rienie du Plessis at 062 561621 or summerdownbv@gmail.com.

Osire-Waterberg FA

They have scheduled a meeting for 20 October at 14:00 in the FA Hall. The speakers are Pieter Krone (Meatco), Jaco Schlechter (Hochfeld Agri), Jaco van Wyk (Reservist -- Farm safety) and Dieter Radeck (bee farming). For more information contact Natasha McLoud at 081 2876045 or snmcloud@iway.na.

Western Khomas FA

They will have a meeting on 21 October at 14:00 in the FA Hall at Harmonie. For more information contact Mrs Amanda Greeff at 081 259 6108 or luanda@iway.na

Witvlei FA

They have their next members' meeting on Thursday, 22 October at 15:00 in the Farmers' House. The guest speaker is Johan Smit of *Field Fire Protection Services* as well as reservist Deputy Commissioner, Donovan Harmse. For more information contact Renda Grobbelaar at 081 304 1299.

Karibib FA

Karibib FA will have a meeting on 28 November at 16:30 at the Etusis Lodge. Speakers are Riaan Oberholzer, Tobie le Roux, Adriaan Louw and Dr Herbert Schneider. For more information contact Doris Gladis at 061 237400 or doris@hemconamibia.com.

Agra ProVision courses

For more information contact Agra ProVision at 061 290 9208 or apvtraining@agra.com.na

DATE	TOPIC	VENUE	COST
19-21 October	Intensive poultry production	Windhoek	N\$3 200
20-21 October	Pasture Management	Windhoek	N\$2 750
22-23 October	Farm Infrastructure	Windhoek	N\$2 750



Landbou Joernaal on Channel 7

Saturday morning at 06:00 on *Landbou Joernaal*:

- Page through *Landbouweekblad* with Nelia Richter.
- Meatco's transformation
- Talks about finances, insects, animal health and much more.

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 Channell 825. Listeners who prefer to listen to Dstv can tune in on 825. Enquiries and requests can be sent via SMS to1023 with the code **landbou**.

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THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK

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