

Dear Producer

For your convenience, the Afrikaans news follows the English version.

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1. Meatco National Braai Competition

Soccer World Cup 2010! That is the theme of this year's Meatco National Braai Competition and both the farming and business communities alike are heartily invited to come and take part in the fun-filled event.

The 2010 competition is hosted by Sonop Farmers' Association (FA) and takes place on 23 and 24 April at the Gobabis Show Grounds. More than N\$130 000 worth of prizes and cash are up for grabs, including the N\$70 000 for the conquering FA and N\$10 000 for the winning team in the social category.

The competition will, as in 2009, take on a ready, steady, cook format, except for the salad. Participants are allowed to prepare any green salad of their choice. They will thus be allowed to bring their own ingredients and practice the dish beforehand.

Sonop FA looks forward to hosting FA from all corners of the Namibia (commercial and communal) and to make it even easier for you to participate, Sonop FA has made available N\$500 fuel vouchers to all FA's that are situated more than 250 km from the competition venue.

Attached, please find both Afrikaans and English entry forms. Watch this space for more details and remember: **entries close on Wednesday, 31 March 2010.**

2. Reminder: upcoming Farmer Liaison Committee Meetings

The first series of Farmer Liaison Committee Meetings (FLCMs) for 2010 will take place from 23 to 25 February 2010. The times and venues are as follows:

- Tuesday, 23 February, at the **NG Church Hall in Grootfontein at 09h00;**
- Wednesday, 24 February at the **Okahandja abattoir Board Room at 09h00** and
- Thursday, 25 February, at the **cafeteria at the Windhoek abattoir at 09h00.**

At these meetings, Meatco's Senior Management and members of the Board of Directors discuss various matters of importance with producers. All commercial and communal Farmer Associations are therefore encouraged to send their meat representative to attend the meeting in their area.

Other producers are also welcome to attend these meetings as guests. For more information, kindly contact Maria Kambazembi at telephone 061 – 321 6413.

3. Producer forum to meet next week

The producer forum, as delegated by members of the Farmer Liaison Committee Meetings, will meet on Monday, 8 February 2010, in Windhoek to discuss Meatco's pricing structure and the off season premium.

The forum investigate the need to simplify Meatco's pricing system and review the off season premium strategy. Meatco producers will continually be kept up to speed about the discussion and decisions made.

4. Notification of keeping of livestock: deadline 1 March 2010

Farmers are reminded that they must notify their nearest state veterinarian by 1 March 2010 of their keeping of designated animals. Designated animals refer to cattle sheep, goats and pigs.

A notification form (SIU01) can be completed at your nearest state veterinary office. It takes only minutes to fill out and there are no costs involved to the farmer.

In terms of Namibia's Animal Identification Regulations (Government Notice No. 29/2009), all farmers in the Foot and Mouth Disease free zone are required to notify the Directorate of Veterinary Services (DVS) of their keeping of designated animals, or their intent to do so.

Please note that failure to comply with this regulation is an offence and persons who fail to do so will not be issued any with further movement permits.

Your next e-newsletter will be sent on Wednesday, 17 February 2010.

Geagte Produsent

In vandeeweek se Meatco-nuus:

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1. Meatco Nasionale Braaikompetisie

Sokker Wêreldtoernooi 2010! Dit is die tema van vanjaar se Meatco Nasionale Braaikompetisie en beide die boeregemeenskap en sakesektor word hartlik uitgenooi om aan die pret deel te neem.

Vanjaar se kompetisie word deur Sonop Boerevereniging (BV) aangebied en vind op 23 en 24 April by die Gobabis Skougronde plaas. Pryse en kontant van meer as N\$130 000 is op die spel, wat N\$70 000 vir die seëvierende BV en N\$10 000 vir die wenspan in die sosiale kategorie insluit.

Die kompetisie neem weer 'n *ready, steady, cook*-formaat aan, behalwe vir die slaai. Deelnemers mag 'n groenslaai van hul keuse voortsit en kan dit dus vooraf oefen.

Sonop BV sien uit om BVs van alle uithoeke van Namibië (kommersieël en kommunaal) te verwelkom en in 'n poging om dit vir almal moontlik te maak om deel te neem, sal Sonop BV N\$500 in brandstofkoeponne gee aan elke BV wat verder as 250 km van die plek van kompetisie geleë is.

Vind asseblief aangeheg inskrywingsvorme tot die kompetisie in Afrikaans en Engels. Hou hierdie spasie dop vir meer inligting en onthou: **inskrywings sluit op Woensdag, 31 Maart 2010.**

2. Herinnering: Skakelkomiteevergaderings einde Februarie

Die eerste reeks skakelkomiteevergaderings vir die jaar vind vanaf 23 tot 25 Februarie plaas. Die tye en plekke is as volg:

- Dinsdag, 23 Februarie, om **09h00 by die NG Kerkzaal op Grootfontein;**
- Woensdag, 24 Februarie om **09h00 in die raadsaal by die Okahandja-fabriek** en
- Donderdag, 25 Februarie om **09h00 by die Windhoek-fabriek (kafeteria)** plaas.

Tydens hierdie vergaderings, bespreek Meatco se Senior Bestuur en lede van die Direksie verskeie sake van belang met produsente. Alle kommunale en kommersiële Boereverenigings word dus aangemoedig om hul vleisverteenvoerders te stuur om die vergadering in hul omgewing by te woon.

Ander produsente is ook welkom om die vergaderings as gaste by te woon.

3. Produsenteforum vergader volgende week

Die produsenteforum, soos afgevaardig deur lede van die Skakelkomiteevergaderings, sal op Maandag, 8 Februarie 2010, in Windhoek bymekaar kom om Meatco se prysstruktuur en afseisoenpremie te bespreek.

Die forum sal die behoefte ondersoek om Meatco se prysstruktuur te vereenvoudig en die afseisoenpremie se strategie hersien. Meatco-produsente sal deurentyd op hoogte van sake gehou word.

4. Sperdatum vir die kennisgewing van die aanhou van genoemde diere: 1 Maart 2010

Boere word daaraan herinner dat hulle, hul naaste veeartsenykantoor teen 1 Maart 2010 in kennis moet stel dat hulle genoemde diere aanhou. Genoemde diere verwys na bees, skaap, bokke en varke.

'n Kennisgewingsvorm (SIU01) kan by u naaste staatsveearts voltooi word. Dit neem slegs 'n paar minute om te voltooi en daar is geen kostes verbonde nie.

In terme van Namibië se Regulasies vir die Identifisering van Diere (Government Notice No. 29/2009), word alle boere in die sone wat vry is van Bek-en Klouseer verplig om die Direkoraat van Veeartsenydienste (DVS) in kennis te stel van hul aanhouding van genoemde diere, of hul voorneme om so te doen.

Neem asseblief kennis dit is 'n oortreding om nie aan hierdie regulasies te voldoen nie en persone wat versuim om hieraan gehoor te gee sal nie vir vervoerpermitte kwalifiseer nie.