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Industry stands together against foot and mouth disease

An emergency meeting was called by the Meat Board of Namibia on Monday, 2 November, to discuss the situation regarding the outbreak of foot and mouth disease (FMD) in Kavango West. The Meat Board requested the Livestock Producers' Organisation (LPO) to take responsibility for the speedy repair of the veterinary cordon fence (VCF), as was done in 2015 during the previous outbreak of FMD north of the fence.

The Meat Board and government will provide the material, whilst the producers were requested to supply their time and labour.

During the regional meeting of the Grootfontein-Tsumeb-Otavi Regional Agricultural Union (GTO RAU) producers again declared their willingness to immediately start with the repair work. They however voiced their dislike at the lack of maintenance of the FMD by the responsible party. The LPO's reserve fund will be used to reimburse the producers. Coordinators were appointed from the ranks of the farmers of the GTO region.

The NAU president, Mr Piet Gouws, immediately contacted the Minister of Agriculture, Water and Land Reform, Calle Schlettwein, to discuss the matter. The Minister indicated that funds have been obtained to ensure these control measures and thanked the producers for their positive attitude. Mr Gouws requested the minister to find a long-term solution to this problem of irregular maintenance of an international veterinary fence.

The LPO is currently initiating an emergency fund and farmers' associations are requested to consider what their contribution and participation could be. More information regarding this will be communicated at a later stage.

Regional Council and Municipal Elections

The Regional Council and Municipal Elections will take place on 25 November 2020. The Electoral Commission announced that 493 independent candidates will compete for positions in the 121 constituencies. For the complete list of voting points and more information [click here](#).

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.

FA and other news

Kalkfeld FA

They have a members' meeting on 10 November at 08:30 at Farm Onduasú (on the D2493) of Ute & Kurt Kretzschmar. The guest speakers are Stuart Jacobs and Helmut von Seydlitz. Please RSVP by 2 November to Ute Kretzschmar at 081 2931707 or onduasú@iway.na. For more information contact Silke von Gossler at 067 290119 or orua@iway.na.

Dordabis FA

They will meet on 12 November at 14:00 in their FA hall. Direct enquiries to Kai-Uwe Lühl at 081 2766102 or secretary.dordabis@gmail.com.

Maltahöhe FA

The final meeting of the year will take place on 14 November at 10:00 on the farm Burgsdorf of André and Susan Rossouw. The theme is solar power, and the day will be concluded with a BBQ and music. African Marketing will offer wine-tasting. The entrance fee for non-members and guests is N\$200 for adults. Additional information from Ernst Sauber, ernst@buellsport.com or Dilene Rossouw, info@burgsdorf.org.

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

DATE	SUBJECT	PLACE	COST
5-6 November	Cattle breeding for beginners	Windhoek	N\$2 750
10-11 November	Applied Animal Health (Session 3)	Windhoek	N\$2 750
12-13 November	Animal Feed	Windhoek	N\$2 750
17-19 November	Commercial pig production	Windhoek	N\$3 200
23-24 November	Dry land cultivation	Windhoek	N\$2 750

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

Landbou Joernaal on Channel 7

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

- Informative discussions about saffron farming in the Hochveld region.
- Do you also wonder how to easily produce salad sprouts in your kitchen? Listen to some shortcuts provided by Gerhard van der Vyfer.
- The Sussex cattle breed makes history and Jacolette Kloppers of *Landbouweekblad* tells us more about it.

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**.

THOUGHT FOR THE WEEK:

The worst loneliness is to not be comfortable with yourself. (Mark Twain)