

Wildlife Season Report 2026

Inside South Africa's R594 million top-end wildlife auction season

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Nonnatjie, a 42 4/8-inch buffalo cow from Bona Bona Wildlife. She sold as a 3-in-1 for R5,1 million at Bona Bona Wildlife's 9th Platinum Auction, lot S008. [Picture: Bona Bona Wildlife](#)

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Forty-two top-end auctions were analysed, delivering a total turnover of R593,7 million and indicating a sustainable mature market that grew naturally. The Wildlife Season Report 2026 analyses every sold lot across four auction platforms.



Nonnatjie, a 42 4/8-inch buffalo cow from Bona Bona Wildlife. She sold as a 3-in-1 for R5,1 million at Bona Bona Wildlife's 9th Platinum Auction, lot S008. Picture: Bona Bona Wildlife

Bona Bona Wildlife's 9th Platinum Auction on 21 March was the largest single wildlife auction of 2026. It turned over R54,0 million, ahead of Stud Game Breeders' 21st Annual Game Auction at R50,5 million. With its timed auction, Bona Bona Wildlife sold R59,4 million, 54,6% more than in 2025.

Bona Bona's own premium buffalo set the tone. Nonnatjie, a 42 4/8-inch cow, fetched R5,1 million as a 3-in-1, with a bull calf sired by the 52-inch+ Joey at foot and in calf to the 56-inch Magic. No buffalo cow and no animal of any species sold for more at auction in 2026. Bona Bona Wildlife sold six buffalo at auction during the season for R9,4 million. Five were cows, all with a calf at foot by the 52-inch+ Joey or in calf to him.

"Buyers in 2026 paid for certainty," says Pieter Ernst Jnr of Bona Bona Wildlife, host of the Platinum Auction. "The animals that sold best had proven genetics and strong prospects, DNA records on file and trusted breeders who stand behind their herds. Our two auctions grew by more than half in 2026 and we consider this as proof of trust in the quality wildlife sector, not as a bubble or another type of anomaly."

The season as a whole bears him out. Astute buyers paid for remarkable animals from top breeders they trust. They paid the most for proven breeding cows. The total market delivered a higher turnover than during 2025. The growth was spread across many auctions, rather than coming from only a handful of standout lots.

The season closed on a high at Summit Wildlife's 11th auction in Graaff-Reinet on 26 September. Its top lot was a common springbok ram from Jules of the Karoo, the farm Julian and Martisan Theron run near De Aar in the Northern Cape. The 21-inch ram fetched R3 million, the highest auction price we can find for a common springbok. Summit Wildlife, a group that counts Neil Dodds's Nukamma Wildlife of Jansenville among its members, sold R42,8 million across its live and timed auctions, 58,5% more than in 2025.



The 21-inch common springbok ram from Jules of the Karoo. Summit Wildlife 11th live auction, lot 13. [Picture: Summit Wildlife](#)

“A ram like this is scarce,” says Julian Theron of Jules of the Karoo. “He measured 21 inches in July at about three years old and he is a regular, plain common springbok bred on our Karoo veld. To see him at the top of Summit’s premium auction shows just how valuable exceptional Karoo animals are. We are proud and commend Summit Wildlife on a wonderful auction.”

Turnover growth

South Africa's top-end wildlife auctions turned over R593,7 million in 2026. That figure is the aggregate of 42 auctions held between March and September by 24 breeders, breeder groups, wildlife festivals and conservation authorities, on four platforms: Wildswinkel, SwiftVEE, African Wildlife Auctions and Stud Game Breeders' own online platform.

The ten largest single auctions, 2026

No.	Auction	Date	Turnover	Share
1	Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction	21 Mar	R54 007 000	9,1%
2	Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction	5 Sep	R50 490 000	8,5%
3	Summit Wildlife 11th Auction	26 Sep	R36 159 000	6,1%
4	Wildlife Legacy	18 Jul	R35 977 000	6,1%
5	Groot Kalahari Veiling	2 May	R34 780 000	5,9%
6	Bloodline Africa	5 Jun	R25 555 000	4,3%
7	Signature Wildlife	18 Apr	R21 617 950	3,6%
8	Thaba Tholo	19 Sep	R19 982 000	3,4%
9	Classic Game Breeders	1 Aug	R19 961 500	3,4%
10	Benchmark Game Breeders	15 Aug	R19 054 000	3,2%

Live and timed auctions count separately, so an auction owner can appear more than once. All ten are live auctions. The share is of top-end turnover. Published totals, hammer prices excluding VAT. Source: Wildlife Season Report 2026 data as published here.

Of the 4 276 lots offered at those auctions, 93,7% were sold. A lot sold for R148 212 on average. The 13 auction owners with published results for both years sold R400,5 million, up 21,9% on R328,4 million in 2025. Nine of the 13 grew their total turnover.

If you add the 70 smaller auctions on the same platforms, the market we can measure totalled R861,2 million. The top-end breeding auctions represent 68,9% of this aggregate number.

The auction season was typically skewed towards September. It was the biggest month at R140,5 million, with the Stud Game Breeders, Kroon Stud Wild, Thaba Tholo and Summit Wildlife auctions all concluded within four weeks. March followed at R90,7 million, most of it represented by Bona Bona’s R59,4 million live and timed auctions. Wildswinkel hosted 29 of the 42 top-end auctions, delivering 73,8% of turnover.

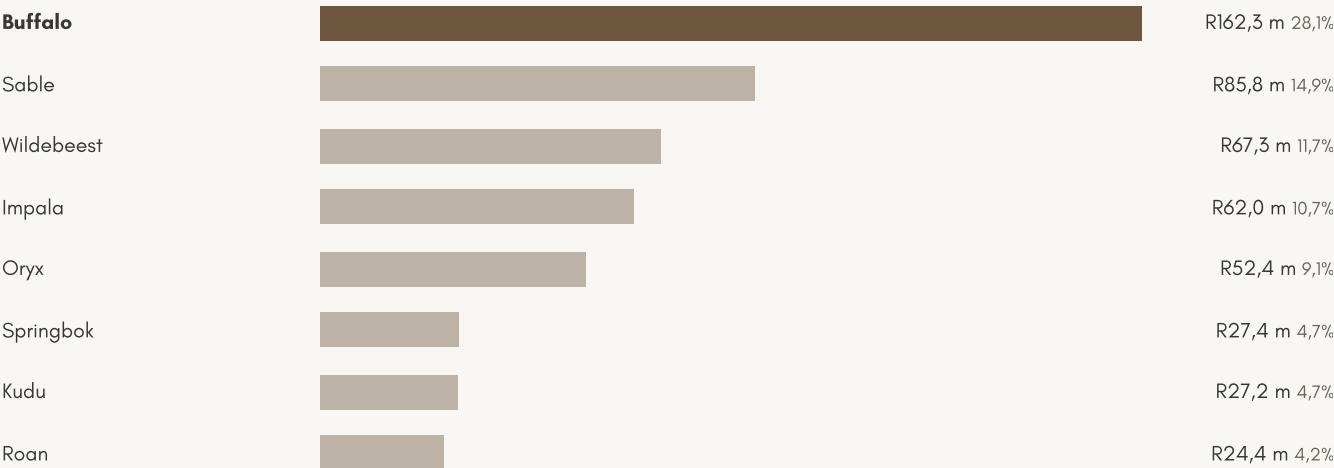
This report defines an auction as top end in this way: It is held by a recognised breeder, a breeder group, an annual wildlife festival or a conservation authority. Its live auction, together with the same auction owner’s timed auction within seven days, must average R50 000 or more per lot sold. A timed auction held without a live auction must reach the same average on its own. This rule is explained here so that you can see how we define what we report. The season data portal applies this rule to every auction in the same way. Every amount in this report is the hammer price, excluding VAT.

Where the money went

Not surprisingly, buffalo was the top species. The lot details of all 42 top-end auctions show 10 984 wildlife animals sold for R577,1 million. Buffalo lots fetched R162,3 million (28,1%). Sable followed at R85,8 million (14,9%), then wildebeest at R67,3 million, impala at R62,0 million and oryx at R52,4 million.

Buffalo was the top species

Top-end wildlife value by species, every top-end lot. Select a species for its page.



Species	Value	Share	Animals
Buffalo	R162 343 500	28,1%	643
Sable	R85 817 500	14,9%	623
Wildebeest	R67 290 250	11,7%	1 351
Impala	R62 011 100	10,7%	2 379
Oryx	R52 402 500	9,1%	755
Springbok	R27 352 700	4,7%	1 268
Kudu	R27 184 000	4,7%	509
Roan	R24 370 600	4,2%	182
Eland	R17 002 000	2,9%	392
Blesbok	R10 159 650	1,8%	714
Waterbuck	R8 097 000	1,4%	291
Red hartebeest	R7 601 000	1,3%	394

Hammer prices, excluding VAT. Source: Wildlife Season Report 2026 data as published here.

As usual, averages hide a wide spread. A buffalo fetched R243 147 an animal on average, yet half of all buffalo sold for R95 000 or less. Exceptional prices were achieved on a relatively small number of proven, exceptional animals, which is a well-known and standard characteristic of the top end of the wildlife breeding industry.

Within the buffalo category, 2026 was the year of the cow. A buffalo cow averaged R327 718 an animal across 298 cows. A bull averaged R170 097 across 345 bulls. A premium price belonged to the best cows. Regular cows sold for R80 000, less than regular bulls at R110 000. The four highest prices for whole animals were all cows with a calf at foot or in calf: Nonnatjie (R5,1 million) at Bona Bona Wildlife in March, Zsa Zsa (R4,8 million) and Mitsie (R4,1 million) at Wildlife Legacy in July, as well as Nova (R4,6 million) at Stud Game Breeders in September.



Zsa Zsa, a 40 3/8-inch buffalo cow, with her calf. Wildlife Legacy live auction, lot 039. [Picture: Wildlife Legacy](#)

The highest price of the season was R6 million for a 25% share in Dominus, a 56 2/8-inch buffalo bull from Woody Cape Wildlife. The buyer has the right to run eight cows with Dominus at Woody Cape Wildlife. Dominus was one of the Super 9, the premium lots sold at the end of Bona Bona Wildlife's 9th Platinum Auction on 21 March. Nonnatjie was another. Cheslin, a 33 5/8-inch blue wildebeest bull, fetched R1,9 million in the same Super 9.



Dominus, a 56 2/8-inch buffalo bull. A 25% share in him sold at Bona Bona Wildlife's 9th Platinum Auction, lot S009. [Picture: Bona Bona Wildlife](#)

The top end of the market added significant value. Fifty-eight top-end lots sold for R1 million or more, R112,2 million altogether. Thirty-two were buffalo lots. The top 10% of lots totalled 44,4% of all lot value, while regular lots sold for R84 000. Colour variants such as golden wildebeest, black impala and red oryx represent a quarter of top-end wildlife lot value (25,1%). Common animals and buffalo account for the rest.

Apart from buffalo, the best lots were bulls and rams. Showtime led sable at R2,9 million. Kalala, a 57-inch sable bull, fetched R1,9 million at Bloodline Africa's successful auction in June. Rockefeller, a 61 6/8-inch kudu bull, sold for R2,1 million at the Wildlife Legacy auction. Rhino lots fetched R5,6 million at the top end, with two black rhino cows at the Kirkwood Wildsfees among them. Published totals also include R5,3 million of Ankole cattle and other livestock, almost all at the Stud Game Breeders and Silent Valley auctions. They also include hunting packages (R5,6 million), covering rights (R3,2 million), charity lots (R2,9 million) as well as ostrich, Barbary sheep, fallow deer and emu (R2,2 million). The wildlife species figures leave these out.

The ten highest prices, top-end auctions, 2026

No.	Lot	Auction	Seller	Price
1	A 25% share in Dominus, a 56 2/8-inch buffalo bull	Bona Bona Wildlife Platinum Auction, lot S009, 21 Mar	Woody Cape Wildlife	R6 000 000
2	Nonnatjie, a 42 4/8-inch buffalo cow, 3-in-1	Bona Bona Wildlife Platinum Auction, lot S008, 21 Mar	Bona Bona Wildlife	R5 100 000
3	Zsa Zsa, a 40 3/8-inch buffalo cow, with her calf	Wildlife Legacy, lot 039, 18 Jul	New Wycombe	R4 800 000
4	Nova, a 40-inch buffalo cow	Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction, lot 016, 5 Sep	Nyumbu Wildlife	R4 600 000
5	Mitsie, a 42-inch buffalo cow	Wildlife Legacy, lot 038, 18 Jul	Buffalo Creek Game Ranch	R4 100 000
6	A 36 4/8-inch buffalo cow sired by Leba	Signature Wildlife, lot 015, 18 Apr	Kwandwe Signature Wildlife	R3 000 000
6	The 21-inch springbok ram from Jules of the Karoo	Summit Wildlife's 11th auction, lot 13, 26 Sep	Jules of the Karoo	R3 000 000
8	Showtime, a 56-inch sable bull	Summit Wildlife's 11th auction, lot 24, 26 Sep	Valley Venture	R2 900 000
9	A buffalo heifer out of 47 1/8-inch+ Eclipse, buyer's choice	Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction, lot 099, 5 Sep	Tembani Wildlife	R2 600 000
10	Oupa Jan, a 47 2/8-inch gemsbok bull	Groot Kalahari Veiling, lot 016, 2 May	STS Meletse	R2 500 000
10	Claymore, a 51 6/8-inch East African buffalo bull	Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction, lot 101, 5 Sep	Phala Phala Wildlife	R2 500 000
10	Iris, a 39 4/8-inch buffalo cow	Thaba Tholo, lot 032, 19 Sep	Thaba Tholo	R2 500 000

Three lots share tenth place at R2,5 million. Sellers as named in the public catalogues. Hammer prices, excluding VAT. Source: Wildlife Season Report 2026 data as published here.

The leaders

Stud Game Breeders led the top end with R66,5 million over three auctions: Its Breeding & Hunting Auction on its own online platform in March, its 21st Annual Game Auction, live with Wildswinkel on 5 September and its September Timed Auction, which closed online on 7 September. Bona Bona Wildlife followed with R59,4 million across its live and timed auctions in March. Its 9th Platinum Auction was the largest single auction of the season. Silent Valley Game Breeders came third with R58,4 million over five auctions with African Wildlife Auctions between 27 June and 8 August, two of them buffalo auctions. Wildlife Legacy (R43,2 million), Summit Wildlife (R42,8 million) and the first Groot Kalahari Veiling (R39,2 million), to be held every second year, completed the top six. The five largest auction owners totalled 45,5% of top-end turnover.

The auction owners, ranked

Top-end turnover by auction owner, 2026. Top three marked.

Stud Game Breeders		R66,5 m
Bona Bona Wildlife		R59,4 m
Silent Valley Game Breeders		R58,4 m
Wildlife Legacy		R43,2 m
Summit Wildlife		R42,8 m
Groot Kalahari Veiling		R39,2 m
Bloodline Africa		R30,4 m
Kriek Wildlife Group		R25,9 m
Signature Wildlife		R25,9 m
Benchmark Game Breeders		R25,8 m
Thaba Tholo		R25,2 m
Valley Venture Stud & Friends		R20,2 m

No.	Auction owner	Auctions	Turnover	Share
1	Stud Game Breeders	3	R66 468 500	11,2%
2	Bona Bona Wildlife	2	R59 384 500	10,0%
3	Silent Valley Game Breeders	5	R58 436 300	9,8%
4	Wildlife Legacy	2	R43 238 250	7,3%
5	Summit Wildlife	2	R42 761 000	7,2%
6	Groot Kalahari Veiling	2	R39 208 000	6,6%
7	Bloodline Africa	2	R30 416 000	5,1%
8	Kriek Wildlife Group	2	R25 944 900	4,4%
9	Signature Wildlife	2	R25 911 800	4,4%
10	Benchmark Game Breeders	3	R25 752 000	4,3%
11	Thaba Tholo	2	R25 217 750	4,2%
12	Valley Venture Stud & Friends	2	R20 236 000	3,4%
13	Classic Game Breeders	1	R19 961 500	3,4%
14	Woody Cape Wildlife	1	R17 360 500	2,9%
15	Kirkwood Wildlife Festival	1	R15 090 000	2,5%
16	Kroon Stud Wild	2	R12 161 500	2,0%
17	Sekgweng	1	R11 850 450	2,0%
18	Pymat Game Breeders	1	R11 576 000	1,9%
19	Tidal Winds Game Breeders	1	R10 312 500	1,7%
20	Robedi Safaris & Friends	1	R10 190 000	1,7%
21	SANParks	1	R7 875 000	1,3%
22	Royal Castle (Castle de Wildt)	1	R7 217 500	1,2%
23	Free State DARDEA	1	R4 270 000	0,7%
24	MW de Jager Wildlife	1	R2 898 100	0,5%

Showing 12 of 24 auction owners. All 24 are in the numbers. Hammer prices, excluding VAT. Source: Wildlife Season Report 2026 data as published here.

The ten largest auction owners, top end

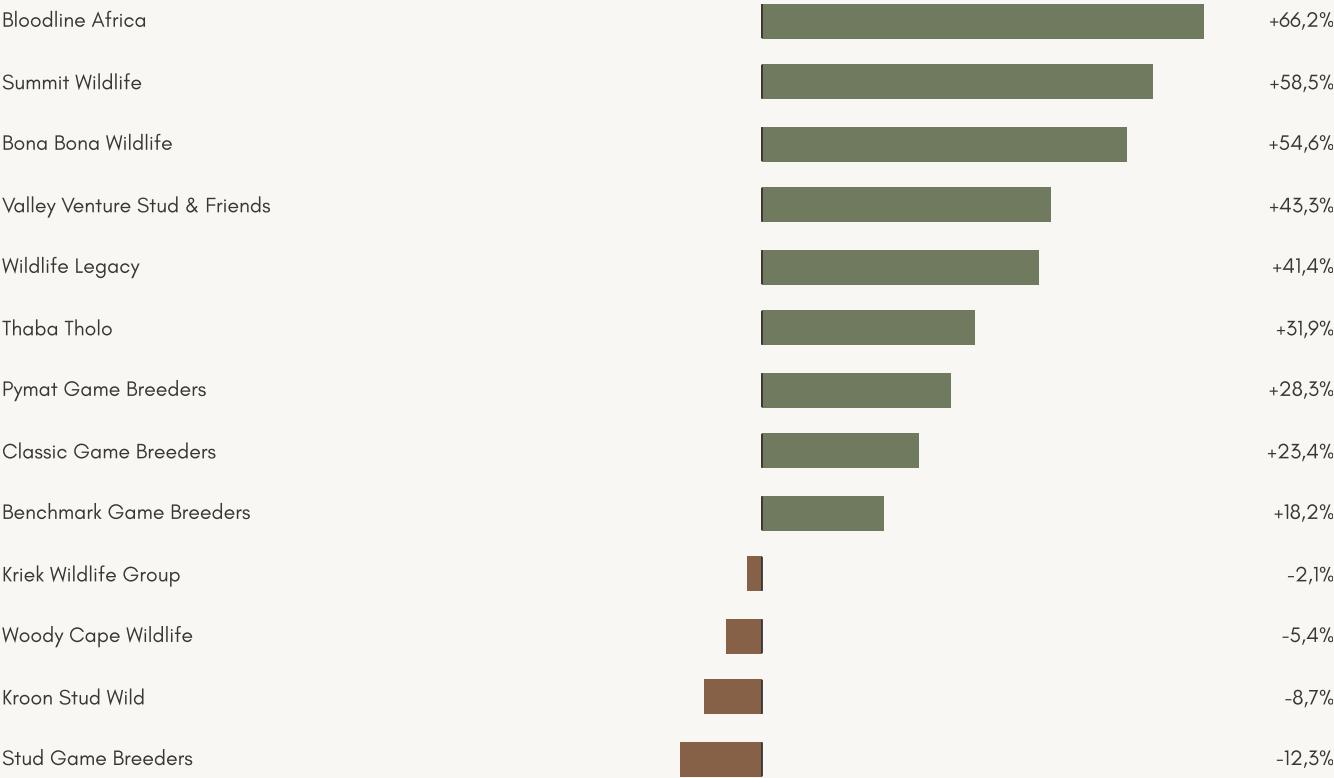
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Growth was noticeable across the board. Amongst the 13 auction owners with published results for both years, Bloodline Africa grew 66,2%, Summit Wildlife 58,5% based on its published results, Bona Bona 54,6% and Valley Venture Stud & Friends 43,3%. Four auction owners sold less: Stud Game Breeders, the largest auction owner, sold 12,3% less than in 2025, with smaller drops at Kroon Stud Wild, Woody Cape Wildlife and Kriek Wildlife Group.

Nine of 13 auction owners grew

The 13 auction owners with published results for both years, 2026 against 2025.



Auction owner	2025	2026	Change
Bona Bona Wildlife	R38 409 000	R59 384 500	+54,6%
Stud Game Breeders	R75 767 250	R66 468 500	-12,3%
Wildlife Legacy	R30 576 000	R43 238 250	+41,4%
Summit Wildlife	R26 980 500	R42 761 000	+58,5%
Bloodline Africa	R18 302 500	R30 416 000	+66,2%
Kriek Wildlife Group	R26 509 200	R25 944 900	-2,1%
Thaba Tholo	R19 120 800	R25 217 750	+31,9%
Benchmark Game Breeders	R21 780 500	R25 752 000	+18,2%
Valley Venture Stud & Friends	R14 125 500	R20 236 000	+43,3%
Classic Game Breeders	R16 175 000	R19 961 500	+23,4%
Woody Cape Wildlife	R18 344 900	R17 360 500	-5,4%
Kroon Stud Wild	R13 313 750	R12 161 500	-8,7%
Pymat Game Breeders	R9 025 000	R11 576 000	+28,3%

Together: R528,4 million in 2025, R400,5 million in 2026, up 21,9%.

A new auction appears

Groot Kalahari Veiling sold R39,2 million in its first year, with Wildswinkel: R34,8 million on its live auction on 2 May and R4,4 million on the timed auction. This unique regional auction will be held every second year. Its top lot this year was Oupa Jan, a 47 2/8-inch gemsbok bull from STS Meletse, at R2,5 million. A red oryx bull, Rocket, sold for R2 million at the same auction.



Oupa Jan, a 47 2/8-inch gemsbok bull. Groot Kalahari Veiling live auction, lot 016. [Picture: Groot Kalahari Veiling](#)

“The Kalahari is known for amazing animals that can thrive in the hard country. Wildlife breeding of top quality animals is thriving in the region and therefore it needed a professional auction to cater for demand,” says Louis van der Watt, Group CEO of Atterbury Property, owner of STS Meletse and a founding member of the Groot Kalahari Veiling.

“Wildlife farms in the Kalahari tend to cover large areas and as a result, it’s one of the only districts remaining where true extensive wildlife breeding takes place. In our first year the Groot Kalahari Veiling produced turnover of R39,2 million across its live and timed auctions. Oupa Jan showed what a proven Kalahari gemsbok bull is worth. Buyers came for animals of the Kalahari that thrive where it is dry and hot. They were not disappointed. We look forward to our next auction in 2028.”

Piet du Toit Wildbedryf of Hoogenbomen, Lindleyspoort, in North West offers its main auction every second year, as it did in 2017, 2019, 2021, 2023 and 2025. Thus, there was no auction for this group in 2026. In February 2025 it sold R82,5 million for its live and timed auctions combined. The buffalo bull Magic sold for R22 million at its 2025 auction.

“I enjoyed keeping up with the season in 2026 and in my opinion, it proves what I believe, which is that the wildlife industry is mature and thriving, supported by a strong and growing end product market through ethical hunting,” says Piet du Toit. “What I saw was a calmer, more serious market than the one of ten years ago. Prices follow proven genetics now, not fashion and that is healthy for every breeder who plans in decades. Next March we bring our animals to The Tenth Platinum Auction with Bona Bona.”

A platform view

Live auctions delivered 81,9% of top-end turnover: R486,5 million against R107,2 million on timed auctions. The difference per animal is significant. An oryx averaged R96 764 on a top-end live auction and R32 620 on a timed one. A sable averaged R158 059 live and R88 536 timed. Breeders keep their best animals for the premium live platform, where the floor and online bidders compete for the same lot in real time.

Timed auctions do a different job. They usually close online within a few days of the live auction and can list more of breeders’ volume animals. Kriek Wildlife Group and Kroon Stud Wild ran theirs along with WIRU Wildlife Services. Two conservation authorities sold at the top end too. SANParks sold all 118 lots on its timed auction in March for R7,9 million. The Free State’s DARDEA sold hunts on provincial reserves for R4,3 million.

Online bidding is truly part of every auction. The 29 Wildswinkel results for top-end auctions recorded 6 384 registrations, 415 of them first-time bidders. Together bidders placed 34 468 bids online. On those auctions 93,1% of lots were sold. Six top-end auctions sold every lot: SANParks’ timed auction, Silent Valley’s auctions of 27 June and 4 July and the live auctions of Signature Wildlife, Stud Game Breeders and Thaba Tholo.

“The numbers I watch carefully are the averages, not the outlier prices,” says JP Smith, chief operating officer of Veilingswinkel, Wildswinkel’s parent company. “On the top-end auctions we managed in 2026, more than nine lots in ten were sold and bidders placed over 34 000 bids online. Foot-and-mouth disease made moving animals harder, yet astute and dedicated wildlife buyers kept bidding. That tells you the demand is real and sustainable, for sure.”

Records

The best way to see price trends is to compare the same platform across two years. On the Wildswinkel platform the average oryx rose 89,4% per animal, from R35 054 in 2025 to R66 378 in 2026. Among the main species, eland rose 53,0%, red hartebeest 48,0% and springbok 37,3%. Buffalo rose 9,0% and sable 12,9%. Sable turned the buffalo pattern around: In the top end a sable bull averaged R182 649 an animal and a cow R106 105.

Definitive auction price claims need careful analysis, as always. Novanews called the Summit ram's R3 million "a record auction price" and noted a private sale of R3,45 million in August 2025. We call the ram's price the highest auction price we can find for a common springbok.

"Julian Theron's springbok ram was the animal of the auction and our loyal buyers agree," says Neil Dodds, co-founder of Nukamma Wildlife in Jansenville and a member of Summit Wildlife. "The astute buyer paid for a 21-inch ram from a proper Karoo springbok bloodline they can trust wholeheartedly, not for a variant colour. R3 million for a common springbok shows you the Karoo's own species are in high demand, if it's the right kind of animal. Summit's eleventh auction showed that buyers will pay for proven quality in every species. We are happy with the results."



Showtime, a 56-inch sable bull. Summit Wildlife 11th live auction, lot 24. Picture: Summit Wildlife

What held prices back

Not every species went up. On Wildswinkel, blesbok fell 28,1% per animal, colour variants included. Black wildebeest fell 16,0%. Roan, blue wildebeest and kudu held their 2025 prices per animal, within 1% either way.

Three things weighed on the year. Foot-and-mouth disease was declared a national disaster in February. Movement controls followed, so delivering animals after an auction took longer and cost more. In August a moratorium suspended the automatic culling of buffalo that test positive for the disease, which eased one fear for buffalo breeders. Money also cost more: The Reserve Bank raised the repo rate to 7% in May, its first increase in three years, then to 7,25% in September.

The wider market

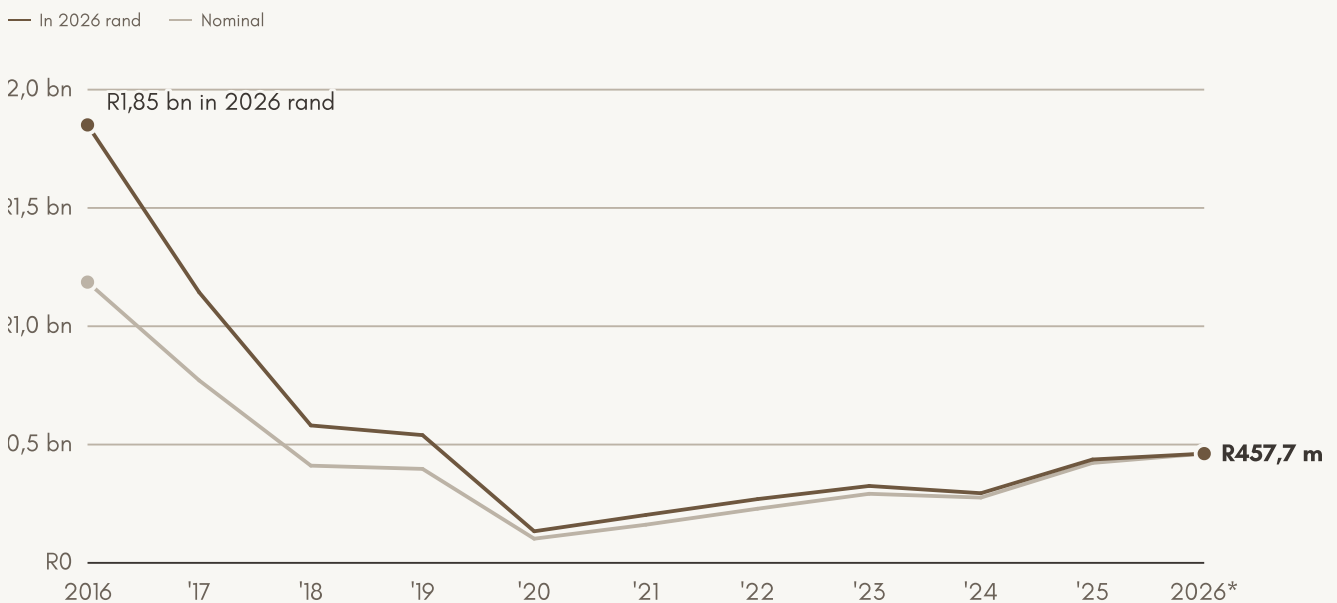
Beyond the top end, 70 other and smaller auctions turned over R267,5 million at an average of R36 570 a lot sold, about a quarter of the top end's average. The median lot price in the wider market was R27 600. Nylsvlei Game Traders led with R64,6 million over 16 auctions, followed by African Wildlife Auctions' own general auctions at R54,6 million. Thabazimbi Wildlife Services (R27,7 million), Arno du Plessis (R26,7 million) and Hanley Wildlife Services (R22,7 million) came next. These are the auctions where most wildlife farmers buy and sell their regular game. The season data portal gives them a page of their own, so the top end is not positioned as the entire market.

Ten years on

Wildswinkel's list of auctions provides an interesting long-term view. Its wildlife auctions from January to September 2026 came to R457,7 million, 10,6% more than in the same months of 2025 and 6,9% more in 2026 rand, adjusted for inflation. That is still far below 2016, when 15 auctions turned over R1,18 billion: R1,85 billion in 2026 rand. Wildswinkel's records list R225,7 million for Piet du Toit's 2016 auction alone, as an outlier with one exceptional lot price included for a spectacular buffalo. The low point was 2020, at R98,1 million.

Ten years on Wildswinkel

Wildlife auction turnover by year, nominal and in 2026 rand (Stats SA CPI).



Year	Auctions	Nominal	In 2026 rand
2016	15	R1 182 515 000	R1 846 917 758
2017	30	R767 020 250	R1 139 250 665
2018	28	R406 842 450	R576 813 393
2019	31	R393 131 900	R535 882 236
2020	20	R98 131 950	R129 438 971
2021	27	R157 257 266	R198 537 298
2022	32	R224 831 372	R265 516 336
2023	28	R287 898 273	R321 047 443
2024	31	R271 899 650	R290 382 255
2025	33	R418 358 500	R432 847 990
2026	34	R457 714 350	R457 714 350

*The 2026 figure covers January to September. In 2016 the list holds only the auctions Wildswinkel recorded online. Wildlife auctions only: Auctions of farms, implements, loose goods, skins, arms, golf days, charities and hunting packages are left out. Source: Wildswinkel's auction list and Stats SA CPI (December 2024 = 100).

The market of 2026 is smaller than that peak in real terms and structured differently. Wildswinkel held 34 wildlife auctions in 2026 against the 15 it recorded in 2016. Prices follow measurements, pedigrees and DNA. Online bidding has become as ordinary as raised hands on the floor.

Looking towards 2027

Wildswinkel's calendar already lists the first auctions of 2027. Stud Game Breeders' Breeding & Hunting Auction closes on 8 March. The Tenth follows on Saturday 13 March: Bona Bona Wildlife's Platinum Auction, with Piet du Toit Wildbedryf as co-host. Woody Cape, Kriek and Valley Venture Stud & Friends follow in April and May. Stud Game Breeders holds its annual live auction on 4 September.

"The Tenth is the next step: Two breeders, one catalogue, one standard," says Pieter Ernst Jnr.

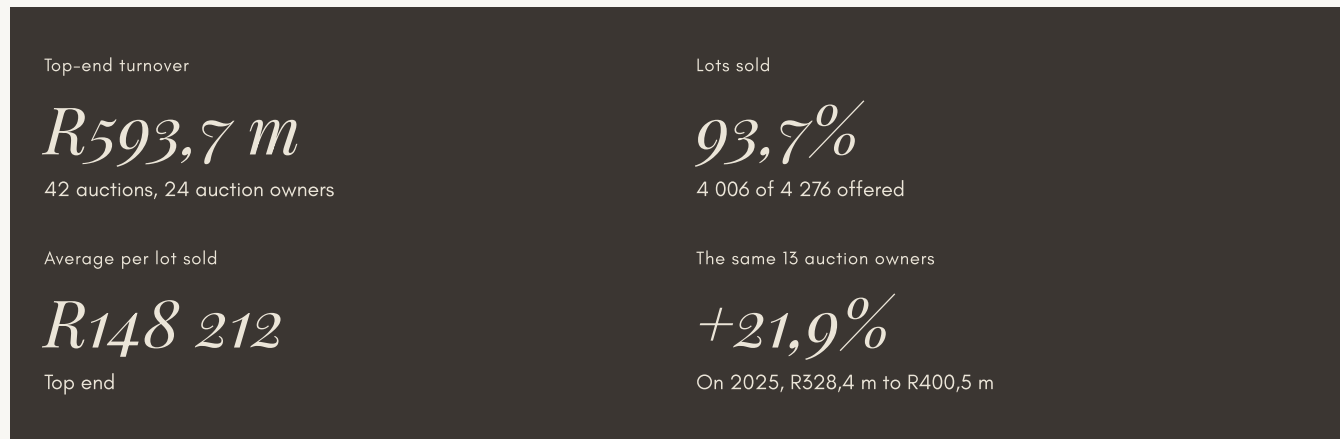
How we calculated the results

This report counts every South African wildlife auction from January to early October 2026 that publishes results on Wildswinkel, SwiftVEE, African Wildlife Auctions or Stud Game Breeders' own online platform: 112 auctions and their 12 361 lots. Each auction's total is the number its auction house published or, where none was published, the sum of its confirmed lots that we could find online. Every total was recalculated three times over and checked against the individual lots making up the totals. Where it exists, a second source was used as verification too. Figures by species, lot and animal cover every top-end auction, 100% of top-end turnover. A share in an animal counts in lot value but not in prices per animal. The data was compiled during mid-October 2026. All amounts are hammer prices, excluding VAT. The full method, every auction and every check are detailed in the season data portal.

Second disclosure. thetenth.auction is the marketing and seller portal site of Bona Bona Wildlife's next Platinum Auction in March 2027, co-hosted with Piet du Toit Wildbedryf. Bona Bona appears in the data as seller and buyer. Twisted Toast Digital created this report and built this site. All mistakes are ours, no-one else's. If you spot anything we need to change, email Louis Eksteen at louis@twistedtoast.com.

South Africa's 2026 wildlife auction season

South Africa's top-end wildlife auctions turned over R593,7 million in 2026 across 42 auctions. With 70 other and smaller auctions on the same four platforms, the market we can measure came to R861,2 million.

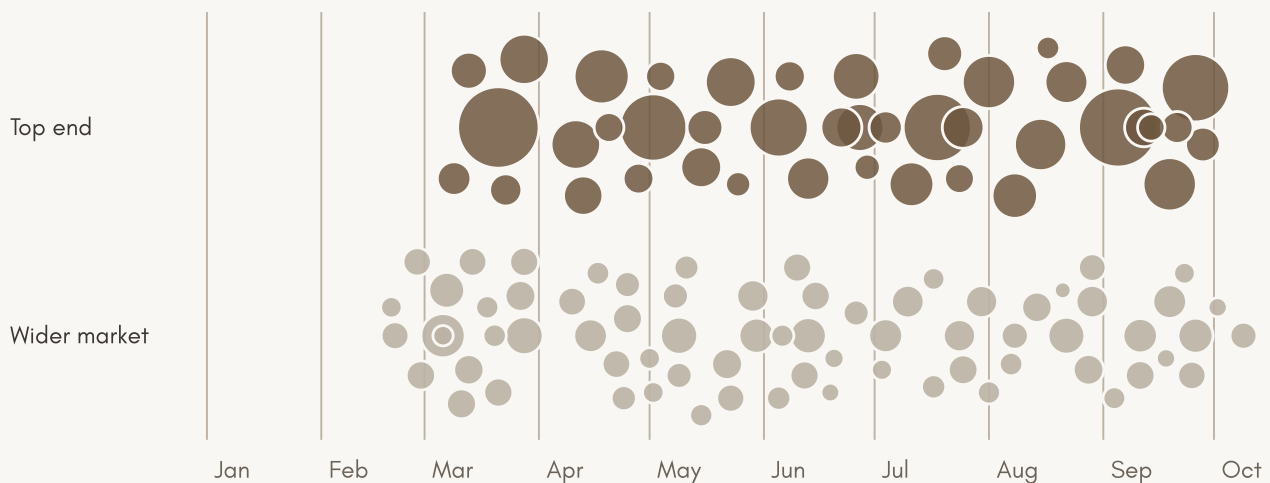


The season, auction by auction

Every counted auction on the calendar, sized by its turnover. Brown dots are top-end auctions.

Every counted auction of 2026

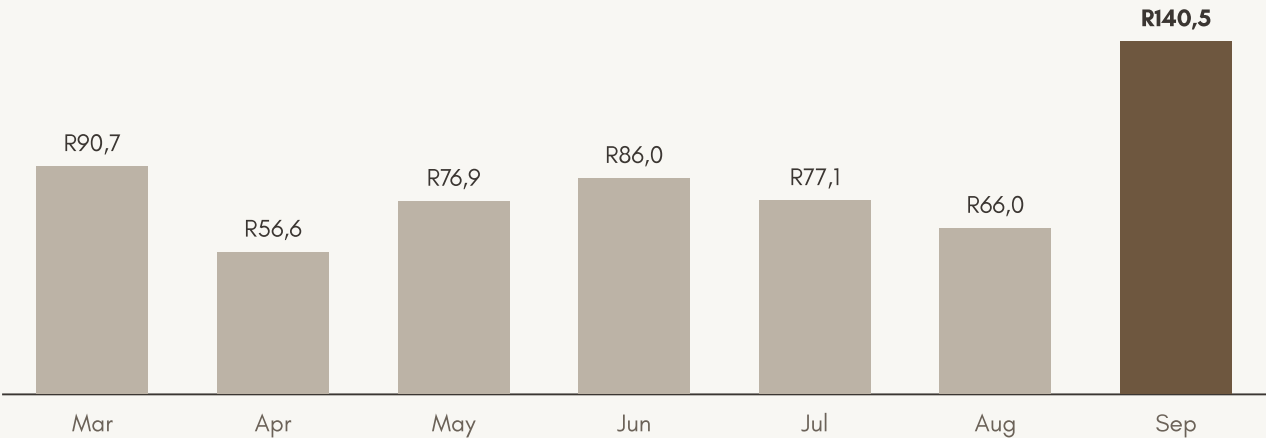
Dot area shows turnover. Top end against the wider market.



Hammer prices, excluding VAT. Sources: Wildswinkel, SwiftVEE, African Wildlife Auctions, Stud Game Breeders and Summit Wildlife's price sheets.

September was the biggest month

Top-end turnover by month, R million.



Month	Top-end turnover
March	R90 689 500
April	R56 550 200
May	R76 851 500
June	R85 954 200
July	R77 104 900
August	R66 048 500
September	R140 539 250

What the calendar shows

September was the biggest month at R140,5 million. The Stud Game Breeders, Kroon Stud Wild, Thaba Tholo and Summit Wildlife auctions all concluded within four weeks. March followed at R90,7 million, most of it Bona Bona Wildlife’s R59,4 million live and timed auctions.

The wider market ran all year: 70 other and smaller auctions turned over R267,5 million at R36 570 a lot sold.

[See all 112 auctions](#)

The leaders

Bona Bona Wildlife’s 9th Platinum Auction was the largest single auction of the season at R54,0 million. By auction owner, Stud Game Breeders led with R66,5 million over three auctions. The five largest auction owners totalled 45,5% of top-end turnover. Of the 13 auction owners with published results for both years, nine grew. Together they sold 21,9% more than in 2025.

The ten largest single auctions, 2026

Bona Bona Wildlife's 9th Platinum Auction was the largest single auction of the season. All ten are live auctions.

No.	Auction	Date	Platform	Turnover	Share
1	Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction	21 Mar	Wildswinkel	R54 007 000	9,1%
2	Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction	5 Sep	Wildswinkel	R50 490 000	8,5%
3	Summit Wildlife 11th Auction	26 Sep	SwiftVEE	R36 159 000	6,1%
4	Wildlife Legacy	18 Jul	Wildswinkel	R35 977 000	6,1%
5	Groot Kalahari Veiling	2 May	Wildswinkel	R34 780 000	5,9%
6	Bloodline Africa	5 Jun	Wildswinkel	R25 555 000	4,3%
7	Signature Wildlife	18 Apr	Wildswinkel	R21 617 950	3,6%
8	Thaba Tholo	19 Sep	Wildswinkel	R19 982 000	3,4%
9	Classic Game Breeders	1 Aug	Wildswinkel	R19 961 500	3,4%
10	Benchmark Game Breeders	15 Aug	Wildswinkel	R19 054 000	3,2%

Live and timed auctions count separately, so an auction owner can appear more than once. The share is of top-end turnover. Published totals. Hammer prices, excluding VAT. Source: Wildlife Season Report 2026 data as published here.

Top-end turnover by auction owner

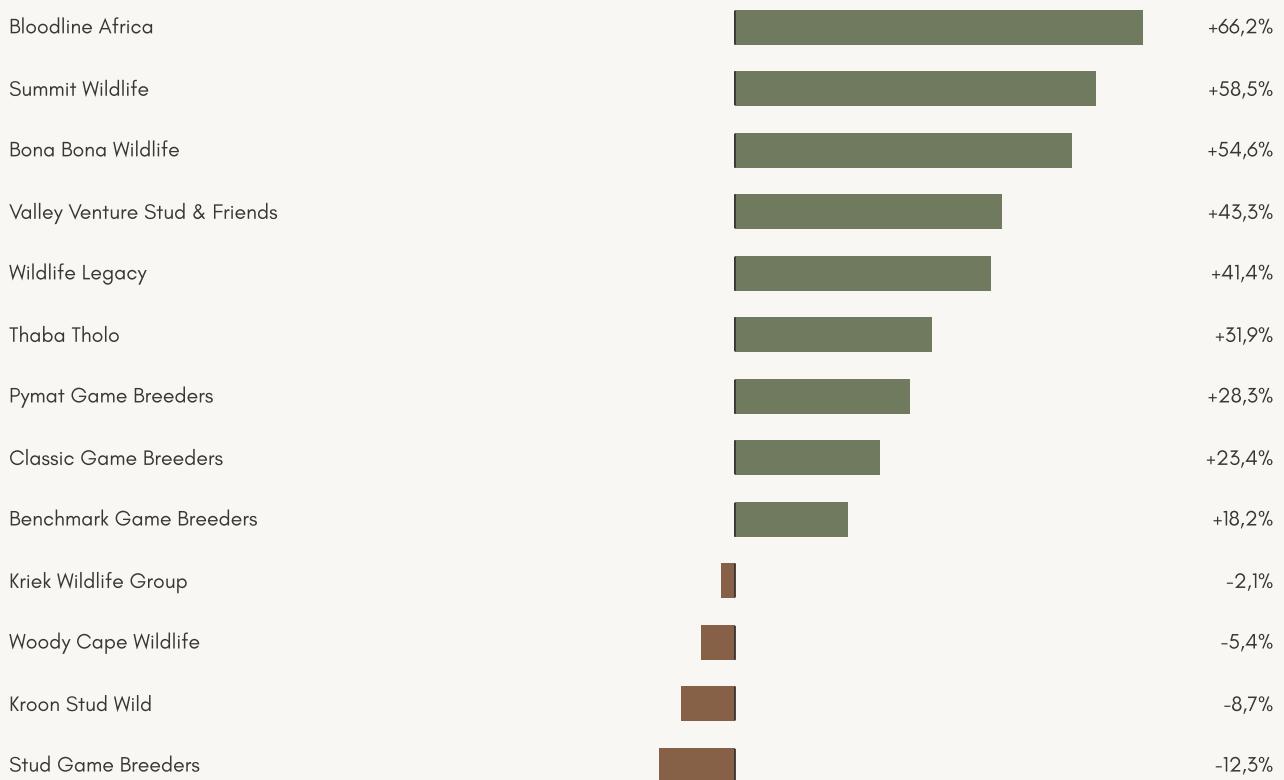
All 24 auction owners. Top three marked.

Stud Game Breeders		R66,5 m
Bona Bona Wildlife		R59,4 m
Silent Valley Game Breeders		R58,4 m
Wildlife Legacy		R43,2 m
Summit Wildlife		R42,8 m
Groot Kalahari Veiling		R39,2 m
Bloodline Africa		R30,4 m
Kriek Wildlife Group		R25,9 m
Signature Wildlife		R25,9 m
Benchmark Game Breeders		R25,8 m
Thaba Tholo		R25,2 m
Valley Venture Stud & Friends		R20,2 m
Classic Game Breeders		R20,0 m
Woody Cape Wildlife		R17,4 m
Kirkwood Wildlife Festival		R15,1 m
Kroon Stud Wild		R12,2 m
Sekgweng		R11,9 m
Pymat Game Breeders		R11,6 m
Tidal Winds Game Breeders		R10,3 m
Robedi Safaris & Friends		R10,2 m
SANParks		R7,9 m
Royal Castle (Castle de Wildt)		R7,2 m
Free State DARDEA		R4,3 m
MW de Jager Wildlife		R2,9 m

No.	Auction owner	Auctions	Turnover	Share
1	Stud Game Breeders	3	R66 468 500	11,2%
2	Bona Bona Wildlife	2	R59 384 500	10,0%
3	Silent Valley Game Breeders	5	R58 436 300	9,8%
4	Wildlife Legacy	2	R43 238 250	7,3%
5	Summit Wildlife	2	R42 761 000	7,2%
6	Groot Kalahari Veiling	2	R39 208 000	6,6%
7	Bloodline Africa	2	R30 416 000	5,1%
8	Kriek Wildlife Group	2	R25 944 900	4,4%
9	Signature Wildlife	2	R25 911 800	4,4%
10	Benchmark Game Breeders	3	R25 752 000	4,3%
11	Thaba Tholo	2	R25 217 750	4,2%
12	Valley Venture Stud & Friends	2	R20 236 000	3,4%
13	Classic Game Breeders	1	R19 961 500	3,4%
14	Woody Cape Wildlife	1	R17 360 500	2,9%
15	Kirkwood Wildlife Festival	1	R15 090 000	2,5%
16	Kroon Stud Wild	2	R12 161 500	2,0%
17	Sekgweng	1	R11 850 450	2,0%
18	Pymat Game Breeders	1	R11 576 000	1,9%
19	Tidal Winds Game Breeders	1	R10 312 500	1,7%
20	Robedi Safaris & Friends	1	R10 190 000	1,7%
21	SANParks	1	R7 875 000	1,3%
22	Royal Castle (Castle de Wildt)	1	R7 217 500	1,2%
23	Free State DARDEA	1	R4 270 000	0,7%
24	MW de Jager Wildlife	1	R2 898 100	0,5%

The 13 auction owners, 2026 against 2025

Change in turnover on published results for both years.

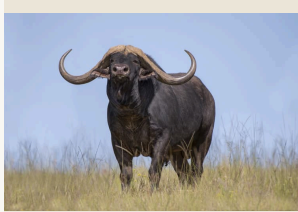


Auction owner	2025	2026	Change
Bona Bona Wildlife	R38 409 000	R59 384 500	+54,6%
Stud Game Breeders	R75 767 250	R66 468 500	-12,3%
Wildlife Legacy	R30 576 000	R43 238 250	+41,4%
Summit Wildlife	R26 980 500	R42 761 000	+58,5%
Bloodline Africa	R18 302 500	R30 416 000	+66,2%
Kriek Wildlife Group	R26 509 200	R25 944 900	-2,1%
Thaba Tholo	R19 120 800	R25 217 750	+31,9%
Benchmark Game Breeders	R21 780 500	R25 752 000	+18,2%
Valley Venture Stud & Friends	R14 125 500	R20 236 000	+43,3%
Classic Game Breeders	R16 175 000	R19 961 500	+23,4%
Woody Cape Wildlife	R18 344 900	R17 360 500	-5,4%
Kroon Stud Wild	R13 313 750	R12 161 500	-8,7%
Pymat Game Breeders	R9 025 000	R11 576 000	+28,3%

Together: R328,4 million in 2025, R400,5 million in 2026.

Top lots

The ten highest prices of the top-end auctions, with three lots tied for tenth place. A 25% share in the buffalo bull Dominus leads at R6 million, followed by the buffalo cow Nonnatjie at R5,1 million. Both were Super 9 lots at Bona Bona Wildlife's 9th Platinum Auction on 21 March.



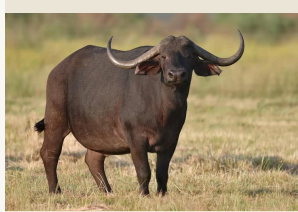
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R6 million

A 25% share in Dominus, a 56 2/8-inch buffalo bull

Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction, lot S009, 21 Mar. Seller: Woody Cape Wildlife.

Picture: Bona Bona Wildlife



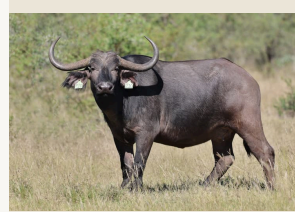
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R5,1 million

Nonnatjie, a 42 4/8-inch buffalo cow, 3-in-1

Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction, lot S008, 21 Mar. Seller: Bona Bona Wildlife.

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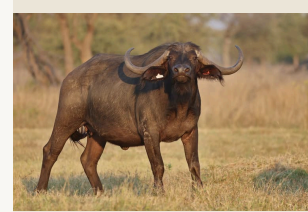
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R4,8 million

Zsa Zsa, a 40 3/8-inch buffalo cow, with her calf

Wildlife Legacy, lot 039, 18 Jul. Seller: New Wycombe.

Picture: Wildlife Legacy



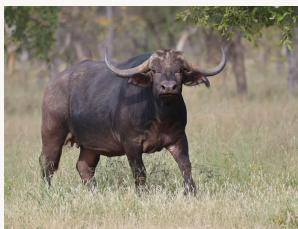
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R4,6 million

Nova, a 40-inch buffalo cow

Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction, lot 016, 5 Sep. Seller: Nyumbu Wildlife.

Picture: Stud Game Breeders



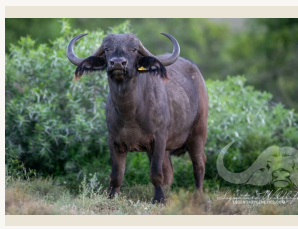
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R4,1 million

Mitsie, a 42-inch buffalo cow

Wildlife Legacy, lot 038, 18 Jul. Seller: Buffalo Creek Game Ranch.

Picture: Wildlife Legacy



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R3 million

A 36 4/8-inch buffalo cow sired by Leba

Signature Wildlife, lot 015, 18 Apr. Seller: Kwandwe Signature Wildlife.

Picture: Signature Wildlife



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R3 million

The 21-inch springbok ram from Jules of the Karoo

Summit Wildlife 11th Auction, lot 13, 26 Sep. Seller: Jules of the Karoo.

Picture: Summit Wildlife



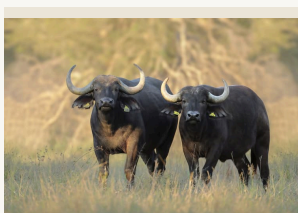
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R2,9 million

Showtime, a 56-inch sable bull

Summit Wildlife 11th Auction, lot 24, 26 Sep. Seller: Valley Venture.

Picture: Summit Wildlife



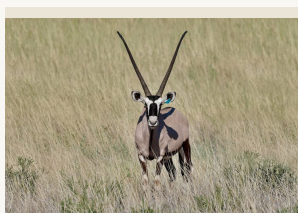
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R2,6 million

A buffalo heifer out of 47 1/8-inch+ Eclipse, buyer's choice

Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction, lot 099, 5 Sep. Seller: Tembani Wildlife.

Picture: Stud Game Breeders



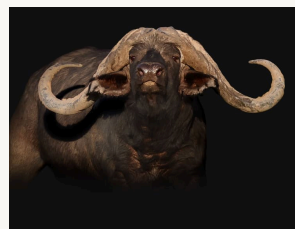
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R2,5 million

Oupa Jan, a 47 2/8-inch gemsbok bull

Groot Kalahari Veiling, lot 016, 2 May. Seller: STS Meletse.

Picture: Groot Kalahari Veiling



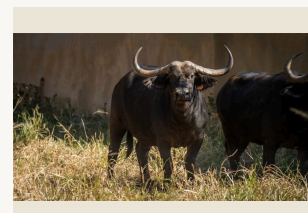
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R2,5 million

Claymore, a 51 6/8-inch East African buffalo bull

Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction, lot 101, 5 Sep. Seller: Phala Phala Wildlife.

Picture: Stud Game Breeders



No. 10

R2,5 million

Iris, a 39 4/8-inch buffalo cow

Thaba Tholo, lot 032, 19 Sep. Seller: Thaba Tholo.

Picture: Thaba Tholo

Where the money went

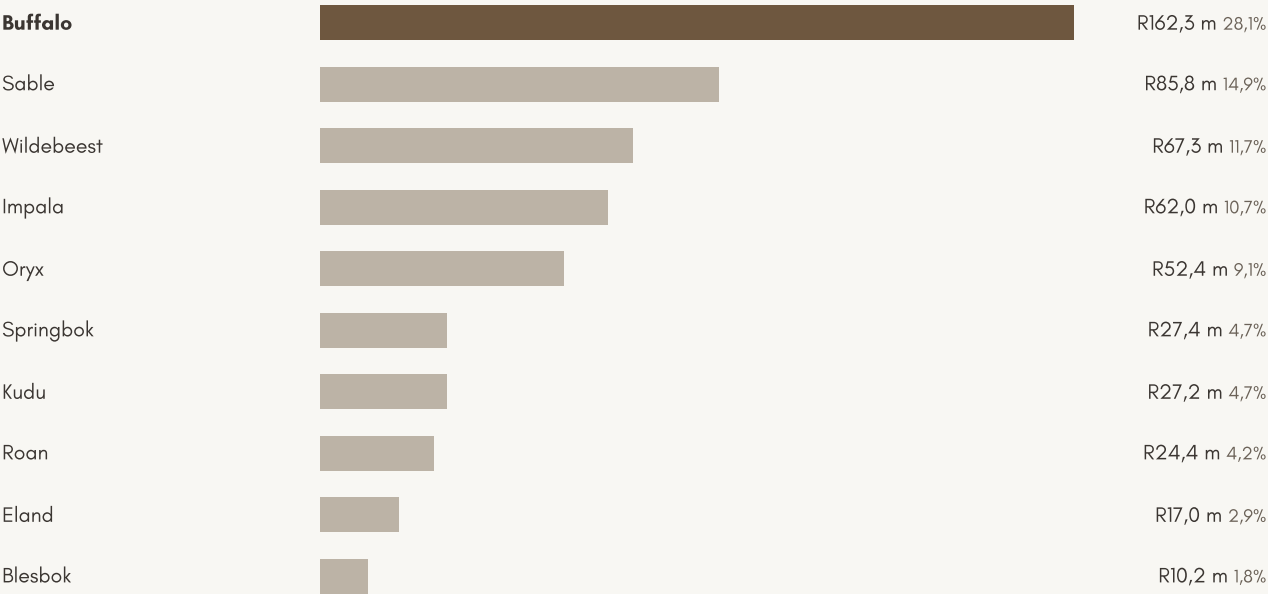
Buffalo fetched R162,3 million, 28,1% of top-end wildlife value. A buffalo cow averaged R327 718 an animal against R170 097 for a bull.

Colour variants represent 25,1% of wildlife value. The figures by species cover every top-end auction, with Bona Bona Wildlife’s live lots now in.

[All species](#) · [Buffalo](#) · [Lot explorer](#)

Top-end wildlife value by species

Every top-end lot. Select a species for its page.



Questions people ask

How much did South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions turn over in 2026?

They turned over R593,7 million across 42 auctions held between March and September 2026, at hammer prices excluding VAT. With 70 other and smaller auctions the market came to R861,2 million.

What was the highest price at a wildlife auction in 2026?

The highest price was R6 million for a 25% share in Dominus, a 56 2/8-inch buffalo bull, at Bona Bona Wildlife's 9th Platinum Auction on 21 March. The highest price for a whole animal was R5,1 million for Nonnatjie, a 42 4/8-inch buffalo cow, at the same auction.

Which species fetched the most money?

Buffalo: R162,3 million, 28,1% of top-end wildlife value. Sable followed at R85,8 million.

Which auction turned over the most?

Bona Bona Wildlife's 9th Platinum Auction on 21 March, at R54,0 million on its published result sheet. By auction owner, Stud Game Breeders led with R66,5 million over three auctions.

When is The Tenth?

Saturday 13 March 2027: Bona Bona Wildlife's Platinum Auction, with Piet du Toit Wildbedryf as co-host.

All auctions · 2026

All 112 auctions of 2026

The 112 counted auctions of 2026 turned over R861,2 million: 42 top-end auctions (R593,7 million) and 70 other and smaller auctions (R267,5 million). Qualita Safaris' timed auction is listed and marked not counted.

Auction	Date	Platform	Format	Tier	Turnover	Lots sold	Per lot sold	Checks
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> Hanley Wildlife Services	20 Feb	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R1 478 350	31 of 40	R47 689	• One source
<u>AWA Vaalwater general auction</u> African Wildlife Auctions	21 Feb	African Wildlife Auctions	Live	Wider market	R3 501 850	95 of 116	R36 862	• Agrees
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> Nylsvlei Game Traders	27 Feb	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R3 671 050	128 of 149	R28 680	• One source
<u>Noord-Kaap Lewende Hawe & WIRU 1</u> WIRU Wildlife Services	28 Feb	Wildswinkel	Live	Wider market	R4 084 950	92 of 129	R44 402	• Agrees
<u>Casper De Klerk Game Auction</u> Casper de Klerk Wild	6 Mar	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R12 577 750	245 of 279	R51 338	• Explained
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> Hanley Wildlife Services	6 Mar	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R1 219 850	40 of 41	R30 496	• One source
<u>Arno Du Plessis Wildveiling</u> Arno du Plessis	7 Mar	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R7 186 900	221 of 223	R32 520	• One source
<u>Breeding & Hunting Auction March 2026</u> Stud Game Breeders	9 Mar	Stud Game Breeders	Timed	Top end	R6 069 500	77 of 81	R78 825	• Explained
<u>Thabazimbi Wildlife Services Wildveiling</u> Thabazimbi Wildlife Services	11 Mar	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R4 360 050	89 of 89	R48 989	• One source
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildveiling</u> Nylsvlei Game Traders	13 Mar	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R4 494 100	126 of 130	R35 667	• One source
<u>SANParks Wildlife Sale</u> SANParks	13 Mar	Wildswinkel	Timed	Top end	R7 875 000	118 of 118	R66 737	• Agrees
<u>AWA Vaalwater general auction</u> African Wildlife Auctions	14 Mar	African Wildlife Auctions	Live	Wider market	R3 798 000	100 of 130	R37 980	• Explained
<u>WIRU Flash Sale</u> WIRU Wildlife Services	18 Mar	Wildswinkel	Timed	Wider market	R1 920 950	40 of 49	R48 024	• Explained
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> Hanley Wildlife Services	20 Mar	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R1 994 200	57 of 66	R34 986	• One source
<u>Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction</u> Bona Bona Wildlife	21 Mar	Wildswinkel	Live	Top end	R54 007 000	128 of 132	R421 930	• Likely cause found



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<u>Jakhalsdans Wildveiling</u> Jakhalsdans	21 Mar	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R4 000 500	138 of 167	R28 989	● One source
<u>Bona Bona Wildlife</u> Bona Bona Wildlife	23 Mar	Wildswinkel	Timed	Top end	R5 377 500	52 of 59	R103 413	● Agrees
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> Nylsvlei Game Traders	27 Mar	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R4 709 700	129 of 141	R36 509	● One source
<u>AWA Vaalwater general auction</u> African Wildlife Auctions	28 Mar	African Wildlife Auctions	Live	Wider market	R8 380 400	141 of 157	R59 435	● Agrees
<u>Philippolis Wildveiling & Wild Blitsfees</u> Philippolis Wild Blitsfees	28 Mar	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R3 956 600	104 of 120	R38 044	● One source
<u>Woody Cape Wildlife</u> Woody Cape Wildlife	28 Mar	Wildswinkel	Live	Top end	R17 360 500	127 of 133	R136 697	● Explained
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> Nylsvlei Game Traders	10 Apr	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R3 803 250	117 of 120	R32 506	● One source
<u>Kriek Wildlife Group</u> Kriek Wildlife Group	11 Apr	Wildswinkel	Live	Top end	R16 642 000	125 of 132	R133 136	● Agrees
<u>WIRU Wildlife Services & Kriek Wildlife Group</u> Kriek Wildlife Group	13 Apr	Wildswinkel	Timed	Top end	R9 302 900	145 of 163	R64 158	● Small gap
<u>AWA Vaalwater general auction</u> African Wildlife Auctions	15 Apr	African Wildlife Auctions	Live	Wider market	R6 046 250	164 of 202	R36 867	● Agrees
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> Hanley Wildlife Services	17 Apr	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R2 036 800	52 of 59	R39 169	● One source
<u>Signature Wildlife</u> Signature Wildlife	18 Apr	Wildswinkel	Live	Top end	R21 617 950	97 of 97	R222 865	● Agrees
<u>Signature Wildlife</u> Signature Wildlife	20 Apr	Wildswinkel	Timed	Top end	R4 293 850	57 of 59	R75 331	● Agrees
<u>Thabazimbi Wildlife Services Wildveiling</u> Thabazimbi Wildlife Services	22 Apr	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R3 759 950	94 of 102	R39 999	● One source
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> Nylsvlei Game Traders	24 Apr	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R2 552 900	100 of 115	R25 529	● One source
<u>AWA Vaalwater general auction</u> African Wildlife Auctions	25 Apr	African Wildlife Auctions	Live	Wider market	R4 300 850	133 of 146	R32 337	● Agrees
<u>Shingalana Wildveiling - Boma Veiling</u> Shingalana	25 Apr	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R2 784 950	73 of 99	R38 150	● One source
<u>Benchmark Trophy & Hunt</u> Benchmark Game Breeders	28 Apr	Wildswinkel	Timed	Top end	R4 693 500	79 of 88	R59 411	● Small gap

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<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> Hanley Wildlife Services	1 May	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R1 516 450	51 of 56	R29 734	● One source
<u>Al Badenhorst Elite Wildveiling</u> Al Badenhorst Boerdery	2 May	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R1 506 100	105 of 114	R14 344	● One source
<u>Groot Kalahari Veiling</u> Groot Kalahari Veiling	2 May	Wildswinkel	Live	Top end	R34 780 000	99 of 100	R351 313	● Agrees
<u>Groot Kalahari Veiling</u> Groot Kalahari Veiling	4 May	Wildswinkel	Timed	Top end	R4 428 000	42 of 43	R105 429	● Agrees
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> Nylsvlei Game Traders	8 May	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R2 834 750	93 of 102	R30 481	● One source
<u>AWA Vaalwater general auction</u> African Wildlife Auctions	9 May	African Wildlife Auctions	Live	Wider market	R2 786 350	101 of 106	R27 588	● Agrees
<u>Arno Du Plessis Wildveiling</u> Arno du Plessis	9 May	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R7 964 100	214 of 216	R37 215	● One source
<u>WIRU Wildlife Services 3</u> WIRU Wildlife Services	11 May	Wildswinkel	Timed	Wider market	R2 455 900	58 of 60	R42 343	● Small gap
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> Hanley Wildlife Services	15 May	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R1 931 500	70 of 80	R27 593	● One source
<u>Robedi Safaris & Friends</u> Robedi Safaris & Friends	15 May	Wildswinkel	Timed	Top end	R10 190 000	87 of 98	R117 126	● Agrees
<u>3rd Royal Castle Game Auction</u> Royal Castle (Castle de Wildt)	16 May	African Wildlife Auctions	Live	Top end	R7 217 500	60 of 80	R120 292	● Explained
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> Nylsvlei Game Traders	22 May	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R4 748 000	137 of 143	R34 657	● One source
<u>AWA Bloemfontein general auction</u> African Wildlife Auctions	23 May	African Wildlife Auctions	Live	Wider market	R3 563 750	108 of 116	R32 998	● Agrees
<u>Valley Venture Stud & Friends</u> Valley Venture Stud & Friends	23 May	Wildswinkel	Live	Top end	R17 686 500	93 of 104	R190 177	● Explained
<u>Valley Venture Stud & Friends</u> Valley Venture Stud & Friends	25 May	Wildswinkel	Timed	Top end	R2 549 500	36 of 45	R70 819	● Explained
<u>Thabazimbi Wildlife Services Wildveiling</u> Thabazimbi Wildlife Services	29 May	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R5 392 200	115 of 118	R46 889	● One source
<u>AWA Vaalwater general auction</u> African Wildlife Auctions	30 May	African Wildlife Auctions	Live	Wider market	R6 839 800	154 of 158	R44 414	● Agrees
<u>Bloodline Africa</u> Bloodline Africa	5 Jun	Wildswinkel	Live	Top end	R25 555 000	118 of 120	R216 568	● Agrees

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<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> Hanley Wildlife Services	5 Jun	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R2 249 650	54 of 65	R41 660	● One source
<u>Shingalana Wildveiling</u> Shingalana	6 Jun	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R1 876 250	64 of 79	R29 316	● One source
<u>Bloodline Africa</u> Bloodline Africa	8 Jun	Wildswinkel	Timed	Top end	R4 861 000	51 of 55	R95 314	● Agrees
<u>Thabazimbi Wildlife Services Wildveiling</u> Thabazimbi Wildlife Services	10 Jun	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R3 936 900	94 of 103	R41 882	● One source
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> Nylsvlei Game Traders	12 Jun	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R3 961 650	120 of 128	R33 014	● One source
<u>Noord-Kaap Wilddienste & Steyl Wild Wildveiling</u> Noord-Kaap Wilddienste	13 Jun	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R7 385 500	167 of 167	R44 225	● One source
<u>Sekgweng & Guest Sellers</u> Sekgweng	13 Jun	African Wildlife Auctions	Live	Top end	R11 850 450	222 of 225	R53 380	● Explained
<u>WIRU & Noord-Kaap Lewende Hawe 2</u> WIRU Wildlife Services	15 Jun	Wildswinkel	Timed	Wider market	R4 066 700	87 of 92	R46 744	● Explained
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> Hanley Wildlife Services	19 Jun	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R885 950	29 of 29	R30 550	● One source
<u>AWA Bloemfontein general auction</u> African Wildlife Auctions	20 Jun	African Wildlife Auctions	Live	Wider market	R1 158 150	57 of 77	R20 318	● Agrees
<u>Tidal Winds Game Breeders</u> Tidal Winds Game Breeders	22 Jun	Wildswinkel	Timed	Top end	R10 312 500	111 of 114	R92 905	● Agrees
<u>Kirkwood Wildlife Festival Game Auction</u> Kirkwood Wildlife Festival	26 Jun	SwiftVEE	Live	Top end	R15 090 000	207 of 224	R72 899	● Explained
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> Nylsvlei Game Traders	26 Jun	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R2 756 400	104 of 112	R26 504	● One source
<u>Silent Valley Prestige Auction</u> Silent Valley Game Breeders	27 Jun	African Wildlife Auctions	Live	Top end	R15 387 150	171 of 171	R89 983	● Explained
<u>MW de Jager Wildlife Production</u> MW de Jager Wildlife	29 Jun	Wildswinkel	Timed	Top end	R2 898 100	39 of 48	R74 310	● Agrees
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> Hanley Wildlife Services	3 Jul	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R1 353 100	32 of 33	R42 284	● One source
<u>Arno Du Plessis 3De Wildveiling</u> Arno du Plessis	4 Jul	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R6 176 700	194 of 202	R31 839	● One source

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<u>Silent Valley Wildlife Auction</u> Silent Valley Game Breeders	4 Jul	African Wildlife Auctions	Live	Top end	R5 861 350	104 of 104	R56 359	● Agrees
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> Nylsvlei Game Traders	10 Jul	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R5 532 100	132 of 136	R41 910	● One source
<u>Silent Valley Prestige Auction</u> Silent Valley Game Breeders	11 Jul	African Wildlife Auctions	Live	Top end	R12 912 900	151 of 154	R85 516	● Agrees
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> Hanley Wildlife Services	17 Jul	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R1 740 200	51 of 52	R34 122	● One source
<u>Helicon Wildlife Services Katalogus En Boma Aanlyn Wildveiling</u> Helicon Wildlife Services	17 Jul	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R2 253 300	50 of 59	R45 066	● One source
<u>Wildlife Legacy</u> Wildlife Legacy	18 Jul	Wildswinkel	Live	Top end	R35 977 000	108 of 121	R333 120	● Agrees
<u>Wildlife Legacy</u> Wildlife Legacy	20 Jul	Wildswinkel	Timed	Top end	R7 261 250	80 of 87	R90 766	● Explained
<u>Dardea Annual Game Auction</u> Free State DARDEA	24 Jul	SwiftVEE	Live	Top end	R4 270 000	38 of 54	R112 368	● Explained
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> Nylsvlei Game Traders	24 Jul	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R5 332 800	141 of 146	R37 821	● One source
<u>Silent Valley Buffalo Auction</u> Silent Valley Game Breeders	25 Jul	African Wildlife Auctions	Live	Top end	R10 822 400	115 of 120	R94 108	● Explained
<u>WIRU Wildlife Services 4</u> WIRU Wildlife Services	25 Jul	Wildswinkel	Timed	Wider market	R4 246 050	80 of 85	R53 076	● Agrees
<u>Thabazimbi Wildlife Services Wildveiling</u> Thabazimbi Wildlife Services	30 Jul	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R5 296 300	117 of 130	R45 268	● One source
<u>Qualita Safaris Aanlyn Wildsveiling</u> Qualita Safaris	31 Jul	SwiftVEE	Timed	Not counted	R3 298 500	107 of 110	R30 827	● Not counted
<u>Al Badenhorst Elite Wildveiling</u> Al Badenhorst Boerdery	1 Aug	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R1 931 700	90 of 102	R21 463	● One source
<u>Classic Game Breeders</u> Classic Game Breeders	1 Aug	Wildswinkel	Live	Top end	R19 961 500	100 of 112	R199 615	● Explained
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> Hanley Wildlife Services	7 Aug	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R2 014 150	73 of 79	R27 591	● One source
<u>Amanzi Wildsfees Veiling</u> Amanzi	8 Aug	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R3 202 500	113 of 125	R28 341	● One source

Auction	Date	Platform	Format	Tier	Turnover	Lots sold	Per lot sold	Checks
Silent Valley Buffalo Stud Auction Silent Valley Game Breeders	8 Aug	African Wildlife Auctions	Live	Top end	R13 452 500	66 of 68	R203 826	● Agrees
Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling Nylsvlei Game Traders	14 Aug	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R4 523 250	141 of 148	R32 080	● One source
Benchmark Game Breeders Benchmark Game Breeders	15 Aug	Wildswinkel	Live	Top end	R19 054 000	91 of 98	R209 385	● Agrees
Benchmark Game Breeders Benchmark Game Breeders	17 Aug	Wildswinkel	Timed	Top end	R2 004 500	23 of 30	R87 152	● Agrees
Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling Hanley Wildlife Services	21 Aug	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R529 350	26 of 35	R20 360	● One source
AWA Vaalwater general auction African Wildlife Auctions	22 Aug	African Wildlife Auctions	Live	Wider market	R7 787 700	195 of 199	R39 937	● Agrees
Pymat Game Breeders Pymat Game Breeders	22 Aug	Wildswinkel	Live	Top end	R11 576 000	77 of 81	R150 338	● Agrees
Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling Nylsvlei Game Traders	28 Aug	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R4 630 500	143 of 156	R32 381	● One source
Arno Du Plessis 4De Wildveiling Arno du Plessis	29 Aug	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R5 421 600	171 of 190	R31 705	● One source
Thabazimbi Wildlife Services Wildveiling Thabazimbi Wildlife Services	29 Aug	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R3 401 300	92 of 111	R36 971	● One source
Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling Hanley Wildlife Services	4 Sep	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R1 815 250	40 of 55	R45 381	● One source
Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction Stud Game Breeders	5 Sep	Wildswinkel	Live	Top end	R50 490 000	98 of 98	R515 204	● Agrees
SGB September 2026 Timed Auction Stud Game Breeders	7 Sep	Stud Game Breeders	Timed	Top end	R9 909 000	76 of 78	R130 382	● Explained
AWA Vaalwater general auction African Wildlife Auctions	11 Sep	African Wildlife Auctions	Live	Wider market	R6 473 650	177 of 188	R36 574	● Agrees
Nylsvlei Game Traders Game Auction Nylsvlei Game Traders	11 Sep	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R4 177 200	126 of 137	R33 152	● One source
Kroon Stud Wild Kroon Stud Wild	12 Sep	Wildswinkel	Live	Top end	R8 818 500	80 of 88	R110 231	● Agrees
Kroon Stud Wild & WIRU Wildlife Services Kroon Stud Wild	14 Sep	Wildswinkel	Timed	Top end	R3 343 000	88 of 108	R37 989	● Agrees

Auction	Date	Platform	Format	Tier	Turnover	Lots sold	Per lot sold	Checks
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> Hanley Wildlife Services	18 Sep	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R980 700	37 of 86	R26 505	● One source
<u>Emaweni Production Auction</u> Emaweni	19 Sep	African Wildlife Auctions	Live	Wider market	R6 096 900	144 of 145	R42 340	● Agrees
<u>Thaba Tholo</u> Thaba Tholo	19 Sep	Wildswinkel	Live	Top end	R19 982 000	93 of 93	R214 860	● Agrees
<u>Thaba Tholo</u> Thaba Tholo	21 Sep	Wildswinkel	Timed	Top end	R5 235 750	57 of 59	R91 855	● Agrees
<u>Thabazimbi Wildlife Services Wildveiling</u> Thabazimbi Wildlife Services	23 Sep	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R1 505 000	49 of 65	R30 714	● One source
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Game Auction</u> Nylsvlei Game Traders	25 Sep	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R3 685 150	114 of 117	R32 326	● One source
<u>Emaweni & Guest Sellers</u> Emaweni	26 Sep	African Wildlife Auctions	Live	Wider market	R6 807 750	149 of 149	R45 690	● Explained
<u>Summit Wildlife 11th Auction</u> Summit Wildlife	26 Sep	SwiftVEE	Live	Top end	R36 159 000	141 of 145	R256 447	● Explained
<u>Summit Wildlife 11th Auction</u> Summit Wildlife	28 Sep	SwiftVEE	Timed	Top end	R6 602 000	79 of 89	R83 570	● Explained
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> Hanley Wildlife Services	2 Oct	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R973 900	33 of 35	R29 512	● One source
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> Nylsvlei Game Traders	9 Oct	SwiftVEE	Live	Wider market	R3 185 650	114 of 126	R27 944	● One source
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Species · Top end

Species of 2026

Species

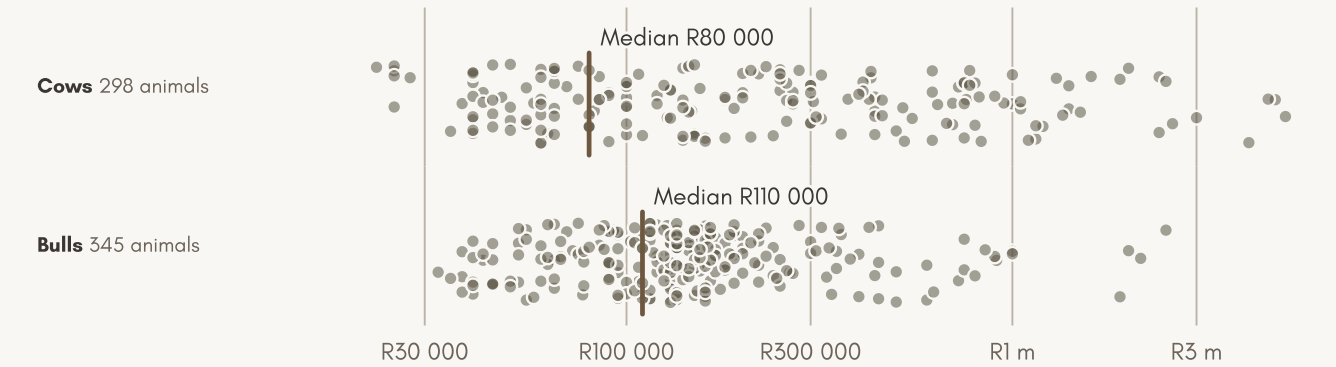
Buffalo

Buffalo fetched R162,3 million at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, 28,1% of all wildlife value, across 643 animals in 432 lots.

Top-end value	Average an animal	Cows	Bulls
R162,3 m	R243 147	R327 718	R170 097
28,1% of wildlife value	Median R95 000	298 animals, median R80 000	345 animals, median R110 000

The price spread

Every buffalo lot sold at the top-end auctions, by price per animal. The brown tick is the median animal.



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Cows	298	R80 000	R327 718	R22 500	R5 100 000
Bulls	345	R110 000	R170 097	R32 500	R2 500 000

The chart holds 431 lots. The scale grows by steps of ten, so the most expensive animals do not hide what most animals sold for. Price per animal is the lot price over the animals charged. Calves at foot are not counted. The R6 000 000 paid for a 25% share in Dominus counts in buffalo value, not in any price per animal.

Top lots



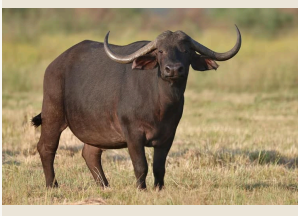
No. 1

R6 million

A 25% share in Dominus, a 56 2/8-inch buffalo bull

Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction, lot S009, 21 Mar. Seller: Woody Cape Wildlife.

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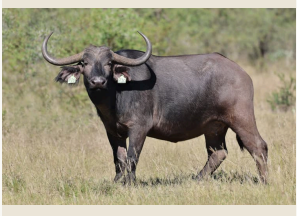
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R5,1 million

Nonnatjie, a 42 4/8-inch buffalo cow, 3-in-1

Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction, lot S008, 21 Mar. Seller: Bona Bona Wildlife.

Picture: Bona Bona Wildlife



No. 3

R4,8 million

Zsa Zsa, a 40 3/8-inch buffalo cow, with her calf

Wildlife Legacy, lot 039, 18 Jul. Seller: New Wycombe.

Picture: Wildlife Legacy



No. 4

R4,6 million

Nova, a 40-inch buffalo cow

Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction, lot 016, 5 Sep. Seller: Nyumbu Wildlife.

Picture: Stud Game Breeders



No. 5

R4,1 million

Mitsie, a 42-inch buffalo cow

Wildlife Legacy, lot 038, 18 Jul. Seller: Buffalo Creek Game Ranch.

Picture: Wildlife Legacy



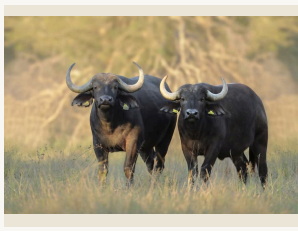
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R3 million

A 36 4/8-inch buffalo cow sired by Leba

Signature Wildlife, lot 015, 18 Apr. Seller: Kwandwe Signature Wildlife.

Picture: Signature Wildlife



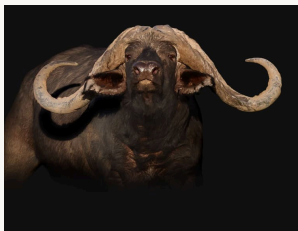
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R2,6 million

A buffalo heifer out of 47 1/8-inch+ Eclipse, buyer's choice

Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction, lot 099, 5 Sep. Seller: Tembani Wildlife.

Picture: Stud Game Breeders



No. 8

R2,5 million

Claymore, a 51 6/8-inch East African buffalo bull

Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction, lot 101, 5 Sep. Seller: Phala Phala Wildlife.

Picture: Stud Game Breeders

Live against timed

Average an animal at the top-end auctions.



Animals: 554 live and 89 timed.

2025 against 2026

Average an animal on all Wildswinkel wildlife auctions, same method both years.



Up 9,0% on 2025. Animals: 345 in 2025 and 265 in 2026.

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R13,4 million across 175 animals, an average of R76 649 an animal (median R65 000).

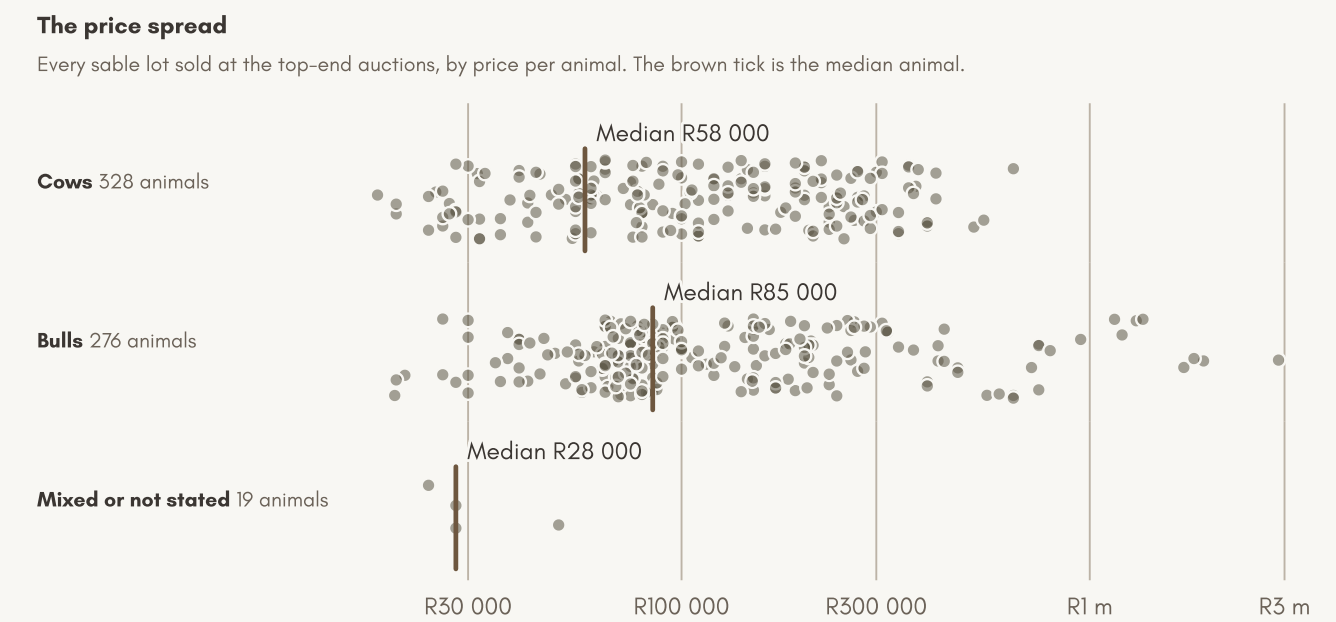
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Species

Sable

Sable fetched R85,8 million at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, 14,9% of all wildlife value, across 623 animals in 439 lots.

Top-end value	Average an animal	Cows	Bulls
R85,8 m	R137 749	R106 105	R182 649
14,9% of wildlife value	Median R75 000	328 animals, median R58 000	276 animals, median R85 000



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Cows	328	R58 000	R106 105	R18 000	R650 000
Bulls	276	R85 000	R182 649	R19 833	R2 900 000
Mixed or not stated	19	R28 000	R31 789	R24 000	R50 000

The chart holds 439 lots. The scale grows by steps of ten, so the most expensive animals do not hide what most animals sold for. Price per animal is the lot price over the animals charged. Calves at foot are not counted.

Top lots



No. 1

R2,9 million

Showtime, a 56-inch sable bull

Summit Wildlife 11th Auction, lot 24, 26 Sep. Seller: Valley Venture.

Picture: Summit Wildlife



No. 2

R1,9 million

Kalala, a 57-inch sable bull

Bloodline Africa, lot 045, 5 Jun.

Seller: Dries Visser Safaris.

Picture: Bloodline Africa

No. 3	R1,8 million Sable: 54 3/8" Bull, sired by 52 1/8" BZN (Pat brother of 62 2/8" + Armstrong) <u>Thaba Tholo</u> , lot 022, 19 Sep. Seller: Thaba Tholo.
No. 5	R1,4 million Sable: 52 2/8" + Alcaraz, Zambian Sable bull sired by 51 3/8" Deuce <u>Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction</u> , lot 015, 5 Sep. Seller: Tembani Wildlife.
No. 7	R1,2 million Sable: Choose between 56 1/8" R49 and 56 2/8" BC, Zambian Sable bulls <u>Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction</u> , lot 042, 21 Mar. Seller: SABLE VIEW SAFARIS.

No. 4	R1,7 million Sable: 54 2/8" WildFire @ 5y 11m, Sable bull sired by 53 4/8" Warren <u>Valley Venture Stud & Friends</u> , lot 012A, 23 May. Seller: Valley Venture Stud.
No. 6	R1,3 million Sable: 53 6/8" Pinto, Zambian Sable bull sired by 50 36/8" Variani <u>Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction</u> , lot 094, 21 Mar. Seller: Tembani Wildlife.
No. 8	R1,2 million Sable: 53 4/8" Hosi, Sable bull son of 52" Mopanie and 35" +Artemis <u>Benchmark Game Breeders</u> , lot 021, 15 Aug. Seller: BJ Vorster Game Breeders.

Types and colour variants

Top-end value by type.

Common	R63,8 m 531 animals
Zambian	R22,0 m 92 animals

Type	Value	Animals	Average
Common	R63 822 000	531	R120 192
Zambian	R21 995 500	92	R239 082

Live against timed

Average an animal at the top-end auctions.

Live	R158 059
Timed	R88 536

Animals: 441 live and 182 timed.

2025 against 2026

Average an animal on all Wildswinkel wildlife auctions, same method both years.

2025	R140 527
2026	R158 710

Up 12,9% on 2025. Animals: 370 in 2025 and 440 in 2026.

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R21,8 million across 549 animals, an average of R39 765 an animal (median R36 000).

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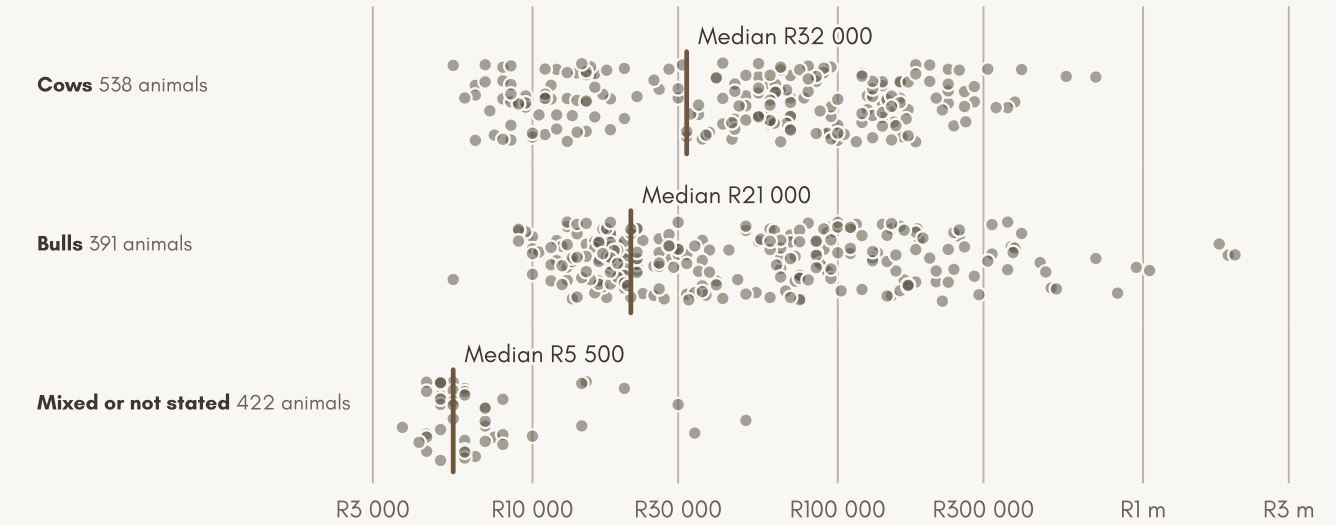
Species

Wildebeest

Wildebeest fetched R67,3 million at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, 11,7% of all wildlife value, across 1 351 animals in 500 lots.

Top-end value	Average an animal	Cows	Bulls
R67,3 m	R49 808	R59 686	R81 707
11,7% of wildlife value	Median R15 000	538 animals, median R32 000	391 animals, median R21 000

The price spread
Every wildebeest lot sold at the top-end auctions, by price per animal. The brown tick is the median animal.



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Cows	538	R32 000	R59 686	R5 500	R700 000
Bulls	391	R21 000	R81 707	R5 500	R2 000 000
Mixed or not stated	422	R5 500	R7 658	R3 750	R50 000

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Top lots



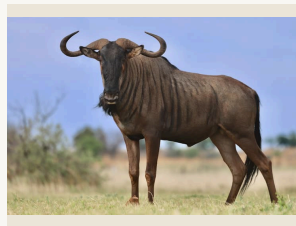
No. 1

R2 million

Beast, a 29 4/8-inch king wildebeest bull

Summit Wildlife 11th Auction, lot 70, 26 Sep. Seller: Quaggasfontein.

Picture: Summit Wildlife



No. 2

R1,9 million

Cheslin, a 33 5/8-inch blue wildebeest bull

Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction, lot S003, 21 Mar. Seller: Bona Bona Wildlife.

Picture: Bona Bona Wildlife

No. 3 **R1,8 million**
Wildebeest: 33 4/8" Etzebeth, sired by 33 4/8" Chester
Groot Kalahari Veiling, lot 039, 2 May. Seller: Bona Bona Wildlife.

No. 4 **R1,4 million**
Wildebeest: 2 x 21"+ 3-in-1 King Wildebeest cows sired by & ICT 29"+ Lightforce
Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction, lot S005, 21 Mar. Seller: Bona Bona Wildlife.

No. 5 **R1,1 million**
Wildebeest: 2 x 21"+ King heifers sired by 27" Daylight, ICT 28 2/8" Top Deck
Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction, lot 007, 5 Sep. Seller: Tembani Wildlife.

No. 6 **R1,1 million**
Wildebeest: 30 2/8" Smokie @ 2y 5m, Royal Wildebeest bull
Valley Venture Stud & Friends, lot 020, 23 May. Seller: Nahla Safaris.

No. 7 **R950 000**
Wildebeest: 33" Brynmore Jnr, Blue Wildebeest bull sired by 33" Brynmore
Benchmark Game Breeders, lot 048, 15 Aug. Seller: Bona Bona Wildlife.

No. 8 **R825 000**
Wildebeest: 33 7/8" Dricus, Golden Wildebeest bull, sired by 30 5/8" Basu
Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction, lot S006, 21 Mar. Seller: Bona Bona Wildlife.

Types and colour variants

Top-end value by type.

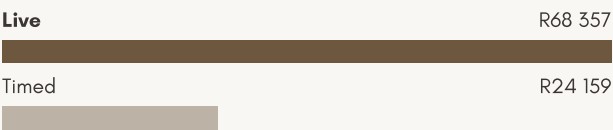


Type	Value	Animals	Average
King	R27 855 000	213	R130 775
Common	R13 359 750	565	R23 646
Royal	R12 902 500	84	R153 601
Golden	R12 363 000	471	R26 248
Split	R520 000	8	R65 000
Seretse	R178 000	8	R22 250
Golden King	R112 000	2	R56 000

Figures cover every top-end auction, Bona Bona Wildlife’s live lots included. Hammer prices, excluding VAT. Source: Wildlife Season Report 2026 data as published here.

Live against timed

Average an animal at the top-end auctions.



Animals: 784 live and 567 timed.

2025 against 2026

Average an animal on all Wildswinkel wildlife auctions, same method both years.



Up 0,4% on 2025. Animals: 720 in 2025 and 983 in 2026.

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R48,3 million across 4 078 animals, an average of R11 845 an animal (median R8 000).

Species

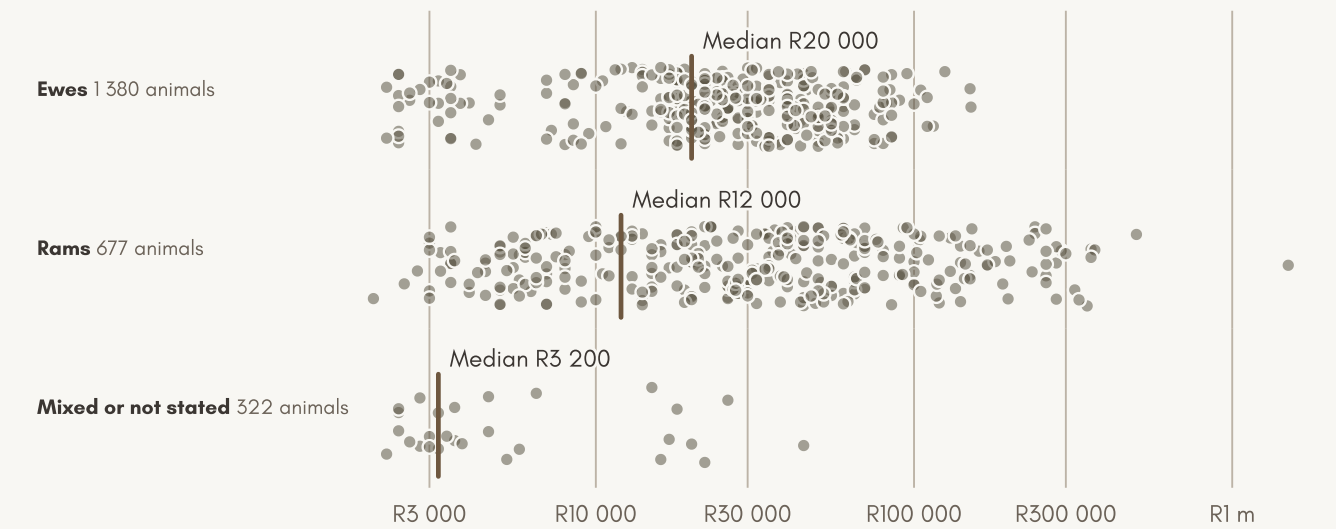
Impala

Impala fetched R62,0 million at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, 10,7% of all wildlife value, across 2 379 animals in 678 lots.

Top-end value R62,0 m 10,7% of wildlife value	Average an animal R26 066 Median R17 000	Ewes R25 955 1 380 animals, median R20 000	Rams R35 750 677 animals, median R12 000
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The price spread

Every impala lot sold at the top-end auctions, by price per animal. The brown tick is the median animal.



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Ewes	1 380	R20 000	R25 955	R2 200	R151 000
Rams	677	R12 000	R35 750	R2 000	R1 500 000
Mixed or not stated	322	R3 200	R6 182	R2 200	R45 000

The chart holds 678 lots. The scale grows by steps of ten, so the most expensive animals do not hide what most animals sold for. Price per animal is the lot price over the animals charged. Calves at foot are not counted.

Top lots



No. 6

R370 000

Luca, a 25 4/8-inch white-flanked impala ram

Classic Game Breeders, lot 001, 1 Aug. Seller: Emaweni.

Picture: Classic Game Breeders

No. 1 **R1,5 million**

Impala: 27 3/8" Eclipse, Black Impala ram

Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction, lot 011, 21 Mar. Seller: Kasch Farming.

No. 2 **R500 000**

Impala: 27 3/8" Benjee, Common Impala ram sired by 27" Impi

Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction, lot 032, 21 Mar. Seller: Regalo Game Farm.

No. 3 **R453 000**

Impala: 3 x Royal Split Impala ewes in lamb to Royal Impala ram

Benchmark Game Breeders, lot 205, 17 Aug. Seller: 3 South Group.

No. 4 **R440 000**

Impala: 4 x 27 3/8" Rapula daughters in lamb to 28 1/8" Viper

Benchmark Game Breeders, lot 023, 15 Aug. Seller: Regalo Game Farm.

No. 5 **R375 000**

Impala: 3 x Daughters of 28 5/8" Lusaka, in lamb to 25 2/8" Etosha

Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction, lot 042, 5 Sep. Seller: Dinaka Game Reserve.

No. 7 **R360 000**

Impala: 4 x Impala ewes in lamb to 29" Mr. Gunther, son of 30 1/8" Enkulu

Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction, lot 097, 21 Mar. Seller: Allpro Game Breeders.

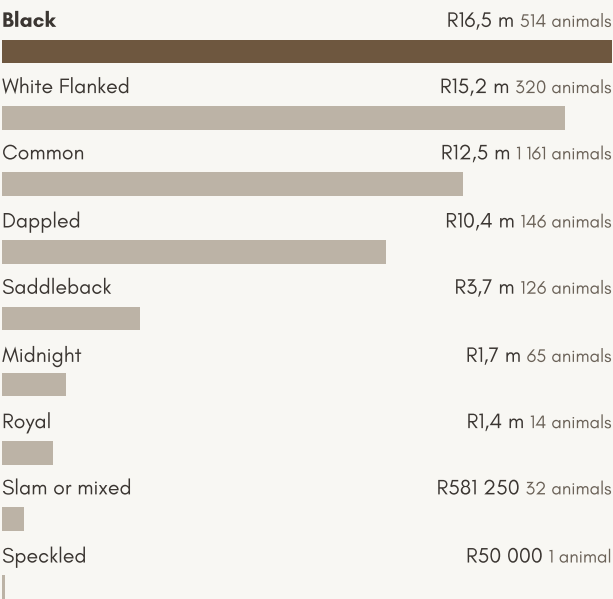
No. 8 **R360 000**

Impala: 25 2/8" Black Impala ram, sired by a 25" Black Impala ram

Robedi Safaris & Friends, lot 001, 15 May. Seller: Zeekoevalley.

Types and colour variants

Top-end value by type.



Type	Value	Animals	Average
Black	R16 500 250	514	R32 102
White Flanked	R15 225 750	320	R47 580
Common	R12 477 850	1 161	R10 748
Dappled	R10 373 500	146	R71 051
Saddleback	R3 714 500	126	R29 480
Midnight	R1 730 000	65	R26 615
Royal	R1 358 000	14	R97 000
Slam or mixed	R581 250	32	R18 164
Speckled	R50 000	1	R50 000

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Live against timed

Average an animal at the top-end auctions.



Animals: 1 543 live and 836 timed.

2025 against 2026

Average an animal on all Wildswinkel wildlife auctions, same method both years.



Up 18,5% on 2025. Animals: 1 124 in 2025 and 1 620 in 2026.

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R40,8 million across 7 093 animals, an average of R5 758 an animal (median R2 800).

Species

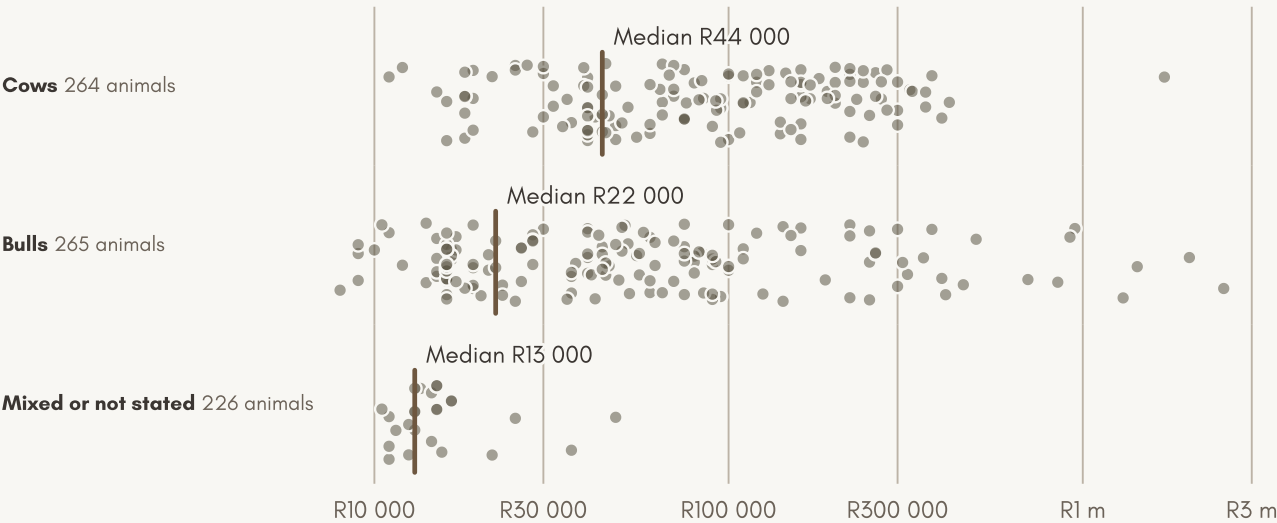
Oryx

Oryx fetched R52,4 million at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, 9,1% of all wildlife value, across 755 animals in 313 lots.

Top-end value	Average an animal	Cows	Bulls
R52,4 m	R69 407	R92 403	R93 319
9,1% of wildlife value	Median R19 000	264 animals, median R44 000	265 animals, median R22 000

The price spread

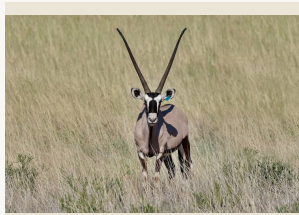
Every oryx lot sold at the top-end auctions, by price per animal. The brown tick is the median animal.



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Cows	264	R44 000	R92 403	R11 000	R1 700 000
Bulls	265	R22 000	R93 319	R8 000	R2 500 000
Mixed or not stated	226	R13 000	R14 507	R10 500	R48 000

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Top lots

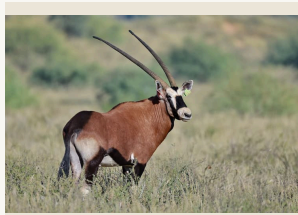


No. 1

R2,5 million**Oupa Jan, a 47 2/8-inch gemsbok bull**

Groot Kalahari Veiling, lot 016, 2 May. Seller: STS Meletse.

Picture: Groot Kalahari Veiling



No. 2

R2 million**Rocket, a 40 4/8-inch red oryx bull**

Groot Kalahari Veiling, lot 033, 2 May. Seller: FRT Investments (Pty) Ltd.

Picture: Groot Kalahari Veiling



No. 5

R1,3 million**A 47 4/8-inch oryx bull from Jules of the Karoo**

Summit Wildlife 11th Auction, lot 53, 26 Sep. Seller: Jules of the Karoo.

Picture: Summit Wildlife

No. 3 **R1,7 million**
Oryx: 50 2/8" Enya, sired by 46 7/8" Suidwes, in calf to 47"+ Askham
Groot Kalahari Veiling, lot 017, 2 May. Seller: Nyumbu Wildlife.

No. 4 **R1,4 million**
Oryx: 45" Piet, Golden Oryx bull
Groot Kalahari Veiling, lot 046, 2 May. Seller: Piet du Toit Wildbedryf.

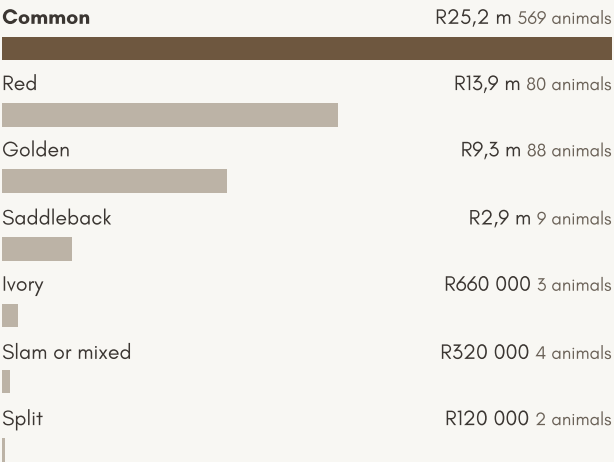
No. 6 **R1,1 million**
Oryx: Split Saddleback Oryx ♀
Summit Wildlife 11th Auction, lot 110, 26 Sep. Seller: Labak.

No. 7 **R950 000**
Oryx: 39" Romeo, Red Oryx bull
Groot Kalahari Veiling, lot 037, 2 May. Seller: LRA Boerdery.

No. 8 **R920 000**
Oryx: 33 6/8" Young Saddleback Oryx bull (S06)
Tidal Winds Game Breeders, lot 001, 22 Jun. Seller: Tidal Winds (Pty) Ltd.

Types and colour variants

Top-end value by type.



Type	Value	Animals	Average
Common	R25 239 000	569	R44 357
Red	R13 898 000	80	R173 725
Golden	R9 301 500	88	R105 699
Saddleback	R2 864 000	9	R318 222
Ivory	R660 000	3	R220 000
Slam or mixed	R320 000	4	R80 000
Split	R120 000	2	R60 000

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Live against timed

Average an animal at the top-end auctions.



Up 89,4% on 2025. Animals: 752 in 2025 and 691 in 2026.

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R16,5 million across 841 animals, an average of R19 656 an animal (median R17 000).

Species

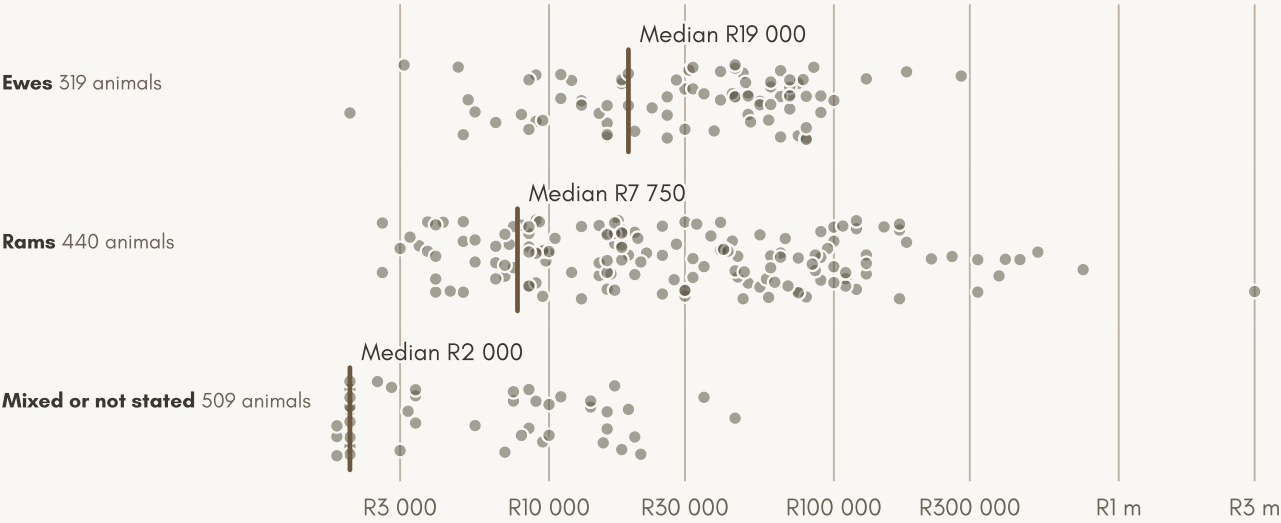
Springbok

Springbok fetched R27,4 million at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, 4,7% of all wildlife value, across 1 268 animals in 276 lots.

Top-end value	Average an animal	Ewes	Rams
R27,4 m	R21 572	R31 995	R32 901
4,7% of wildlife value	Median R7 000	319 animals, median R19 000	440 animals, median R7 750

The price spread

Every springbok lot sold at the top-end auctions, by price per animal. The brown tick is the median animal.



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Ewes	319	R19 000	R31 995	R2 000	R280 000
Rams	440	R7 750	R32 901	R2 600	R3 000 000
Mixed or not stated	509	R2 000	R5 245	R1 800	R45 000

The chart holds 276 lots. The scale grows by steps of ten, so the most expensive animals do not hide what most animals sold for. Price per animal is the lot price over the animals charged. Calves at foot are not counted.

Top lots



No. 1

R3 million

The 21-inch springbok ram from Jules of the Karoo

Summit Wildlife 11th Auction, lot 13, 26 Sep. Seller: Jules of the Karoo.

Picture: Summit Wildlife

No. 2 R750 000
Springbok: 21" TwentyOneman Jones @ 3y 1m, sired by 19 2/8" Hempies
Valley Venture Stud & Friends, lot 021, 23 May. Seller: Tortilis Wild (Pty) Ltd.

No. 4 R450 000
Springbok: Springbok ♂ - Red 13
Summit Wildlife 11th Auction, lot 81, 26 Sep. Seller: Jules of the Karoo.

No. 6 R425 000
Springbok: 5 x 13 - 14" Common Springbok ewes running with 19 3/8" Curley Jnr
Kriek Wildlife Group, lot 050, 11 Apr. Seller: Mega Springbuck.

No. 8 R400 000
Springbok: 20 7/8" Olofberg (13" tip-to-tip), sired by 19" Airstrip
Groot Kalahari Veiling, lot 009, 2 May. Seller: FRT Investments (Pty) Ltd.

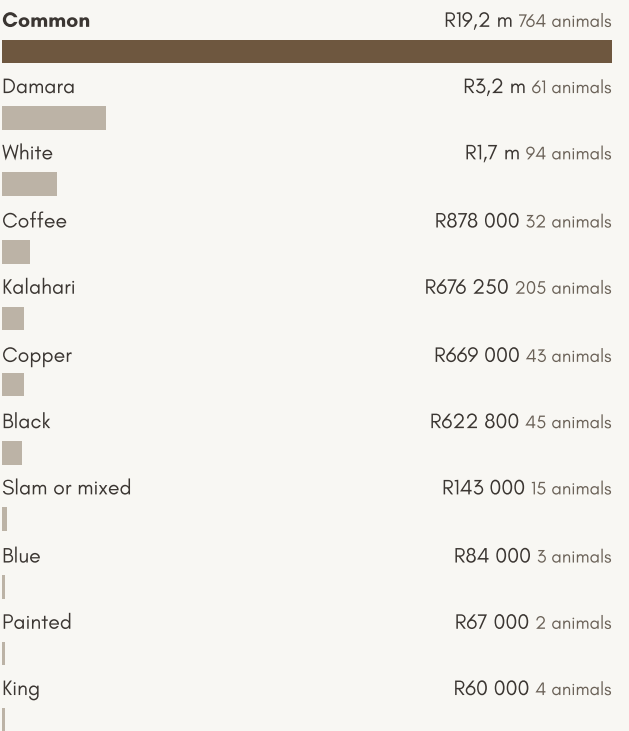
No. 3 R520 000
Springbok: 20" R12, Common Springbok ram
Valley Venture Stud & Friends, lot 026, 23 May. Seller: IP Theron BK.

No. 5 R450 000
Springbok: Springbok ♀
Summit Wildlife 11th Auction, lot 82, 26 Sep. Seller: Jules of the Karoo.

No. 7 R413 000
Springbok: Springbok ♀
Summit Wildlife 11th Auction, lot 235, 28 Sep. Seller: Jules of the Karoo.

Types and colour variants

Top-end value by type.

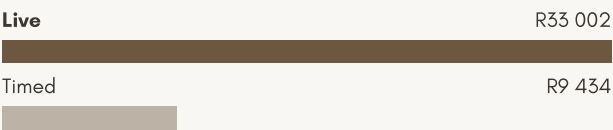


Type	Value	Animals	Average
Common	R19 201 150	764	R25 132
Damara	R3 249 000	61	R53 262
White	R1 702 500	94	R18 112
Coffee	R878 000	32	R27 438
Kalahari	R676 250	205	R3 299
Copper	R669 000	43	R15 558
Black	R622 800	45	R13 840
Slam or mixed	R143 000	15	R9 533
Blue	R84 000	3	R28 000
Painted	R67 000	2	R33 500
King	R60 000	4	R15 000

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Live against timed

Average an animal at the top-end auctions.



Animals: 653 live and 615 timed.

2025 against 2026

Average an animal on all Wildswinkel wildlife auctions, same method both years.



Up 37,3% on 2025. Animals: 1 031 in 2025 and 1 051 in 2026.

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R16,4 million across 2 785 animals, an average of R5 905 an animal (median R4 750).

Species

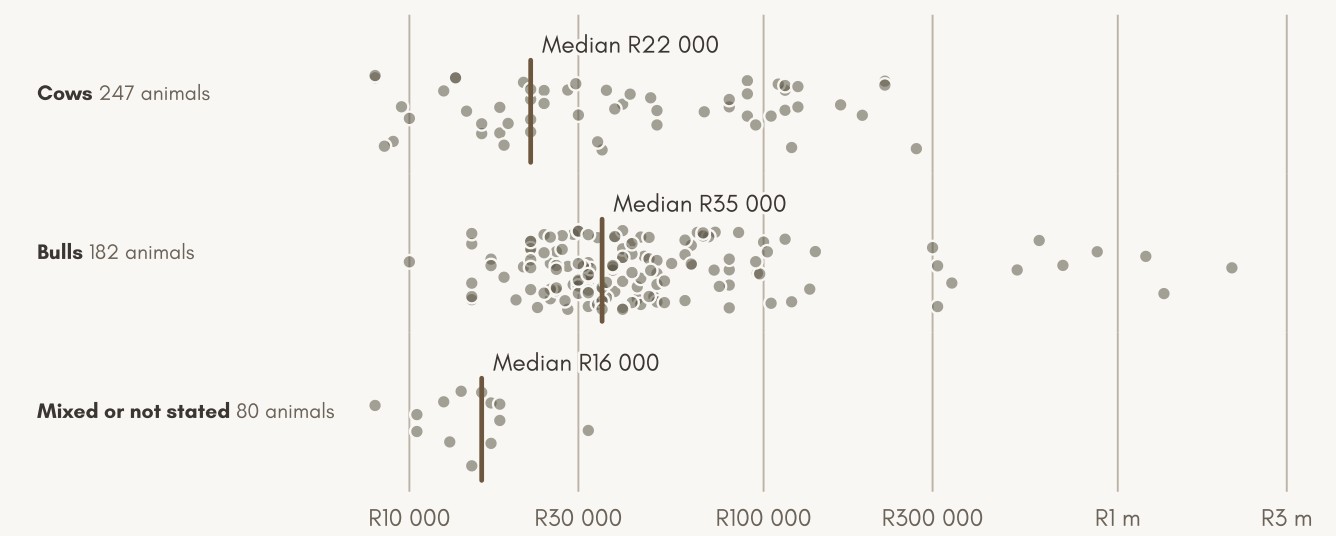
Kudu

Kudu fetched R27,2 million at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, 4,7% of all wildlife value, across 509 animals in 209 lots.

Top-end value	Average an animal	Cows	Bulls
R27,2 m	R53 407	R42 107	R85 203
4,7% of wildlife value	Median R25 000	247 animals, median R22 000	182 animals, median R35 000

The price spread

Every kudu lot sold at the top-end auctions, by price per animal. The brown tick is the median animal.



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Cows	247	R22 000	R42 107	R8 000	R270 000
Bulls	182	R35 000	R85 203	R10 000	R2 100 000
Mixed or not stated	80	R16 000	R15 956	R8 000	R32 000

The chart holds 209 lots. The scale grows by steps of ten, so the most expensive animals do not hide what most animals sold for. Price per animal is the lot price over the animals charged. Calves at foot are not counted.

Top lots



No. 1

R2,1 million

**Rockefeller, a 61 6/8-inch
kudu bull**

Wildlife Legacy, lot 055, 18 Jul. Seller:
New Wycombe.

Picture: Wildlife Legacy

No. 2 **R1,4 million**

**Kudu: 59 1/8" Shadow, Kudu bull, sired by 63"+
Vincent**

Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction, lot 092, 5 Sep.
Seller: Nyumbu Wildlife.

No. 3 **R1,2 million**

**Kudu: 64 1/8" Julien SCI: 149 5/8", breeding bull sired
by 71" Sir Awesome**

Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction, lot 052, 21 Mar. Seller:
Allpro Game Breeders.

No. 4 **R875 000**

**Kudu: 62 6/8" Titan, Kudu bull sired by 63"+
Rondebosch**

Bloodline Africa, lot 024, 5 Jun. Seller: Chrome Elite (Pty) Ltd.

No. 5 **R700 000**

Kudu: 62" Apollo, Kudu bull sired by 58"+ Junior

Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction, lot 055, 21 Mar. Seller:
Regalo Game Farm.

No. 6 **R600 000**

**Kudu: Eskimo, White Kudu bull sired by Red 14.1
(White bull)**

Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction, lot 027, 5 Sep.
Seller: Lumarie.

No. 7 **R540 000**

**Kudu: Kudu cows, daughter and granddaughter of
72" Mr Buffet**

Wildlife Legacy, lot 053A, 18 Jul. Seller: New Wycombe.

No. 8 **R520 000**

Kudu: 42 4/8" Apollo, Bushveld White Kudu bull

Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction, lot 057, 21 Mar. Seller:
Infinite Genetics.

Types and colour variants

Top-end value by type.

Common	R25,7 m 505 animals
White	R1,3 m 3 animals
Black	R125 000 1 animal

Type	Value	Animals	Average
Common	R25 719 000	505	R50 929
White	R1 340 000	3	R446 667
Black	R125 000	1	R125 000

Live against timed

Average an animal at the top-end auctions.

Live	R64 473
Timed	R25 084

Animals: 366 live and 143 timed.

2025 against 2026

Average an animal on all Wildswinkel wildlife auctions, same method both years.

2025	R66 423
2026	R66 234

That is 0,3% less than in 2025. Animals: 195 in 2025 and 297 in 2026.

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R18,9 million across 996 animals, an average of R18 999 an animal (median R12 000).

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Species

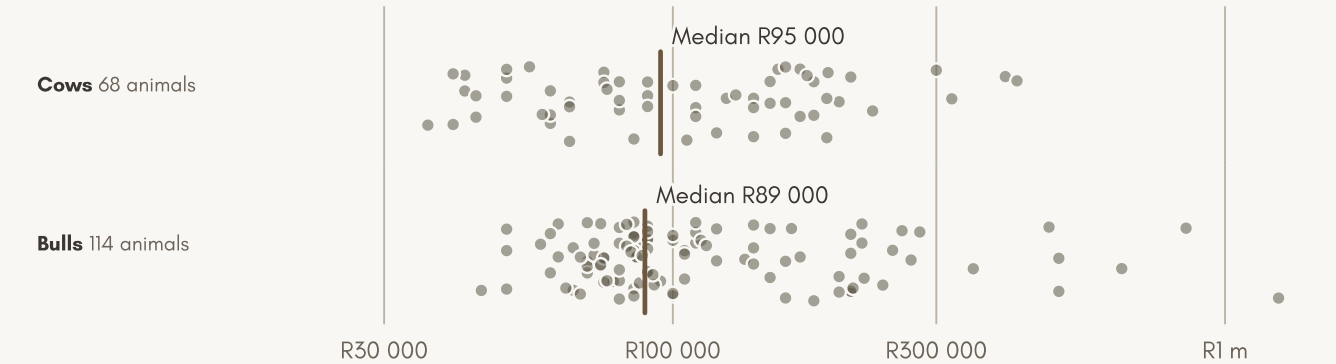
Roan

Roan fetched R24,4 million at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, 4,2% of all wildlife value, across 182 animals in 165 lots.

Top-end value	Average an animal	Cows	Bulls
R24,4 m	R133 904	R120 544	R141 874
4,2% of wildlife value	Median R90 000	68 animals, median R95 000	114 animals, median R89 000

The price spread

Every roan lot sold at the top-end auctions, by price per animal. The brown tick is the median animal.



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Cows	68	R95 000	R120 544	R36 000	R420 000
Bulls	114	R89 000	R141 874	R45 000	R1 250 000

The chart holds 165 lots. The scale grows by steps of ten, so the most expensive animals do not hide what most animals sold for. Price per animal is the lot price over the animals charged. Calves at foot are not counted.

Top lots

No. 1	R1,3 million Roan: 35 4/8" Musk, Roan bull sired by 33 4/8" Mystery <u>Groot Kalahari Veiling</u> , lot 027, 2 May. Seller: FRT Investments (Pty) Ltd.	No. 2	R850 000 Roan: Roan ♂ - Lime 21051 <u>Summit Wildlife 11th Auction</u> , lot 58, 26 Sep. Seller: Valley Venture.
No. 3	R650 000 Roan: 34 6/8" Gardian, Roan breeding bull <u>Groot Kalahari Veiling</u> , lot 080, 2 May. Seller: Piet du Toit Wildbedryf.	No. 4	R500 000 Roan: 35" NewSky @ 6y 1m, Roan bull sired by 36" Geronimo <u>Valley Venture Stud & Friends</u> , lot 039, 23 May. Seller: Valley Venture Stud.
No. 5	R500 000 Roan: 33 6/8" L21047 @ 5y, Roan bull sired by 33 6/8" Mystery <u>Valley Venture Stud & Friends</u> , lot 040, 23 May. Seller: Valley Venture Stud.	No. 6	R480 000 Roan: 34 2/8" Cordite, Roan breeding bull sired by 34 2/8" Gunsmoke <u>Wildlife Legacy</u> , lot 067, 18 Jul. Seller: New Wycombe.
No. 7	R420 000 Roan: Roan ♀ - Yellow 21083 <u>Summit Wildlife 11th Auction</u> , lot 59, 26 Sep. Seller: Valley Venture.	No. 8	R400 000 Roan: 25 6/8" Madelyn (T-T 19 2/8") in calf to 34 6/8" Apollo <u>Wildlife Legacy</u> , lot 064, 18 Jul. Seller: Zonnebloem Wildlife.

Live against timed

Average an animal at the top-end auctions.

Live	R170 467
Timed	R84 047

Animals: 105 live and 77 timed.

2025 against 2026

Average an animal on all Wildswinkel wildlife auctions, same method both years.

2025	R116 614
2026	R117 704

Up 0,9% on 2025. Animals: 114 in 2025 and 184 in 2026.

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R1,9 million across 45 animals, an average of R41 589 an animal (median R40 000).

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Species

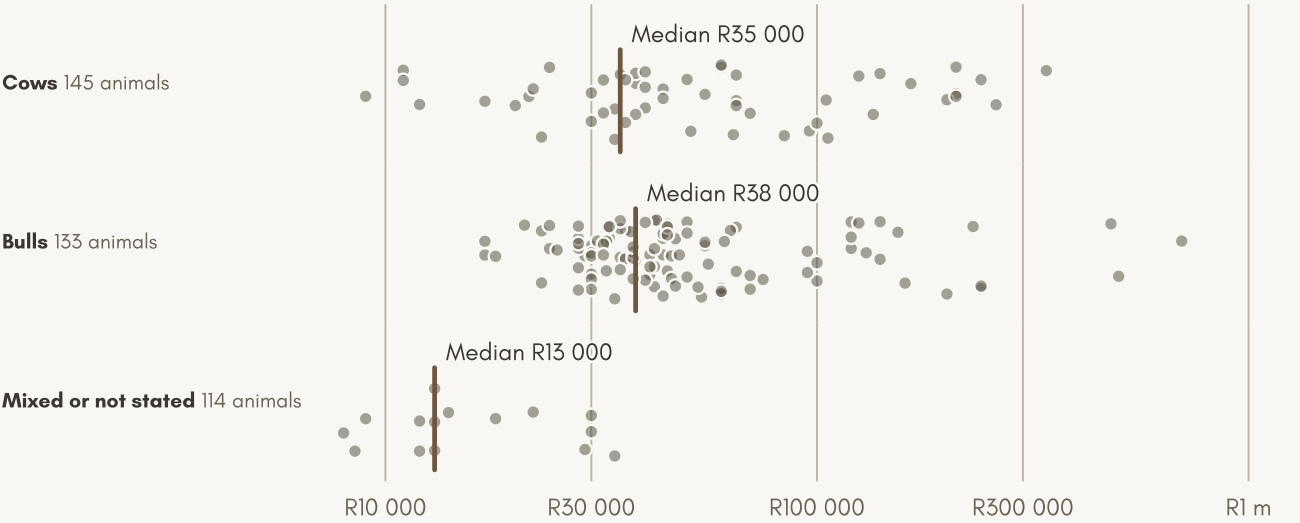
Eland

Eland fetched R17,0 million at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, 2,9% of all wildlife value, across 392 animals in 173 lots.

Top-end value	Average an animal	Cows	Bulls
R17,0 m	R43 372	R47 466	R63 500
2,9% of wildlife value	Median R30 000	145 animals, median R35 000	133 animals, median R38 000

The price spread

Every eland lot sold at the top-end auctions, by price per animal. The brown tick is the median animal.



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Cows	145	R35 000	R47 466	R9 000	R340 000
Bulls	133	R38 000	R63 500	R17 000	R700 000
Mixed or not stated	114	R13 000	R14 684	R8 000	R34 000

The chart holds 173 lots. The scale grows by steps of ten, so the most expensive animals do not hide what most animals sold for. Price per animal is the lot price over the animals charged. Calves at foot are not counted.

Top lots

No. 1	R700 000 Eland: 35 7/8" Napoleon (14 stripes), sired by Edgar <u>Wildlife Legacy</u> , lot 105, 18 Jul. Seller: New Wycombe.
No. 3	R480 000 Eland: 37 7/8" King Cape Eland bull, Ingwe, with 16 stripes <u>Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction</u> , lot 059, 21 Mar. Seller: Leeuwpan No 58 (Pty) Ltd.
No. 5	R260 000 Eland: Shelby, 13 stripe daughter of Legend, in calf to 42" Delta <u>Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction</u> , lot 024, 5 Sep. Seller: Nyumbu Wildlife.
No. 7	R240 000 Eland: 18 Stripe Livingstone Eland heifer ICT Red 21, son of Sven <u>Wildlife Legacy</u> , lot 100, 18 Jul. Seller: New Wycombe.

No. 2	R500 000 Eland: 12 Striped, 40 5/8" Lockheed, Livingstone Eland bull <u>Classic Game Breeders</u> , lot 034, 1 Aug. Seller: Kwanare.
No. 4	R340 000 Eland: 18 Stripe Kelly, Livingstone Eland heifer, in calf to 36" Rex <u>Classic Game Breeders</u> , lot 035, 1 Aug. Seller: Uitdraai Boerdery.
No. 6	R240 000 Eland: 40" W70 @ 7y 9m Cape Eland bull <u>Valley Venture Stud & Friends</u> , lot 060, 23 May. Seller: Valley Venture Stud.
No. 8	R240 000 Eland: Axel, 17 stripe young Livingstone Eland bull, son of Legend <u>Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction</u> , lot 023, 5 Sep. Seller: Nyumbu Wildlife.

Types and colour variants

Top-end value by type.

Livingstone	R9,8 m 144 animals
Common	R6,5 m 245 animals
King Cape	R715 000 3 animals

Type	Value	Animals	Average
Livingstone	R9 797 500	144	R68 038
Common	R6 489 500	245	R26 488
King Cape	R715 000	3	R238 333

Live against timed

Average an animal at the top-end auctions.

Live	R54 197
Timed	R27 842

Animals: 231 live and 161 timed.

2025 against 2026

Average an animal on all Wildswinkel wildlife auctions, same method both years.

2025	R27 962
2026	R42 785

Up 53,0% on 2025. Animals: 497 in 2025 and 310 in 2026.

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R13,3 million across 592 animals, an average of R22 498 an animal (median R20 000).

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Species

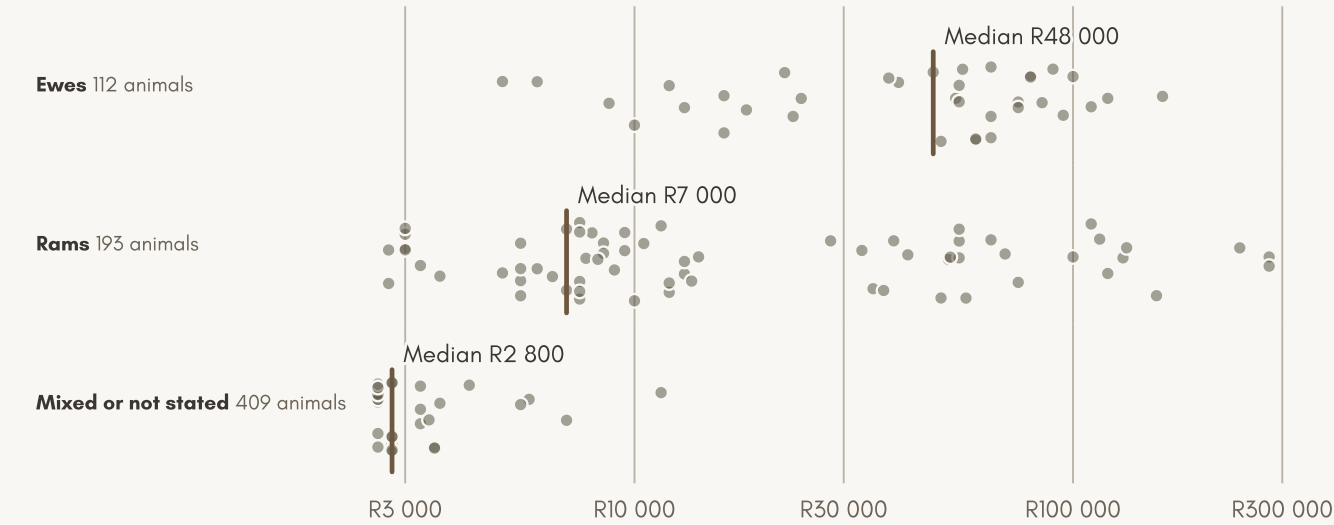
Blesbok

Blesbok fetched R10,2 million at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, 1,8% of all wildlife value, across 714 animals in 128 lots.

Top-end value	Average an animal	Ewes	Rams
R10,2 m	R14 229	R45 382	R19 226
1,8% of wildlife value	Median R3 250	112 animals, median R48 000	193 animals, median R7 000

The price spread

Every blesbok lot sold at the top-end auctions, by price per animal. The brown tick is the median animal.



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Ewes	112	R48 000	R45 382	R5 000	R160 000
Rams	193	R7 000	R19 226	R2 750	R280 000
Mixed or not stated	409	R2 800	R3 340	R2 600	R11 500

The chart holds 128 lots. The scale grows by steps of ten, so the most expensive animals do not hide what most animals sold for. Price per animal is the lot price over the animals charged. Calves at foot are not counted.

Top lots

No. 1 R325 000
Blesbok: Saddleback Blesbok ♀
Summit Wildlife 11th Auction, lot 49, 26 Sep. Seller: Quaggasfontein.

No. 3 R300 000
Blesbok: 4 x Saddleback Blesbok ewes in lamb to 18 4/8" Saddleback ram
Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction, lot 007, 21 Mar. Seller: JC van der Walt.

No. 5 R280 000
Blesbok: 19" Rob, White Saddleback Blesbok ram (Prev measured - 19 7/8" at 4y)
Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction, lot 058, 5 Sep. Seller: Lumarie.

No. 7 R275 000
Blesbok: Saddleback Blesbok ♀
Summit Wildlife 11th Auction, lot 50, 26 Sep. Seller: Quaggasfontein.

No. 2 R320 000
Blesbok: Saddleback Blesbok ♀ - Purple 1 & 2
Summit Wildlife 11th Auction, lot 47, 26 Sep. Seller: Kroonpoort.

No. 4 R300 000
Blesbok: Blesbok ♀
Summit Wildlife 11th Auction, lot 52, 26 Sep. Seller: Kapaailand Wild.

No. 6 R280 000
Blesbok: Saddleback Blesbok ♂
Summit Wildlife 11th Auction, lot 46, 26 Sep. Seller: Kroonpoort.

No. 8 R260 000
Blesbok: 4 x Bushveld adapted 13"+ Saddleback Blesbok ewes ILT 18 4/8" Nimbus
Benchmark Game Breeders, lot 009, 15 Aug. Seller: Regalo Game Farm.

Types and colour variants

Top-end value by type.

Saddleback	R6,4 m	102 animals
Common	R3,2 m	561 animals
Copper	R236 500	25 animals
Yellow	R182 000	9 animals
White	R88 000	11 animals
Slam or mixed	R70 500	6 animals

Type	Value	Animals	Average
Saddleback	R6 409 500	102	R62 838
Common	R3 173 150	561	R5 656
Copper	R236 500	25	R9 460
Yellow	R182 000	9	R20 222
White	R88 000	11	R8 000
Slam or mixed	R70 500	6	R11 750

Live against timed

Average an animal at the top-end auctions.

Live	R26 310
Timed	R6 389

Animals: 271 live and 443 timed.

2025 against 2026

Average an animal on all Wildswinkel wildlife auctions, same method both years.

2025	R14 459
2026	R10 389

That is 28,1% less than in 2025. Animals: 481 in 2025 and 786 in 2026.

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R17,1 million across 3 325 animals, an average of R5 145 an animal (median R4 400).

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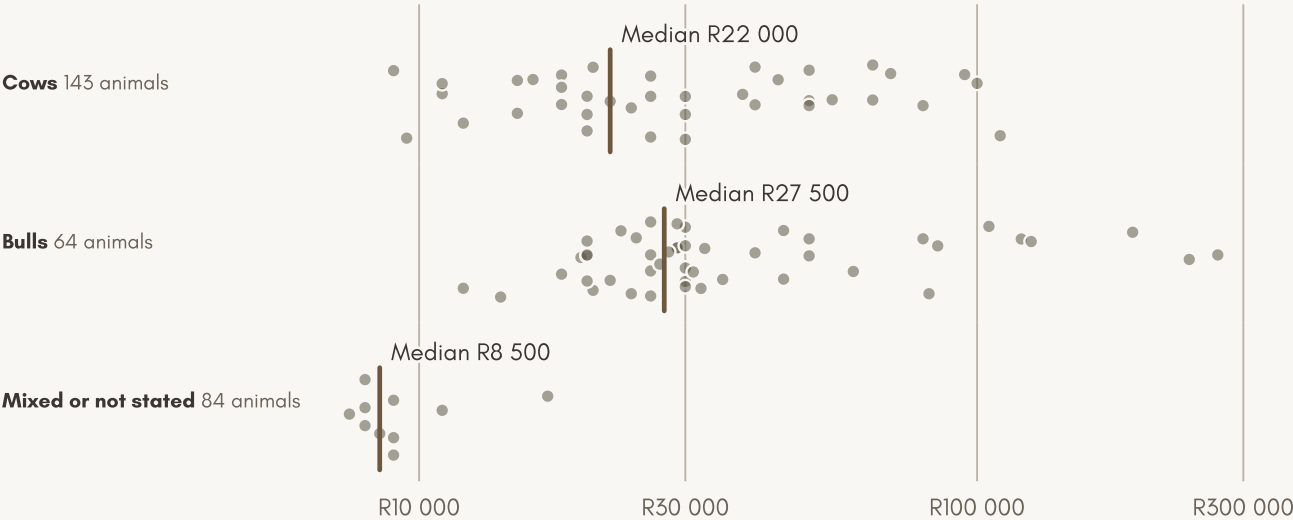
Waterbuck

Waterbuck fetched R8,1 million at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, 1,4% of all wildlife value, across 291 animals in 94 lots.

Top-end value	Average an animal	Cows	Bulls
R8,1 m	R27 825	R31 441	R44 047
1,4% of wildlife value	Median R19 500	143 animals, median R22 000	64 animals, median R27 500

The price spread

Every waterbuck lot sold at the top-end auctions, by price per animal. The brown tick is the median animal.



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Cows	143	R22 000	R31 441	R9 000	R110 000
Bulls	64	R27 500	R44 047	R12 000	R270 000
Mixed or not stated	84	R8 500	R9 310	R7 500	R17 000

The chart holds 94 lots. The scale grows by steps of ten, so the most expensive animals do not hide what most animals sold for. Price per animal is the lot price over the animals charged. Calves at foot are not counted.

Top lots

No. 1 **R330 000**
Waterbuck: 3 x Waterbuck cows in calf to 37 1/8" Top Gun
Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction, lot 090, 5 Sep.
Seller: Tembani Wildlife.

No. 3 **R270 000**
Waterbuck: 33 6/8" Rocco, beautifully shaped large-bodied bull sired by 35"+ bull
Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction, lot 089, 5 Sep.
Seller: Nyumbu Wildlife.

No. 5 **R240 000**
Waterbuck: 33 3/8" Titan, Waterbuck bull with 24 2/8" t-t, sired by 34" King
Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction, lot 087, 5 Sep.
Seller: Tembani Wildlife.

No. 7 **R190 000**
Waterbuck: 32 6/8" Young Waterbuck bull
Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction, lot 105, 21 Mar. Seller: Nyumbu Wildlife.

No. 2 **R320 000**
Waterbuck: 4 x Waterbuck cows in calf to 35" Shelanti
Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction, lot 106, 21 Mar. Seller: Nyumbu Wildlife.

No. 4 **R260 000**
Waterbuck: 4 x Genetically bred Waterbuck cows, covered by 35"+ Shelanti
Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction, lot 088, 5 Sep.
Seller: Nyumbu Wildlife.

No. 6 **R200 000**
Waterbuck: 2 x Waterbuck Base Cows in calf to 39 5/8 inch Shaka
3rd Royal Castle Game Auction, lot 030, 16 May. Seller: Bdumbi Too Ranch.

No. 8 **R190 000**
Waterbuck: 2 x Daughters of 33 1/8 inch Panico, in calf to 37 4/8 inch Inkunzi
3rd Royal Castle Game Auction, lot 031, 16 May. Seller: Kameeldrift Game.

Live against timed

Average an animal at the top-end auctions.



Animals: 197 live and 94 timed.

2025 against 2026

Average an animal on all Wildswinkel wildlife auctions, same method both years.



Up 5,8% on 2025. Animals: 186 in 2025 and 223 in 2026.

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R11,7 million across 797 animals, an average of R14 636 an animal (median R13 000).

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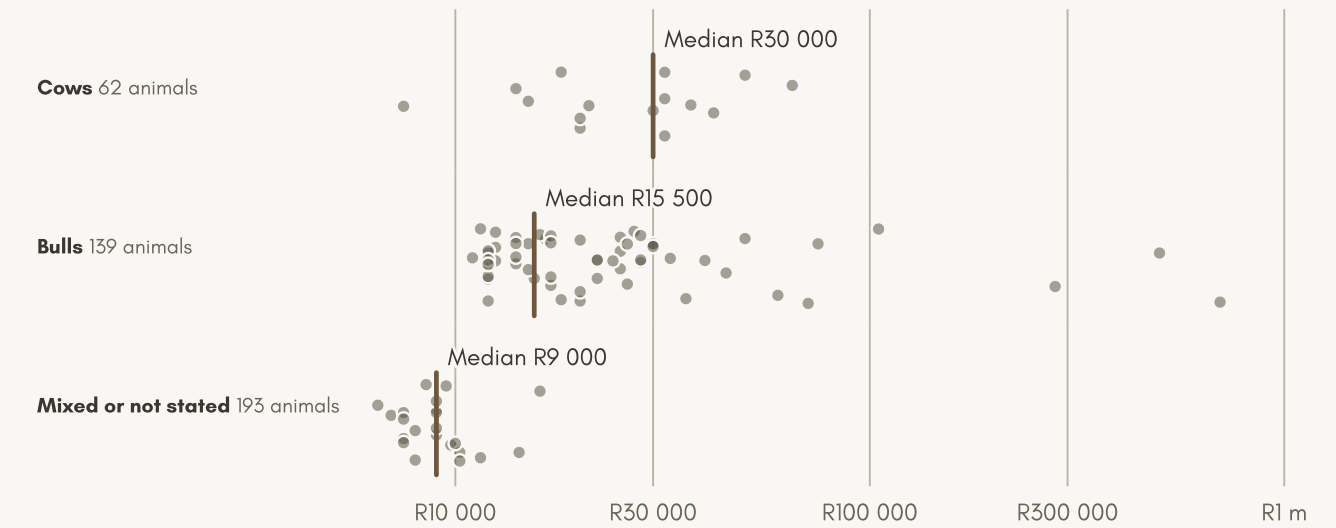
Species

Red hartebeest

Red hartebeest fetched R7,6 million at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, 1,3% of all wildlife value, across 394 animals in 95 lots.

Top-end value	Average an animal	Cows	Bulls
R7,6 m	R19 292	R28 968	R29 040
1,3% of wildlife value	Median R12 000	62 animals, median R30 000	139 animals, median R15 500

The price spread
Every red hartebeest lot sold at the top-end auctions, by price per animal. The brown tick is the median animal.



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Cows	62	R30 000	R28 968	R7 500	R65 000
Bulls	139	R15 500	R29 040	R11 000	R700 000
Mixed or not stated	193	R9 000	R9 163	R6 500	R16 000

The chart holds 95 lots. The scale grows by steps of ten, so the most expensive animals do not hide what most animals sold for. Price per animal is the lot price over the animals charged. Calves at foot are not counted.

Top lots

No. 1	R700 000 Red hartebeest: Blackie, Black Red Hartebeest bull <u>Kriek Wildlife Group</u> , lot 056, 11 Apr. Seller: Tsepe Game Services (Pty) Ltd.	No. 2	R500 000 Red hartebeest: 27 1/8" Lodewijk, Red Hartebeest bull <u>Benchmark Game Breeders</u> , lot 035, 15 Aug. Seller: Masemane.
No. 3	R325 000 Red hartebeest: 5 x Red Hartebeest cows from herd producing black animals <u>Kriek Wildlife Group</u> , lot 079, 11 Apr. Seller: Tsepe Game Services (Pty) Ltd.	No. 4	R280 000 Red hartebeest: 25" BonJovi - Bushveld born & bred young Red Hartebeest bull <u>Wildlife Legacy</u> , lot 009, 18 Jul. Seller: Romaco Ranch.
No. 5	R250 000 Red hartebeest: 5 x Red Hartebeest cows from herd producing black animals <u>Kriek Wildlife Group</u> , lot 057, 11 Apr. Seller: Tsepe Game Services (Pty) Ltd.	No. 6	R160 000 Red hartebeest: 5 x 16 - 19" Red Hartebeest cows <u>Thaba Tholo</u> , lot 055, 19 Sep. Seller: Thaba Tholo.
No. 7	R148 000 Red hartebeest: 4 x Red Hartebeest cows running with 24 6/8" Helios <u>Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction</u> , lot 048, 21 Mar. Seller: Batiki Game.	No. 8	R142 500 Red hartebeest: Red Hartebeest Family group - Mokala NP <u>SANParks Wildlife Sale</u> , lot 113, 13 Mar. Seller: SA National Parks.

Types and colour variants

Top-end value by type.

Common	R6,9 m 393 animals		
Black	R700 000 1 animal		
Type	Value	Animals	Average
Common	R6 901 000	393	R17 560
Black	R700 000	1	R700 000

Live against timed

Average an animal at the top-end auctions.

Live	R21 220
Timed	R14 121
Animals: 287 live and 107 timed.	
2025 against 2026	
Average an animal on all Wildswinkel wildlife auctions, same method both years.	
2025	R14 182
2026	R20 986

Up 48,0% on 2025. Animals: 230 in 2025 and 285 in 2026.

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R11,3 million across 603 animals, an average of R18 742 an animal (median R15 000).

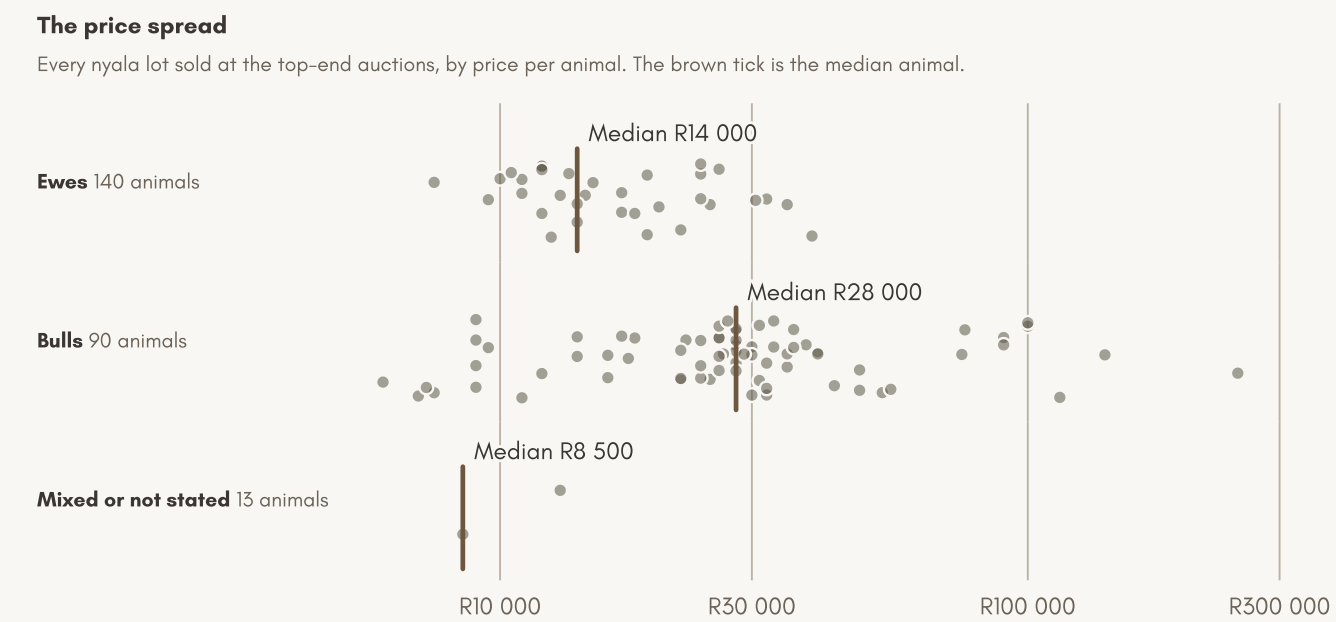
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Species

Nyala

Nyala fetched R5,6 million at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, 1,0% of all wildlife value, across 243 animals in 107 lots.

Top-end value	Average an animal	Ewes	Bulls
R5,6 m	R23 008	R16 868	R34 406
1,0% of wildlife value	Median R17 000	140 animals, median R14 000	90 animals, median R28 000



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Ewes	140	R14 000	R16 868	R7 500	R39 000
Bulls	90	R28 000	R34 406	R6 000	R250 000
Mixed or not stated	13	R8 500	R10 231	R8 500	R13 000

The chart holds 107 lots. The scale grows by steps of ten, so the most expensive animals do not hide what most animals sold for. Price per animal is the lot price over the animals charged. Calves at foot are not counted.

Top lots

No. 1	R250 000 Nyala: 31 1/8" Nyala breeding bull, son of 30 4/8" Noah (Nyumbu) <u>Wildlife Legacy</u> , lot 036, 18 Jul. Seller: New Wycombe.	No. 2	R150 000 Nyala: Nyala <u>Kirkwood Wildlife Festival Game Auction</u> , lot A36, 26 Jun. Seller: Oubos Boerdery – Marius Kleyn.
No. 3	R140 000 Nyala: 4 x World Class Nyala ewes, Running with 33" Tennessee <u>Woody Cape Wildlife</u> , lot 097, 28 Mar. Seller: Mafunyane Wildlife Services CC.	No. 4	R140 000 Nyala: 29 6/8" W8 @ 4y 1m, Nyala bull <u>Valley Venture Stud & Friends</u> , lot 001, 23 May. Seller: Valley Venture Stud.
No. 5	R125 000 Nyala: Nyala ♀ <u>Summit Wildlife 11th Auction</u> , lot 126, 26 Sep. Seller: Valley Venture.	No. 6	R115 000 Nyala: 29 2/8" Nyala breeding bull, sired by 33 5/8" Major <u>Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction</u> , lot 035, 21 Mar. Seller: Zander Osmers Safaris.
No. 7	R110 000 Nyala: 5x Nyala ewes running with 34" Letaba <u>Valley Venture Stud & Friends</u> , lot 002, 23 May. Seller: Valley Venture Stud.	No. 8	R108 000 Nyala: 8 x Nyala Ewes with 2 x Free Lambs – 34 inch Mr Amazing Genetics <u>Silent Valley Prestige Auction</u> , lot 06-A-G5, 11 Jul. Seller: Silent Valley Stud Game Breeders.

Live against timed

Average an animal at the top-end auctions.



Animals: 161 live and 82 timed.

2025 against 2026

Average an animal on all Wildswinkel wildlife auctions, same method both years.



Up 15,4% on 2025. Animals: 148 in 2025 and 122 in 2026.

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R10,4 million across 745 animals, an average of R13 907 an animal (median R11 000).

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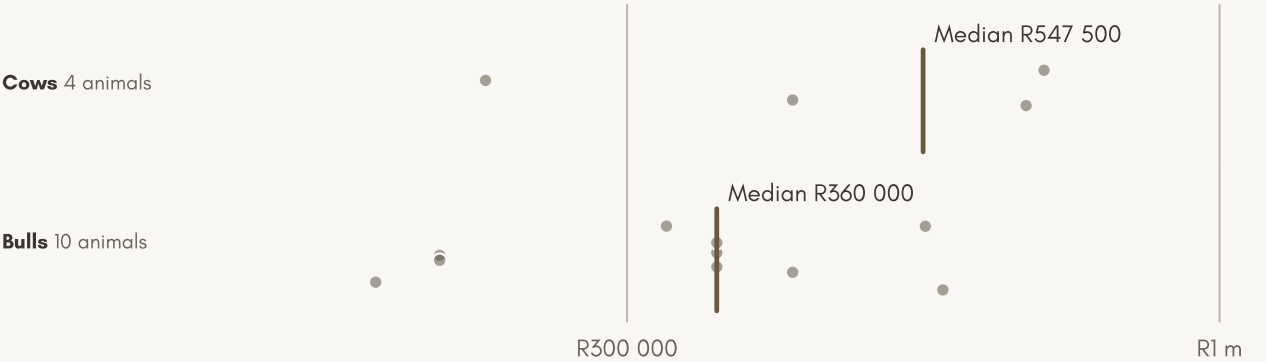
Rhino

Rhino fetched R5,6 million at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, 1,0% of all wildlife value, across 14 animals in 14 lots.

Top-end value	Average an animal	Cows	Bulls
R5,6 m	R396 786	R505 000	R353 500
1,0% of wildlife value	Median R360 000	4 animals, median R547 500	10 animals, median R360 000

The price spread

Every rhino lot sold at the top-end auctions, by price per animal. The brown tick is the median animal.



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Cows	4	R547 500	R505 000	R225 000	R700 000
Bulls	10	R360 000	R353 500	R180 000	R570 000

The chart holds 14 lots. The scale grows by steps of ten, so the most expensive animals do not hide what most animals sold for. Price per animal is the lot price over the animals charged. Calves at foot are not counted.

Top lots

No. 1	R700 000 Rhino: Black Rhino Female - Diceros bicornis bicornis <u>Kirkwood Wildlife Festival Game Auction</u> , lot C130, 26 Jun. Seller: .	No. 2	R675 000 Rhino: Black Rhino Female - Diceros bicornis bicornis <u>Kirkwood Wildlife Festival Game Auction</u> , lot C129, 26 Jun. Seller: .
No. 3	R570 000 Rhino: 26" White Rhino bull <u>Benchmark Game Breeders</u> , lot 101, 15 Aug. Seller: Thaba Tholo.	No. 4	R550 000 Rhino: 26 2/8" White Rhino bull <u>Classic Game Breeders</u> , lot 107, 1 Aug. Seller: Wildswinkel.
No. 5	R420 000 Rhino: Kiera, White Rhino cow with heifer calf at foot & in calf to Rusty <u>Signature Wildlife</u> , lot 093, 18 Apr. Seller: .	No. 6	R420 000 Rhino: White Rhino Bull <u>3rd Royal Castle Game Auction</u> , lot 034, 16 May. Seller: African Wildlife Auctions.
No. 7	R360 000 Rhino: 22" White Rhino bull <u>Thaba Tholo</u> , lot 091, 19 Sep. Seller: Thaba Tholo.	No. 8	R360 000 Rhino: White Rhino ♂ <u>Summit Wildlife 11th Auction</u> , lot 31, 26 Sep. Seller: .

Live against timed

Average an animal at the top-end auctions.

Live		R447 273
Timed		R211 667

Animals: 11 live and 3 timed.

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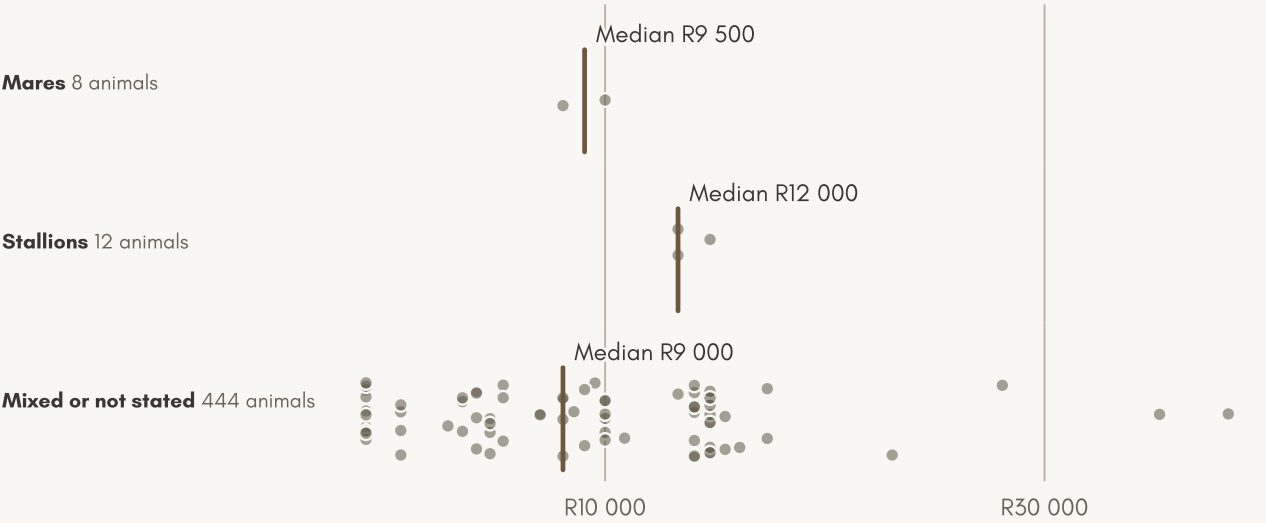
Zebra

Zebra fetched R4,8 million at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, 0,8% of all wildlife value, across 464 animals in 79 lots.

Top-end value	Average an animal	Mares	Stallions
R4,8 m	R10 310	R9 500	R12 333
0,8% of wildlife value	Median R9 250	8 animals, median R9 500	12 animals, median R12 000

The price spread

Every zebra lot sold at the top-end auctions, by price per animal. The brown tick is the median animal.



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Mares	8	R9 500	R9 500	R9 000	R10 000
Stallions	12	R12 000	R12 333	R12 000	R13 000
Mixed or not stated	444	R9 000	R10 270	R5 500	R47 500

The chart holds 79 lots. The scale grows by steps of ten, so the most expensive animals do not hide what most animals sold for. Price per animal is the lot price over the animals charged. Calves at foot are not counted.

Top lots

No. 1	R237 500 Zebra: 5 x Zebra Family Group <u>3rd Royal Castle Game Auction</u> , lot 079, 16 May. Seller: Thaba Manzi Aviation.	No. 2	R135 000 Zebra: Hartmanns 'Mountain Zebra Family group - Mokala NP <u>SANParks Wildlife Sale</u> , lot 010, 13 Mar. Seller: SA National Parks.
No. 3	R120 000 Zebra: Quagga-like breeding herd <u>Kriek Wildlife Group</u> , lot 105, 11 Apr. Seller: Genesis Game.	No. 4	R100 000 Zebra: Sebra-familiegroep <u>Classic Game Breeders</u> , lot 069, 1 Aug. Seller: Marula Game.
No. 5	R94 500 Zebra: Plains Zebra Mixed <u>Kirkwood Wildlife Festival Game Auction</u> , lot C22, 26 Jun. Seller: SANParks - ADDO Elephant National Park.	No. 6	R94 500 Zebra: Plains Zebra Mixed <u>Kirkwood Wildlife Festival Game Auction</u> , lot C23, 26 Jun. Seller: SANParks - ADDO Elephant National Park.
No. 7	R91 000 Zebra: Plains Zebra Mixed <u>Kirkwood Wildlife Festival Game Auction</u> , lot C11, 26 Jun. Seller: SANParks - ADDO Elephant National Park.	No. 8	R91 000 Zebra: Plains Zebra Mixed <u>Kirkwood Wildlife Festival Game Auction</u> , lot C12, 26 Jun. Seller: SANParks - ADDO Elephant National Park.

Types and colour variants

Top-end value by type.

Common	R4,6 m	455 animals
Cape mountain	R135 000	5 animals
Hartmann's	R82 000	4 animals

Type	Value	Animals	Average
Common	R4 567 000	455	R10 037
Cape mountain	R135 000	5	R27 000
Hartmann's	R82 000	4	R20 500

Live against timed

Average an animal at the top-end auctions.

Live	R10 848
Timed	R9 207

Animals: 312 live and 152 timed.

2025 against 2026

Average an animal on all Wildswinkel wildlife auctions, same method both years.

2025	R8 964
2026	R10 484

Up 17,0% on 2025. Animals: 279 in 2025 and 189 in 2026.

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R9,6 million across 848 animals, an average of R11 352 an animal (median R10 250).

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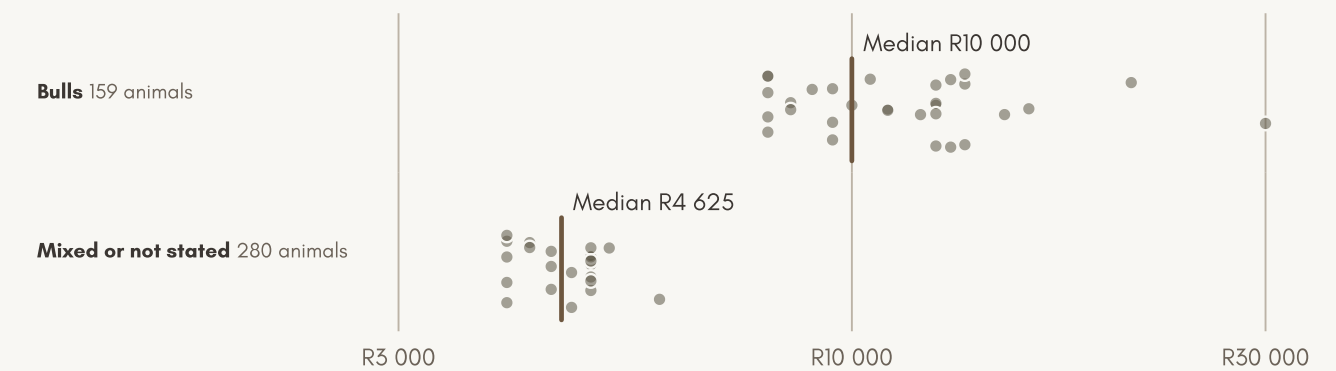
Species

Black wildebeest

Black wildebeest fetched R3,0 million at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, 0,5% of all wildlife value, across 439 animals in 52 lots.

Top-end value R3,0 m 0,5% of wildlife value	Average an animal R6 883 Median R5 000	Bulls R10 858 159 animals, median R10 000
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The price spread
Every black wildebeest lot sold at the top-end auctions, by price per animal. The brown tick is the median animal.



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Bulls	159	R10 000	R10 858	R8 000	R30 000
Mixed or not stated	280	R4 625	R4 625	R4 000	R6 000

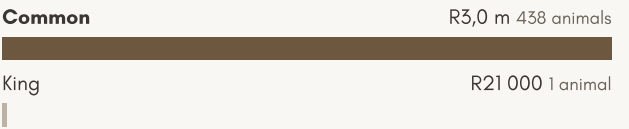
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Top lots

No. 1	R120 000 Black wildebeest: 10 x Black Wildebeest Bulls (Graspan) - Mokala NP SANParks Wildlife Sale , lot 011, 13 Mar. Seller: SA National Parks.	No. 2	R100 000 Black wildebeest: 10 x Black Wildebeest Bulls (Graspan) - Mokala NP SANParks Wildlife Sale , lot 030, 13 Mar. Seller: SA National Parks.
No. 3	R100 000 Black wildebeest: Black Wildebeest Family group (Graspan) - Mokala NP SANParks Wildlife Sale , lot 046, 13 Mar. Seller: SA National Parks.	No. 4	R95 000 Black wildebeest: Black Wildebeest Family group - Golden Gate NP SANParks Wildlife Sale , lot 033, 13 Mar. Seller: SA National Parks.
No. 5	R95 000 Black wildebeest: 10 x Black Wildebeest Bulls (Graspan) - Mokala NP SANParks Wildlife Sale , lot 051, 13 Mar. Seller: SA National Parks.	No. 6	R90 000 Black wildebeest: Black Wildebeest Family group - Golden Gate NP SANParks Wildlife Sale , lot 016, 13 Mar. Seller: SA National Parks.
No. 7	R88 000 Black wildebeest: 8 x Black Wildebeest Bulls - Golden Gate NP SANParks Wildlife Sale , lot 006, 13 Mar. Seller: SA National Parks.	No. 8	R85 000 Black wildebeest: Black Wildebeest Family group (Graspan) - Mokala NP SANParks Wildlife Sale , lot 027, 13 Mar. Seller: SA National Parks.

Types and colour variants

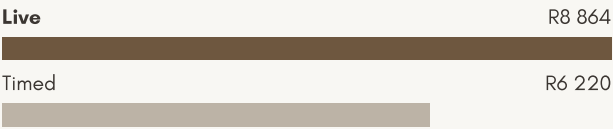
Top-end value by type.



Type	Value	Animals	Average
Common	R3 000 500	438	R6 850
King	R21 000	1	R21 000

Live against timed

Average an animal at the top-end auctions.



Animals: 110 live and 329 timed.

2025 against 2026

Average an animal on all Wildswinkel wildlife auctions, same method both years.



That is 16,0% less than in 2025. Animals: 204 in 2025 and 340 in 2026.

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R3,0 million across 286 animals, an average of R10 399 an animal (median R11 000).

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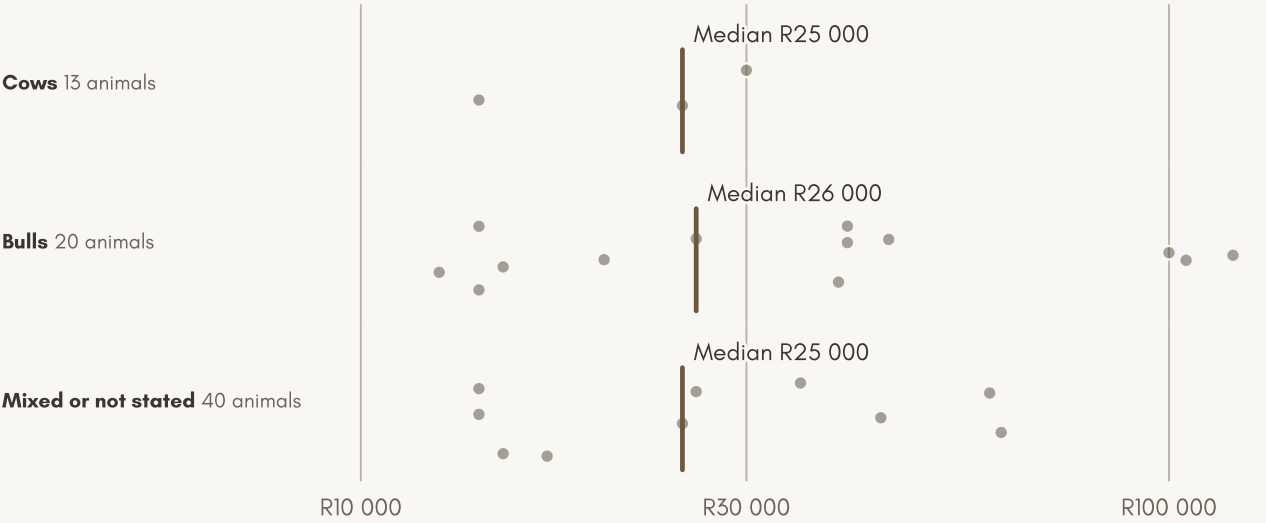
Giraffe

Giraffe fetched R2,1 million at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, 0,4% of all wildlife value, across 73 animals in 26 lots.

Top-end value	Average an animal	Cows	Bulls
R2,1 m	R29 014	R21 077	R37 550
0,4% of wildlife value	Median R25 000	13 animals, median R25 000	20 animals, median R26 000

The price spread

Every giraffe lot sold at the top-end auctions, by price per animal. The brown tick is the median animal.



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Cows	13	R25 000	R21 077	R14 000	R30 000
Bulls	20	R26 000	R37 550	R12 500	R120 000
Mixed or not stated	40	R25 000	R27 325	R14 000	R62 000

The chart holds 26 lots. The scale grows by steps of ten, so the most expensive animals do not hide what most animals sold for. Price per animal is the lot price over the animals charged. Calves at foot are not counted.

Top lots

No. 1	R210 000 Giraffe: Giraffe breeding parcel <u>Thaba Tholo</u> , lot 156, 21 Sep. Seller: Thaba Tholo.	No. 2	R180 000 Giraffe: Giraffe breeding parcel <u>Thaba Tholo</u> , lot 029, 19 Sep. Seller: Thaba Tholo.
No. 3	R124 000 Giraffe: Giraffe breeding pair <u>Woody Cape Wildlife</u> , lot 110, 28 Mar. Seller: SC Capture and transport Pty Ltd.	No. 4	R120 000 Giraffe: Young dark Giraffe bull <u>Groot Kalahari Veiling</u> , lot 014, 2 May. Seller: STS Meletse.
No. 5	R105 000 Giraffe: Dark Giraffe bull <u>Thaba Tholo</u> , lot 028, 19 Sep. Seller: Thaba Tholo.	No. 6	R104 000 Giraffe: Giraffe family group from open reserve <u>Signature Wildlife</u> , lot 071, 18 Apr. Seller: Kwandwe Signature Wildlife.
No. 7	R100 000 Giraffe: Giraffe family group from open reserve <u>Signature Wildlife</u> , lot 153, 20 Apr. Seller: Kwandwe Signature Wildlife.	No. 8	R100 000 Giraffe: Young Giraffe Bull, Hand Tame <u>Sekgweng & Guest Sellers</u> , lot 07-C001, 13 Jun. Seller: Schultz Boerdery.

Live against timed

Average an animal at the top-end auctions.

Live	R28 435
Timed	R32 273

Animals: 62 live and 11 timed.

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R2,8 million across 131 animals, an average of R21 595 an animal (median R21 000).

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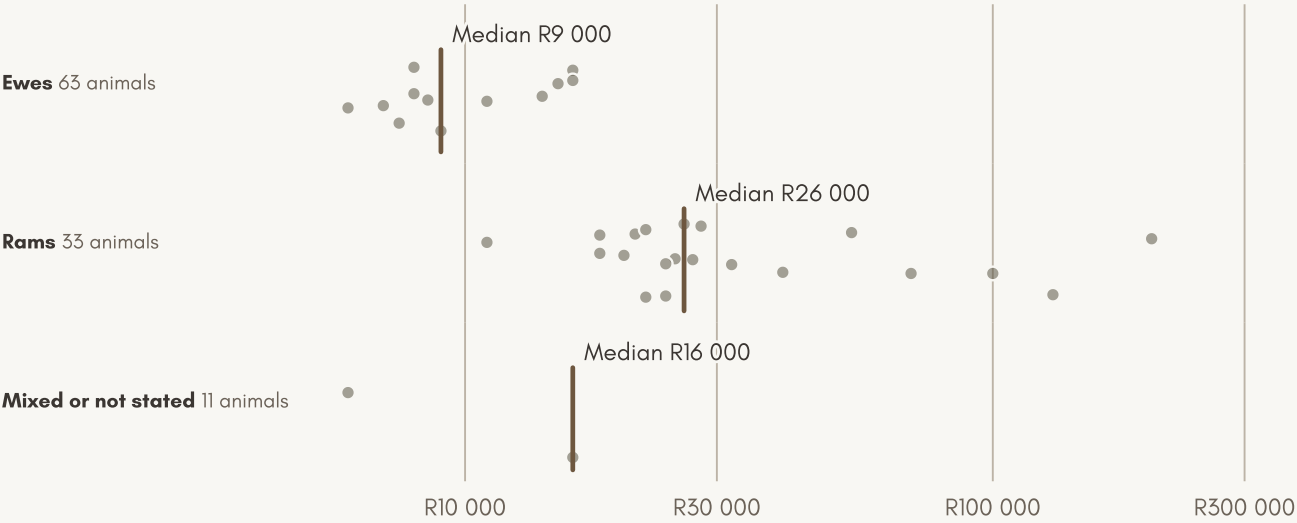
Lechwe

Lechwe fetched R2,0 million at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, 0,3% of all wildlife value, across 107 animals in 34 lots.

Top-end value	Average an animal	Ewes	Rams
R2,0 m	R18 528	R10 500	R36 212
0,3% of wildlife value	Median R14 000	63 animals, median R9 000	33 animals, median R26 000

The price spread

Every lechwe lot sold at the top-end auctions, by price per animal. The brown tick is the median animal.



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Ewes	63	R9 000	R10 500	R6 000	R16 000
Rams	33	R26 000	R36 212	R11 000	R200 000
Mixed or not stated	11	R16 000	R11 455	R6 000	R16 000

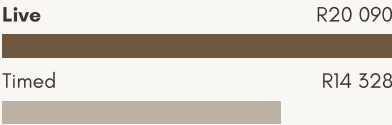
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Top lots

No. 1	R200 000 Lechwe: 32" Singita, Lechwe ram <u>Kriek Wildlife Group</u> , lot 080, 11 Apr. Seller: Mega Springbuck.	No. 2	R135 000 Lechwe: 5 x 23-26" Lechwe rams <u>Woody Cape Wildlife</u> , lot 079, 28 Mar. Seller: Wildschutsberg Game Reserve.
No. 3	R130 000 Lechwe: 31 3/8" Lechwe ram, Master Jack <u>Valley Venture Stud & Friends</u> , lot 004, 23 May. Seller: Lushof Petrusburg Boerdery Pty Ltd.	No. 4	R112 000 Lechwe: 4 x 25-27" Lechwe rams <u>Woody Cape Wildlife</u> , lot 077, 28 Mar. Seller: Masizakhe Farming.
No. 5	R100 000 Lechwe: Lechwe ♂ <u>Summit Wildlife 11th Auction</u> , lot 33, 26 Sep. Seller: Kapaailand Wild.	No. 6	R96 000 Lechwe: 6 x Lechwe ewes in lamb to 30"+ rams <u>Kriek Wildlife Group</u> , lot 082, 11 Apr. Seller: Genesis Game.
No. 7	R96 000 Lechwe: 6 x Bushveld Lechwe Family Group <u>3rd Royal Castle Game Auction</u> , lot 078, 16 May. Seller: Thaba Manzi Aviation.	No. 8	R90 000 Lechwe: 10 x Lechwe ewes sired by and running with 29"+ Lechwe ram <u>Kroon Stud Wild</u> , lot 040, 12 Sep. Seller: Korannaberg Wild.

Live against timed

Average an animal at the top-end auctions.



Animals: 78 live and 29 timed.

2025 against 2026

Average an animal on all Wildswinkel wildlife auctions, same method both years.



Up 65,2% on 2025. Animals: 53 in 2025 and 110 in 2026.

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R2,6 million across 198 animals, an average of R12 929 an animal (median R8 000).

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Species

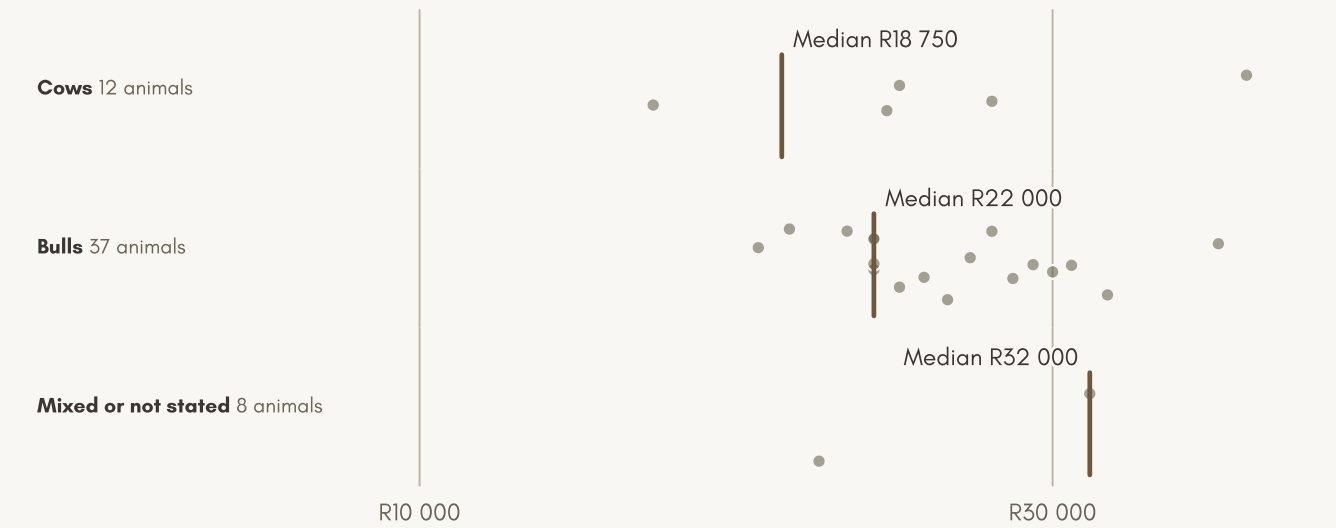
Tsessebe

Tsessebe fetched R1,4 million at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, 0,2% of all wildlife value, across 57 animals in 25 lots.

Top-end value	Average an animal	Cows	Bulls
R1,4 m	R24 228	R22 417	R24 108
0,2% of wildlife value	Median R22 000	12 animals, median R18 750	37 animals, median R22 000

The price spread

Every tsessebe lot sold at the top-end auctions, by price per animal. The brown tick is the median animal.



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Cows	12	R18 750	R22 417	R15 000	R42 000
Bulls	37	R22 000	R24 108	R18 000	R40 000
Mixed or not stated	8	R32 000	R27 500	R20 000	R32 000

The chart holds 25 lots. The scale grows by steps of ten, so the most expensive animals do not hide what most animals sold for. Price per animal is the lot price over the animals charged. Calves at foot are not counted.

Top lots

No. 1	R160 000 Tsessebe: Tsessebe breeding group <u>Robedi Safaris & Friends</u> , lot 090, 15 May. Seller: GS Schoonbee Landgoed (Pty) Ltd.
No. 3	R88 000 Tsessebe: Tsessebe Bulls <u>Kirkwood Wildlife Festival Game Auction</u> , lot C86, 26 Jun. Seller: SANParks – Mokala National Park.
No. 5	R88 000 Tsessebe: Tsessebe Bulls <u>Kirkwood Wildlife Festival Game Auction</u> , lot C88, 26 Jun. Seller: SANParks – Mokala National Park.
No. 7	R84 000 Tsessebe: 2 x 13"+ Tsessebe cows, certified in calf <u>Thaba Tholo</u> , lot 069, 19 Sep. Seller: Thaba Tholo.

Live against timed

Average an animal at the top-end auctions.

Live	R24 783
Timed	R23 853

Animals: 23 live and 34 timed.

Figures cover every top-end auction, Bona Bona Wildlife’s live lots included. Hammer prices, excluding VAT. Source: Wildlife Season Report 2026 data as published here.

No. 2	R90 000 Tsessebe: 6 x Tsessebe cows <u>Tidal Winds Game Breeders</u> , lot 059, 22 Jun. Seller: Tidal Winds (Pty) Ltd.
No. 4	R88 000 Tsessebe: Tsessebe Bulls <u>Kirkwood Wildlife Festival Game Auction</u> , lot C87, 26 Jun. Seller: SANParks – Mokala National Park.
No. 6	R88 000 Tsessebe: Tsessebe Bulls <u>Kirkwood Wildlife Festival Game Auction</u> , lot C89, 26 Jun. Seller: SANParks – Mokala National Park.
No. 8	R72 000 Tsessebe: 4 x 12 2/8 - 13 7/8" Tsessebe bulls (J14, J08, J09, J11) <u>Tidal Winds Game Breeders</u> , lot 078, 22 Jun. Seller: Tidal Winds (Pty) Ltd.

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R787 500 across 48 animals, an average of R16 406 an animal (median R14 500).

Species

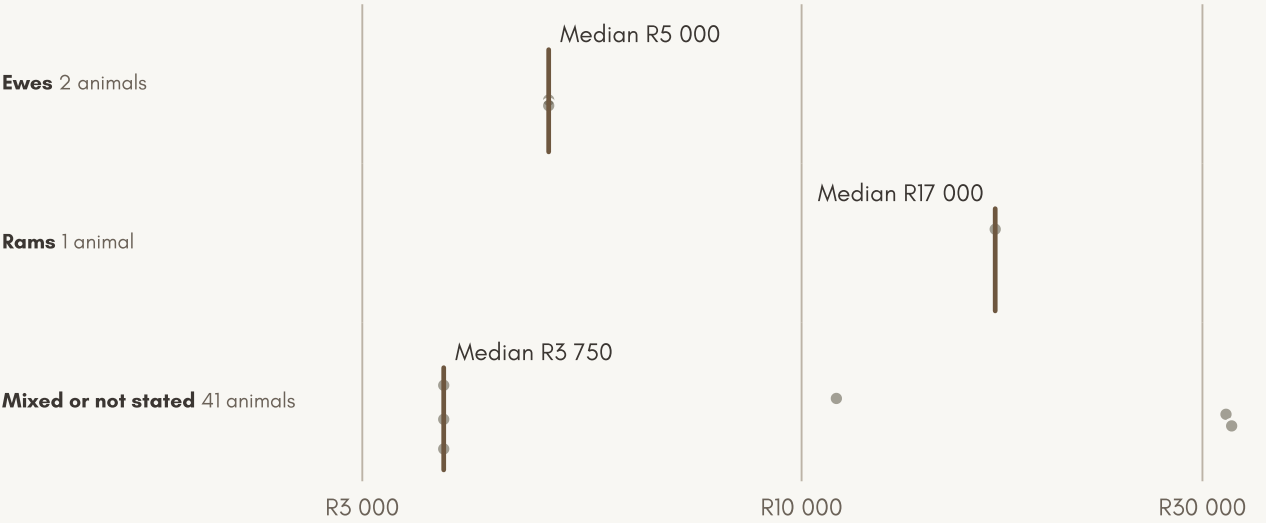
Small antelope

Small antelope fetched R366 500 at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, 0,1% of all wildlife value, across 44 animals in 9 lots.

Top-end value	Average an animal	Ewes	Rams
R366 500	R8 330	R5 000	R17 000
0,1% of wildlife value	Median R3 750	2 animals, median R5 000	1 animal, median R17 000

The price spread

Every small antelope lot sold at the top-end auctions, by price per animal. The brown tick is the median animal.



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Ewes	2	R5 000	R5 000	R5 000	R5 000
Rams	1	R17 000	R17 000	R17 000	R17 000
Mixed or not stated	41	R3 750	R8 280	R3 750	R32 500

The chart holds 9 lots. The scale grows by steps of ten, so the most expensive animals do not hide what most animals sold for. Price per animal is the lot price over the animals charged. Calves at foot are not counted.

Top lots

No. 1	R96 000 Small antelope: Bushveld adapted Common Reedbuck breeding group <u>Wildlife Legacy</u> , lot 080, 18 Jul. Seller: Romaco Ranch.	No. 2	R66 000 Small antelope: Mountain Reedbuck family group <u>Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction</u> , lot 002, 21 Mar. Seller: Camelot Wildsboerdery.
No. 3	R65 000 Small antelope: 2 x Klipspringer Family Group: 1 x Ram, 1 x Ewe <u>Silent Valley Prestige Auction</u> , lot 09-A060, 27 Jun. Seller: Silent Valley Stud Game Breeders.	No. 4	R37 500 Small antelope: Mountain Reedbuck Mixed <u>Kirkwood Wildlife Festival Game Auction</u> , lot C161, 26 Jun. Seller: CGOC Bomas - Krompoort Game Capture.
No. 5	R37 500 Small antelope: Mountain Reedbuck Mixed <u>Kirkwood Wildlife Festival Game Auction</u> , lot C162, 26 Jun. Seller: CGOC Bomas - Krompoort Game Capture.	No. 6	R37 500 Small antelope: Mountain Reedbuck Mixed <u>Kirkwood Wildlife Festival Game Auction</u> , lot C163, 26 Jun. Seller: CGOC Bomas - Krompoort Game Capture.
No. 7	R17 000 Small antelope: Klipspringer Ram <u>Sekgweng & Guest Sellers</u> , lot 09-A060, 13 Jun. Seller: Gods Grace.	No. 8	R5 000 Small antelope: Common Duiker ewe <u>Valley Venture Stud & Friends</u> , lot 216, 25 May. Seller: Mooiplaats Trust.

Live against timed

Average an animal at the top-end auctions.

Live	R8 407
Timed	R5 000

Animals: 43 live and 1 timed.

Figures cover every top-end auction, Bona Bona Wildlife’s live lots included. Hammer prices, excluding VAT. Source: Wildlife Season Report 2026 data as published here.

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R568 750 across 80 animals, an average of R7 109 an animal (median R6 750).

Species

Scimitar oryx

Scimitar oryx fetched R309 000 at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, 0,1% of all wildlife value, across 13 animals in 4 lots.

Top-end value	Average an animal	Cows	Bulls
R309 000	R23 769	R16 500	R30 000
0,1% of wildlife value	Median R16 500	6 animals, median R16 500	7 animals, median R16 000

The price spread

Every scimitar oryx lot sold at the top-end auctions, by price per animal. The brown tick is the median animal.



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Cows	6	R16 500	R16 500	R16 500	R16 500
Bulls	7	R16 000	R30 000	R16 000	R65 000

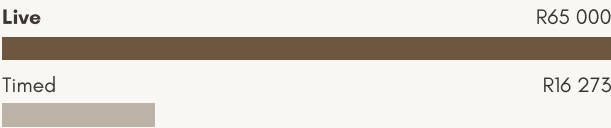
The chart holds 4 lots. The scale grows by steps of ten, so the most expensive animals do not hide what most animals sold for. Price per animal is the lot price over the animals charged. Calves at foot are not counted.

Top lots

No. 1	R99 000 Scimitar oryx: 6 x Scimitar Oryx cows <u>WIRU Wildlife Services & Kriek Wildlife Group</u> , lot 352, 13 Apr. Seller: Almar Boerdery Pty Ltd.	No. 2	R80 000 Scimitar oryx: 5 x 38-41" Scimitar bulls <u>Groot Kalahari Veiling</u> , lot 119, 4 May. Seller: FRT Investments (Pty) Ltd.
No. 3	R65 000 Scimitar oryx: 42 4/8" Scimitar bull <u>Kriek Wildlife Group</u> , lot 090, 11 Apr. Seller: Almar Boerdery Pty Ltd.	No. 4	R65 000 Scimitar oryx: 42 1/8" Scimitar Oryx bull <u>Kriek Wildlife Group</u> , lot 091, 11 Apr. Seller: Afrizone 127 CC.

Live against timed

Average an animal at the top-end auctions.



Animals: 2 live and 11 timed.

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R207 000 across 12 animals, an average of R17 250 an animal (median R17 000).

Figures cover every top-end auction, Bona Bona Wildlife’s live lots included. Hammer prices, excluding VAT. Source: Wildlife Season Report 2026 data as published here.

Species

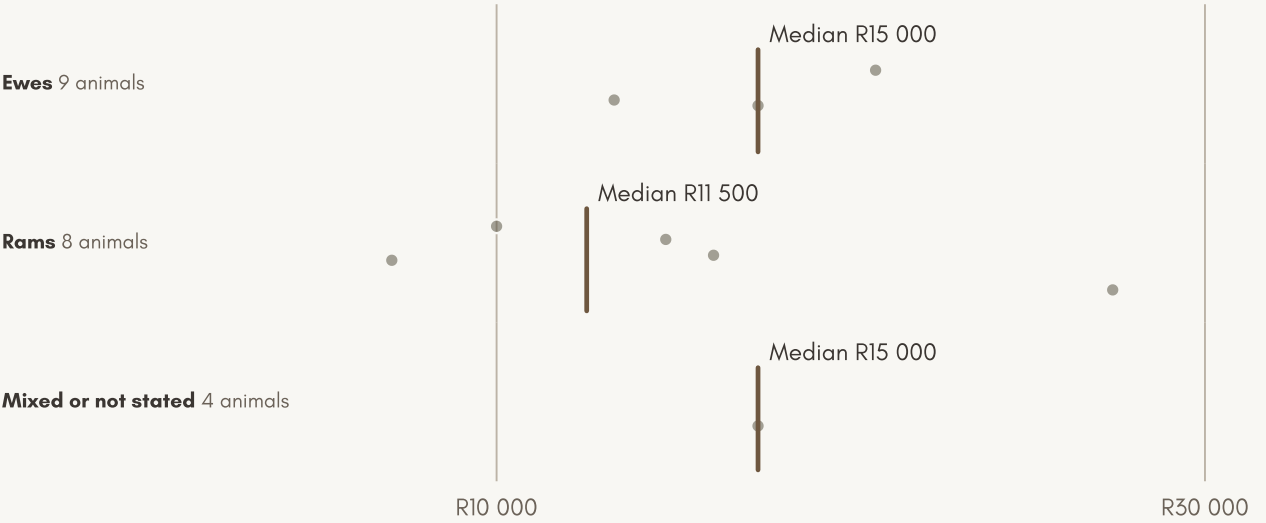
Bushbuck

Bushbuck fetched R293 500 at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, 0,1% of all wildlife value, across 21 animals in 9 lots.

Top-end value	Average an animal	Ewes	Rams
R293 500	R13 976	R14 667	R12 688
0,1% of wildlife value	Median R14 000	9 animals, median R15 000	8 animals, median R11 500

The price spread

Every bushbuck lot sold at the top-end auctions, by price per animal. The brown tick is the median animal.



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Ewes	9	R15 000	R14 667	R12 000	R18 000
Rams	8	R11 500	R12 688	R8 500	R26 000
Mixed or not stated	4	R15 000	R15 000	R15 000	R15 000

The chart holds 9 lots. The scale grows by steps of ten, so the most expensive animals do not hide what most animals sold for. Price per animal is the lot price over the animals charged. Calves at foot are not counted.

Top lots

No. 1

R60 000

Bushbuck: Waterberg Bushbuck family group

Benchmark Game Breeders, lot 207, 17 Aug. Seller: Bongela Game Breeders.

No. 3

R48 000

Bushbuck: 4 x Adult Bushbuck ewes

Woody Cape Wildlife, lot 095, 28 Mar. Seller: WOODY CAPE WILDLIFE (PTY) LTD.

No. 5

R26 000

Bushbuck: 2 x Adult Bushbuck rams

Woody Cape Wildlife, lot 094, 28 Mar. Seller: WOODY CAPE WILDLIFE (PTY) LTD.

No. 7

R25 500

Bushbuck: 3x Bushbuck rams

Wildlife Legacy, lot 247, 20 Jul. Seller: Buffalo Creek Game Ranch.

No. 2

R54 000

Bushbuck: 3 x Adult Bushbuck Ewes

Thaba Tholo, lot 001, 19 Sep. Seller: Thaba Tholo.

No. 4

R30 000

Bushbuck: 2x Bushbuck ewes

Wildlife Legacy, lot 277, 20 Jul. Seller: Buffalo Creek Game Ranch.

No. 6

R26 000

Bushbuck: 16 4/8 inch Bushbuck Ram

Sekgweng & Guest Sellers, lot 09-A050, 13 Jun. Seller: Negester.

No. 8

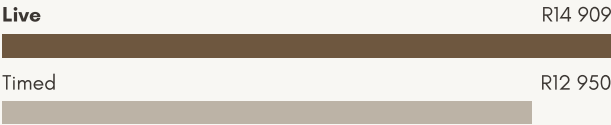
R14 000

Bushbuck: 14 5/8" Bushbuck ram

Benchmark Trophy & Hunt, lot 024, 28 Apr. Seller: Discovery Game Breeders (pty) Ltd.

Live against timed

Average an animal at the top-end auctions.



Animals: 11 live and 10 timed.

Figures cover every top-end auction, Bona Bona Wildlife’s live lots included. Hammer prices, excluding VAT. Source: Wildlife Season Report 2026 data as published here.

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R353 000 across 28 animals, an average of R12 607 an animal (median R11 250).

Species

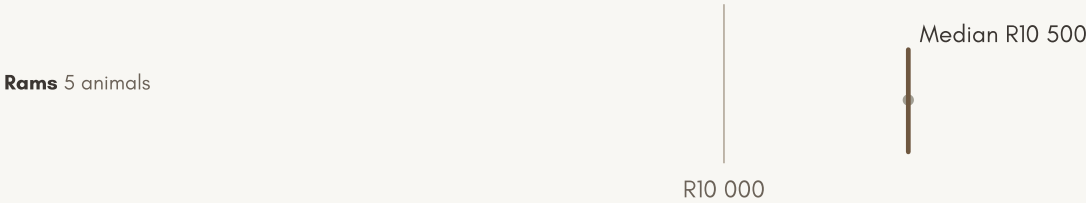
Bontebok

Bontebok fetched R52 500 at South Africa’s top-end wildlife auctions in 2026, under 0,1% of all wildlife value, across 5 animals in 1 lot.

Top-end value	Average an animal	Rams
R52 500	R10 500	R10 500
under 0,1% of wildlife value	Median R10 500	5 animals, median R10 500

The price spread

Every bontebok lot sold at the top-end auctions, by price per animal. The brown tick is the median animal.



Group	Animals	Median	Average	Lowest	Highest
Rams	5	R10 500	R10 500	R10 500	R10 500

The chart holds 1 lot. The scale grows by steps of ten, so the most expensive animals do not hide what most animals sold for. Price per animal is the lot price over the animals charged. Calves at foot are not counted.

Top lots

No. 1	R52 500
Bontebok: 5 x Bontebok rams	
WIRU Wildlife Services & Kriek Wildlife Group, lot 292, 13 Apr.	
Seller: Nuwejaarskraal Wild.	

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R284 500 across 32 animals, an average of R8 891 an animal (median R8 000).

Figures cover every top-end auction, Bona Bona Wildlife’s live lots included. Hammer prices, excluding VAT. Source: Wildlife Season Report 2026 data as published here.

Species

Other wildlife

Other wildlife sold only in the wider market in 2026: R241 350 across 66 animals.

In the wider market

At the other and smaller auctions: R241 350 across 66 animals, an average of R3 657 an animal (median R1 300).

Figures cover every top-end auction, Bona Bona Wildlife’s live lots included. Hammer prices, excluding VAT. Source: Wildlife Season Report 2026 data as published here.

Checks, method and corrections

Every number, three ways

All 42 top-end auction totals agree to the rand with a blind recomputation from the raw files. Every difference between sources is written down, with its reason where public data shows one. At the top end, three small gaps in Wildswinkel’s online totals remain unexplained (R5 500, R34 000 and R82 000). In the wider market, WIRU Wildlife Services’ timed auction of 11 May has two (its lot data R5 500 below the result sheet and its online total R25 000 above it). None changes a published total we use.

Check 1

Against its own lots

Each published total against the lots behind it: Wildswinkel’s lot pages, Summit Wildlife’s price sheet lines and African Wildlife Auctions’ lot results.

Check 2

Against a second source

Wildswinkel’s online totals, SwiftVEE’s simulcasts of Woody Cape Wildlife and Summit Wildlife, Stud Game Breeders’ bid records and the press.

Check 3

Blind recomputation

Separate code recomputed every auction from the raw files without seeing ours. A separate agent recounted every lot-level figure of version 3. Another recomputed version 4 from the raw files, read SwiftVEE’s lot pages a second time and checked the report and this portal. After the corrections below, all agree on the 112 counted auctions and on every lot-level figure.

How the 42 top-end totals were confirmed

Result	Top-end auctions	Value
Agrees with every source	24	R337,5 million
Differs for a reason found and written down	15	R188,2 million
Difference equals one lot’s price, cause not proven (Bona Bona Wildlife’s live auction)	1	R54,0 million
Result sheet and lots agree, Wildswinkel’s online total slightly higher	2	R14,0 million
All top-end auctions	42	R593,7 million

How we calculated the results

This report defines an auction as top end in this way: It is held by a recognised breeder, a breeder group, an annual wildlife festival or a conservation authority. Its live auction, together with the same auction owner’s timed auction within seven days, must average R50 000 or more per lot sold. A timed auction held without a live auction must reach the same average on its own. This rule is explained here so that you can see how we define what we report. The season data portal applies this rule to every auction in the same way. Every amount in this report is the hammer price, excluding VAT.

This report counts every South African wildlife auction from January to early October 2026 that publishes results on Wildswinkel, SwiftVEE, African Wildlife Auctions or Stud Game Breeders' own online platform: 112 auctions and their 12 361 lots. Each auction's total is the number its auction house published or, where none was published, the sum of its confirmed lots that we could find online. Every total was recalculated three times over and checked against the individual lots making up the totals. Where it exists, a second source was used as verification too. Figures by species, lot and animal cover every top-end auction, 100% of top-end turnover. A share in an animal counts in lot value but not in prices per animal. The data was compiled during mid-October 2026. All amounts are hammer prices, excluding VAT. The full method, every auction and every check are detailed in the season data portal.

Every auction

Top end (42)

Auction	Total used	1. Own lots	2. Second source	3. Blind	Result
<u>Breeding & Hunting Auction March 2026</u> 9 Mar · Timed · Stud Game Breeders No published total. Recomputed from the platform's bid records (CurrentBid times animals included): Identical. Calves at foot are not charged.	R6 069 500	Lot sum used	Equal	Equal	• Explained
<u>SANParks Wildlife Sale</u> 13 Mar · Timed · Wildswinkel	R7 875 000	Equal	Equal	Equal	• Agrees
<u>Bona Bona Wildlife 9th Platinum Auction</u> 21 Mar · Live · Wildswinkel Lot data read 13 October 2026. Wildswinkel's lot data and its online total both read R54 432 000 for the same 128 sold lots, R425 000 more than the result sheet (R54 007 000). No lot bid per piece explains it as an animal counted once. The gap equals the price of exactly one lot, 078 (Atlas, a 53 4/8-inch sable bull from Crown Game Holdings (Pty) Ltd, R425 000), so a single lot's price or status most likely changed between the sheet and the lot data. Public data cannot prove which. The sheet's 132 lots and 4 not sold include the display lot S000 (Grumeti, not on auction), which is left out here. African Farming (15 May) prints the sheet's R54 007 000. Landbouweekblad's headline of 30 March, R59,8 million, equals the lot data plus the timed auction (R59 809 500). The headline keeps the sheet, by the rule.	R54 007 000	+R425 000	+R425 000	Equal	• Likely cause found
<u>Bona Bona Wildlife</u> 23 Mar · Timed · Wildswinkel	R5 377 500	Equal	Equal	Equal	• Agrees
<u>Woody Cape Wildlife</u> 28 Mar · Live · Wildswinkel One lot (R95 000) was confirmed after the sheet (127 sold on the sheet, 128 now). SwiftVEE simulcast: 124 lots confirmed (R16 785 500). The four lots SwiftVEE left unconfirmed at a lower bid (65, 67, 68, 87) were confirmed on Wildswinkel at R670 000, which closes the gap exactly. The Daily Dispatch's R17,5 million (14 April) matches the later figure.	R17 360 500	+R95 000	+R95 000	Equal	• Explained
<u>Kriek Wildlife Group</u> 11 Apr · Live · Wildswinkel	R16 642 000	Equal	Equal	Equal	• Agrees

Auction	Total used	1. Own lots	2. Second source	3. Blind	Result
<u>WIRU Wildlife Services & Kriek Wildlife Group</u> 13 Apr · Timed · Wildswinkel Sheet and lot data agree. Wildswinkel's online total is R5 500 higher, not explained by public data.	R9 302 900	Equal	+R5 500	Equal	• Small gap
<u>Signature Wildlife</u> 18 Apr · Live · Wildswinkel	R21 617 950	Equal	Equal	Equal	• Agrees
<u>Signature Wildlife</u> 20 Apr · Timed · Wildswinkel	R4 293 850	Equal	Equal	Equal	• Agrees
<u>Benchmark Trophy & Hunt</u> 28 Apr · Timed · Wildswinkel Sheet and lot data agree. Wildswinkel's online total is R34 000 higher, not explained by public data.	R4 693 500	Equal	+R34 000	Equal	• Small gap
<u>Groot Kalahari Veiling</u> 2 May · Live · Wildswinkel	R34 780 000	Equal	Equal	Equal	• Agrees
<u>Groot Kalahari Veiling</u> 4 May · Timed · Wildswinkel	R4 428 000	Equal	Equal	Equal	• Agrees
<u>Robedi Safaris & Friends</u> 15 May · Timed · Wildswinkel	R10 190 000	Equal	Equal	Equal	• Agrees
<u>3rd Royal Castle Game Auction</u> 16 May · Live · African Wildlife Auctions The stats sheet leaves out two fundraiser lots (000A R7 000, 000B R25 000).	R7 217 500	+R32 000	None	Equal	• Explained
<u>Valley Venture Stud & Friends</u> 23 May · Live · Wildswinkel The sheet counted 93 lots sold. Wildswinkel's platform now shows 97. Four lots subject to confirmation were confirmed after the sheet was printed (R1 894 000). Wildswinkel's online total is a further R82 000 higher, which public data does not explain.	R17 686 500	+R1 894 000	+R1 976 000	Equal	• Explained
<u>Valley Venture Stud & Friends</u> 25 May · Timed · Wildswinkel Three lots (R115 000) confirmed after the sheet (36 sold on the sheet, 39 now).	R2 549 500	+R115 000	+R115 000	Equal	• Explained
<u>Bloodline Africa</u> 5 Jun · Live · Wildswinkel	R25 555 000	Equal	Equal	Equal	• Agrees
<u>Bloodline Africa</u> 8 Jun · Timed · Wildswinkel	R4 861 000	Equal	Equal	Equal	• Agrees
<u>Sekgweng & Guest Sellers</u> 13 Jun · Live · African Wildlife Auctions The stats sheet leaves out lot 08-C036 (R40 000).	R11 850 450	+R40 000	None	Equal	• Explained
<u>Tidal Winds Game Breeders</u> 22 Jun · Timed · Wildswinkel	R10 312 500	Equal	Equal	Equal	• Agrees
<u>Kirkwood Wildlife Festival Game Auction</u> 26 Jun · Live · SwiftVEE No published total. African Farming (9 July) and Karoo News report R17,4 million. The confirmed lots add up to R15 090 000, or R17 353 500 with VAT, which rounds to R17,4 million. Seven 'Sold STC' lots (R352 000) are not counted.	R15 090 000	Lot sum used	+R40 435	Equal	• Explained
<u>Silent Valley Prestige Auction</u> 27 Jun · Live · African Wildlife Auctions Lot 10-A-A7 is entered as 4 animals but described as 5. The stats sheet counts 5 (R28 000).	R15 387 150	-R28 000	None	Equal	• Explained

Auction	Total used	1. Own lots	2. Second source	3. Blind	Result
<u>MW de Jager Wildlife Production</u> 29 Jun · Timed · Wildswinkel	R2 898 100	Equal	Equal	Equal	Agrees
<u>Silent Valley Wildlife Auction</u> 4 Jul · Live · African Wildlife Auctions	R5 861 350	Equal	None	Equal	Agrees
<u>Silent Valley Prestige Auction</u> 11 Jul · Live · African Wildlife Auctions	R12 912 900	Equal	None	Equal	Agrees
<u>Wildlife Legacy</u> 18 Jul · Live · Wildswinkel	R35 977 000	Equal	Equal	Equal	Agrees
<u>Wildlife Legacy</u> 20 Jul · Timed · Wildswinkel One lot (R45 000) confirmed after the sheet (80 sold on the sheet, 81 now).	R7 261 250	+R45 000	+R45 000	Equal	Explained
<u>Dardea Annual Game Auction</u> 24 Jul · Live · SwiftVEE Hunting packages only. Sixteen carcass packages priced per kilogram are left out because the mass is not published. No published total found.	R4 270 000	Lot sum used	None	Equal	Explained
<u>Silent Valley Buffalo Auction</u> 25 Jul · Live · African Wildlife Auctions The stats sheet shows three more Kalahari springbok rams (R12 000) than the lot results page.	R10 822 400	-R12 000	None	Equal	Explained
<u>Classic Game Breeders</u> 1 Aug · Live · Wildswinkel One lot (R85 000) confirmed after the sheet (100 sold on the sheet, 101 now).	R19 961 500	+R85 000	+R85 000	Equal	Explained
<u>Silent Valley Buffalo Stud Auction</u> 8 Aug · Live · African Wildlife Auctions	R13 452 500	Equal	None	Equal	Agrees
<u>Benchmark Game Breeders</u> 15 Aug · Live · Wildswinkel	R19 054 000	Equal	Equal	Equal	Agrees
<u>Benchmark Game Breeders</u> 17 Aug · Timed · Wildswinkel	R2 004 500	Equal	Equal	Equal	Agrees
<u>Pymat Game Breeders</u> 22 Aug · Live · Wildswinkel	R11 576 000	Equal	Equal	Equal	Agrees
<u>Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction</u> 5 Sep · Live · Wildswinkel	R50 490 000	Equal	Equal	Equal	Agrees
<u>SGB September 2026 Timed Auction</u> 7 Sep · Timed · Stud Game Breeders No published total. Recomputed from the platform's bid records: Identical once four calves at foot (R442 000 if charged) are left out, as the platform's own 'included' counts do.	R9 909 000	Lot sum used	Equal	Equal	Explained
<u>Kroon Stud Wild</u> 12 Sep · Live · Wildswinkel	R8 818 500	Equal	Equal	Equal	Agrees
<u>Kroon Stud Wild & WIRU Wildlife Services</u> 14 Sep · Timed · Wildswinkel	R3 343 000	Equal	Equal	Equal	Agrees
<u>Thaba Tholo</u> 19 Sep · Live · Wildswinkel	R19 982 000	Equal	Equal	Equal	Agrees
<u>Thaba Tholo</u> 21 Sep · Timed · Wildswinkel	R5 235 750	Equal	Equal	Equal	Agrees

Auction	Total used	1. Own lots	2. Second source	3. Blind	Result
<u>Summit Wildlife 11th Auction</u> 26 Sep · Live · SwiftVEE Printed total equals the sheet's lot lines. SwiftVEE: 138 lots confirmed (R35 744 000). Lots 76 (R240 000), 111 (R90 000, R60 000 on SwiftVEE) and 138 (R85 000) were subject to confirmation on SwiftVEE and sold on the sheet. Lots 80, 100, 103 and 117 were 'Sold STC' on SwiftVEE and not sold on the sheet. Together these close the R415 000 gap exactly.	R36 159 000	Equal	-R415 000	Equal	Explained
<u>Summit Wildlife 11th Auction</u> 28 Sep · Timed · SwiftVEE Printed total equals the sheet's lot lines. SwiftVEE shows closing bids only (R6 871 500): Less ten lots the sheet shows unsold (R829 500), less two price differences (lots 224 and 269), plus lots 287 to 289 that are only on the sheet (R542 500), equals R6 602 000.	R6 602 000	Equal	+R269 500	Equal	Explained

Wider market (70)

Auction	Total used	1. Own lots	2. Second source	3. Blind	Result
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> 20 Feb · Live · SwiftVEE	R1 478 350	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>AWA Vaalwater general auction</u> 21 Feb · Live · African Wildlife Auctions	R3 501 850	Equal	None	Equal	Agrees
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> 27 Feb · Live · SwiftVEE	R3 671 050	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Noord-Kaap Lewende Hawe & WIRU 1</u> 28 Feb · Live · Wildswinkel	R4 084 950	Equal	Equal	Equal	Agrees
<u>Casper De Klerk Game Auction</u> 6 Mar · Live · SwiftVEE Five 'Sold STC' lots (R734 000) not counted. No published total found.	R12 577 750	Lot sum used	None	Equal	Explained
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> 6 Mar · Live · SwiftVEE	R1 219 850	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Arno Du Plessis Wildveiling</u> 7 Mar · Live · SwiftVEE	R7 186 900	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Thabazimbi Wildlife Services Wildveiling</u> 11 Mar · Live · SwiftVEE	R4 360 050	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildveiling</u> 13 Mar · Live · SwiftVEE	R4 494 100	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>AWA Vaalwater general auction</u> 14 Mar · Live · African Wildlife Auctions AWA's stats sheet counts as sold 20 lots that the lot results page shows as not sold (mostly impala, R548 200), most likely sold after the auction. Lines on the stats sheet add up to its printed total.	R3 798 000	-R548 200	None	Equal	Explained
<u>WIRU Flash Sale</u> 18 Mar · Timed · Wildswinkel No result sheet published. Wildswinkel's online total used, equal to the lot data.	R1 920 950	Equal	Equal	Equal	Explained
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> 20 Mar · Live · SwiftVEE	R1 994 200	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Jakhalsdans Wildveiling</u> 21 Mar · Live · SwiftVEE	R4 000 500	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source

Auction	Total used	1. Own lots	2. Second source	3. Blind	Result
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> 27 Mar · Live · SwiftVEE	R4 709 700	Lot sum used	None	Equal	● One source
<u>AWA Vaalwater general auction</u> 28 Mar · Live · African Wildlife Auctions	R8 380 400	Equal	None	Equal	● Agrees
<u>Philippolis Wildveiling & Wild Blitsfees</u> 28 Mar · Live · SwiftVEE	R3 956 600	Lot sum used	None	Equal	● One source
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> 10 Apr · Live · SwiftVEE	R3 803 250	Lot sum used	None	Equal	● One source
<u>AWA Vaalwater general auction</u> 15 Apr · Live · African Wildlife Auctions	R6 046 250	Equal	None	Equal	● Agrees
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> 17 Apr · Live · SwiftVEE	R2 036 800	Lot sum used	None	Equal	● One source
<u>Thabazimbi Wildlife Services Wildveiling</u> 22 Apr · Live · SwiftVEE	R3 759 950	Lot sum used	None	Equal	● One source
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> 24 Apr · Live · SwiftVEE	R2 552 900	Lot sum used	None	Equal	● One source
<u>AWA Vaalwater general auction</u> 25 Apr · Live · African Wildlife Auctions	R4 300 850	Equal	None	Equal	● Agrees
<u>Shingalana Wildveiling - Boma Veiling</u> 25 Apr · Live · SwiftVEE	R2 784 950	Lot sum used	None	Equal	● One source
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> 1 May · Live · SwiftVEE	R1 516 450	Lot sum used	None	Equal	● One source
<u>Al Badenhorst Elite Wildveiling</u> 2 May · Live · SwiftVEE	R1 506 100	Lot sum used	None	Equal	● One source
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> 8 May · Live · SwiftVEE	R2 834 750	Lot sum used	None	Equal	● One source
<u>AWA Vaalwater general auction</u> 9 May · Live · African Wildlife Auctions	R2 786 350	Equal	None	Equal	● Agrees
<u>Arno Du Plessis Wildveiling</u> 9 May · Live · SwiftVEE	R7 964 100	Lot sum used	None	Equal	● One source
<u>WIRU Wildlife Services 3</u> 11 May · Timed · Wildswinkel Lot data R5 500 below the sheet. Wildswinkel's online total R25 000 above it. Not explained by public data. Wider market, not in the top-end total.	R2 455 900	-R5 500	+R25 000	Equal	● Small gap
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> 15 May · Live · SwiftVEE	R1 931 500	Lot sum used	None	Equal	● One source
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> 22 May · Live · SwiftVEE	R4 748 000	Lot sum used	None	Equal	● One source
<u>AWA Bloemfontein general auction</u> 23 May · Live · African Wildlife Auctions	R3 563 750	Equal	None	Equal	● Agrees
<u>Thabazimbi Wildlife Services Wildveiling</u> 29 May · Live · SwiftVEE	R5 392 200	Lot sum used	None	Equal	● One source
<u>AWA Vaalwater general auction</u> 30 May · Live · African Wildlife Auctions	R6 839 800	Equal	None	Equal	● Agrees
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> 5 Jun · Live · SwiftVEE	R2 249 650	Lot sum used	None	Equal	● One source

Auction	Total used	1. Own lots	2. Second source	3. Blind	Result
<u>Shingalana Wildveiling</u> 6 Jun · Live · SwiftVEE	R1 876 250	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Thabazimbi Wildlife Services Wildveiling</u> 10 Jun · Live · SwiftVEE	R3 936 900	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> 12 Jun · Live · SwiftVEE	R3 961 650	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Noord-Kaap Wilddienste & Steyl Wild Wildveiling</u> 13 Jun · Live · SwiftVEE	R7 385 500	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>WIRU & Noord-Kaap Lewende Hawe 2</u> 15 Jun · Timed · Wildswinkel No result sheet published. Wildswinkel's online total used, equal to the lot data.	R4 066 700	Equal	Equal	Equal	Explained
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> 19 Jun · Live · SwiftVEE	R885 950	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>AWA Bloemfontein general auction</u> 20 Jun · Live · African Wildlife Auctions	R1 158 150	Equal	None	Equal	Agrees
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> 26 Jun · Live · SwiftVEE	R2 756 400	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> 3 Jul · Live · SwiftVEE	R1 353 100	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Arno Du Plessis 3De Wildveiling</u> 4 Jul · Live · SwiftVEE	R6 176 700	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> 10 Jul · Live · SwiftVEE	R5 532 100	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> 17 Jul · Live · SwiftVEE	R1 740 200	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Helicon Wildlife Services Katalogus En Boma Aanlyn Wildveiling</u> 17 Jul · Live · SwiftVEE	R2 253 300	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> 24 Jul · Live · SwiftVEE	R5 332 800	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>WIRU Wildlife Services 4</u> 25 Jul · Timed · Wildswinkel	R4 246 050	Equal	Equal	Equal	Agrees
<u>Thabazimbi Wildlife Services Wildveiling</u> 30 Jul · Live · SwiftVEE	R5 296 300	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Al Badenhorst Elite Wildveiling</u> 1 Aug · Live · SwiftVEE	R1 931 700	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> 7 Aug · Live · SwiftVEE	R2 014 150	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Amanzi Wildsfees Veiling</u> 8 Aug · Live · SwiftVEE	R3 202 500	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> 14 Aug · Live · SwiftVEE	R4 523 250	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> 21 Aug · Live · SwiftVEE	R529 350	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>AWA Vaalwater general auction</u> 22 Aug · Live · African Wildlife Auctions	R7 787 700	Equal	None	Equal	Agrees

Auction	Total used	1. Own lots	2. Second source	3. Blind	Result
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> 28 Aug · Live · SwiftVEE	R4 630 500	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Arno Du Plessis 4De Wildveiling</u> 29 Aug · Live · SwiftVEE	R5 421 600	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Thabazimbi Wildlife Services Wildveiling</u> 29 Aug · Live · SwiftVEE	R3 401 300	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> 4 Sep · Live · SwiftVEE	R1 815 250	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>AWA Vaalwater general auction</u> 11 Sep · Live · African Wildlife Auctions	R6 473 650	Equal	None	Equal	Agrees
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Game Auction</u> 11 Sep · Live · SwiftVEE	R4 177 200	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> 18 Sep · Live · SwiftVEE	R980 700	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Emaweni Production Auction</u> 19 Sep · Live · African Wildlife Auctions	R6 096 900	Equal	None	Equal	Agrees
<u>Thabazimbi Wildlife Services Wildveiling</u> 23 Sep · Live · SwiftVEE	R1 505 000	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Game Auction</u> 25 Sep · Live · SwiftVEE	R3 685 150	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Emaweni & Guest Sellers</u> 26 Sep · Live · African Wildlife Auctions No stats sheet published for this auction. The lot results page is the only source.	R6 807 750	Lot sum used	None	Equal	Explained
<u>Hanley Wildlife Services Wildsveiling</u> 2 Oct · Live · SwiftVEE	R973 900	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source
<u>Nylsvlei Game Traders Wildsveiling</u> 9 Oct · Live · SwiftVEE	R3 185 650	Lot sum used	None	Equal	One source

Differences are the other figure minus the total used. The data workbook's 836 formulas recalculate with no errors and equal these figures.

The differences and why

Auction	Total used	Other figure	Why
<u>Bona Bona Wildlife live, 21 March</u>	R54 007 000 (result sheet)	Lot data and Wildswinkel online R54 432 000	The R425 000 equals exactly the price of lot 078, Atlas, a 53 4/8-inch sable bull from Crown Game Holdings (Pty) Ltd. No lot bid per animal explains it. Public data cannot prove the cause. Landbouweekblad's R59,8 million headline equals the lot data plus the timed auction. African Farming prints the sheet's R54 007 000.
<u>Woody Cape Wildlife, 28 March</u>	R17 360 500 (result sheet)	Lots and online R17 455 500, SwiftVEE R16 785 500	One lot (R95 000) was confirmed after the sheet. Four lots SwiftVEE left unconfirmed at lower bids were confirmed on Wildswinkel for R670 000, which closes the SwiftVEE gap exactly.

Auction	Total used	Other figure	Why
<u>Valley Venture live, 23 May</u>	R17 686 500 (result sheet)	Lots R19 580 500, online R19 662 500	Four lots (R1 894 000) were confirmed after the sheet: 93 sold on the sheet, 97 now. A further R82 000 online is not explained.
<u>Valley Venture timed, 25 May</u>	R2 549 500	R2 664 500	Three lots (R115 000) were confirmed after the sheet.
<u>Wildlife Legacy timed, 20 July</u>	R7 261 250	R7 306 250	One lot (R45 000) was confirmed after the sheet.
<u>Classic Game Breeders, 1 August</u>	R19 961 500	R20 046 500	One lot (R85 000) was confirmed after the sheet.
<u>Summit Wildlife live, 26 September</u>	R36 159 000 (Summit's price sheet)	SwiftVEE confirmed R35 744 000	Three lots unconfirmed on SwiftVEE are sold on Summit's sheet (R415 000). Four lots marked Sold STC on SwiftVEE are unsold on the sheet.
<u>Summit Wildlife timed, 28 September</u>	R6 602 000 (Summit's price sheet)	SwiftVEE closing bids R6 871 500	Ten closing bids were not sold, two prices changed and three lots are on the sheet only. Together they close the gap exactly.
<u>Royal Castle, 16 May</u>	R7 217 500 (AWA stats sheet)	Lot results R7 249 500	The stats sheet leaves out two fundraiser lots (R32 000).
<u>Sekgweng, 13 June</u>	R11 850 450 (AWA stats sheet)	Lot results R11 890 450	The stats sheet leaves out one lot (R40 000).
<u>Silent Valley, 27 June</u>	R15 387 150 (AWA stats sheet)	Lot results R15 359 150	One lot entered as four animals is described as five. The stats sheet charges five (R28 000).
<u>Silent Valley buffalo, 25 July</u>	R10 822 400 (AWA stats sheet)	Lot results R10 810 400	The stats sheet shows three more springbok rams (R12 000).
<u>Kirkwood, 26 June</u>	R15 090 000 (confirmed lots)	Press R17,4 million	With VAT, R15 090 000 is R17 353 500, which rounds to R17,4 million. Seven unconfirmed lots (R352 000) are not counted.

The lot data of the top end holds R2 691 000 (0,5%) more than the published totals:

R2 234 000 in lots confirmed after the result sheets at five Wildswinkel auctions, R425 000 at Bona Bona Wildlife's live auction and a net R32 000 between African Wildlife Auctions' stats sheets and lot results at four of its auctions. The headline keeps the published totals, so every figure can be checked against a document.

Left out and why

Nine SwiftVEE auctions are not South African wildlife auctions. SwiftVEE's simulcast of Woody Cape Wildlife's auction would count that auction twice.

Auction	Date	Reason	Lots
Futurum Akademie Jag & Wildveiling	26 Feb	School fundraiser (hunting packages)	62
Golden Game Trophy Ram and Bull Auction	25 Apr	Namibian auction (N\$)	130
Hangklip Hunting Package Auction	27 Feb	Hunting-package fundraiser	58
Privaatskool Excelsior Aroab Namibia Jagpakkette Aanlyn Veiling	10 Apr	Namibian school fundraiser	19
Tarkastad Jagpakketteveiling	24 Jan	Hunting-package fundraiser	35

Auction	Date	Reason	Lots
The Wild Karoo Timed Auction	20 Mar	School fundraiser (hunting packages)	118
Waterberg Plato Game Breeders Auction	6 Jun	Namibian auction (N\$)	120
Wildlife Auction	11 Apr	Namibian auction (N\$, Agra Namibia)	50
Williston Bok en Jong Ooi Skaap Veiling	26 Aug	Sheep and goats, not wildlife	162
Woody Cape Wildlife Auction	28 Mar	Duplicate of the Wildswinkel Woody Cape auction (simulcast)	133

Corrections log

16 October 2026

Published

The Wildlife Season Report 2026 and its season data portal are published. A correction made after publication is added here, dated, with what it changes.

13 October 2026

Version 3 of the data

Headline totals do not change. Every lot-level figure moves, now that Bona Bona Wildlife’s live lots are in: Buffalo R162,3 million (version 2: R141,0 million), wildlife value R577,1 million (R529,1 million) and 58 lots of R1 million or more (48).

1. Bona Bona Wildlife’s live lots added from Wildswinkel (read 13 October 2026). The display lot S000 is left out. The Super 9 sellers are taken from the printed catalogue.
2. The species named in a lot’s title now wins over colour words: 55 lots of saddleback blesbok, saddleback oryx and a springbok grand slam had been filed as impala.
3. Five lots bid per inch had counted their inches as animals. Roan per animal on Wildswinkel rose 0,9%, where version 2 showed it 24,4% lower.
4. Bloodline Africa’s six covering-rights lots (R3 240 000) had been counted as twelve sable bulls.
5. Animals sold to be hunted where they stand (R690 000 in the top end) and a 2025 buffalo hunting package had been counted as wildlife.
6. Two fundraiser wildebeest bulls at African Wildlife Auctions (charity) and two emu lots had been counted as wildlife.
7. Colour variants are no longer read from place names, ear tags, “black-masked”, “SCI Gold” or “herd producing black animals”. Stud Game Breeders’ own classification is used for its lots.
8. Shares in an animal (Dominus in 2026, a 50% share in a buffalo bull at Stud Game Breeders in 2025) are left out of every price per animal. Buffalo per animal on Wildswinkel rose 9,0%, where version 2 showed it 6,1% lower.
9. Exotics (fallow deer, Barbary sheep, ostrich and emu) are left out of the wildlife figures, as the style guide sets.
10. Stud Game Breeders’ three auctions are named as its platform lists them. Its September Timed Auction closed on 7 September (version 2 had 4 September).
11. Dominus is a buffalo bull. The version 2 summary called him a sable bull.

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Version 4 of the data: SwiftVEE read again

Louis Eksteen found lot 1A of Nylsvlei Game Traders’ auction of 27 March 2026 missing. SwiftVEE shows a practice lot numbered “1A.” and a real lot numbered “1A”. The first read kept one lot per number. Lots with a space in their number (14 B, 47 B) were dropped the same way. Every SwiftVEE auction was read again with each lot taken by its own SwiftVEE id. Twenty-nine lots are added (25 sold, R641 200), all in the wider market: Lot 1A at all 16 Nylsvlei auctions, Thabazimbi’s lot 1A (R100 000) and lots at Amanzi Wildsfees, Al Badenhorst and Noord-Kaap Wilddienste & Steyl Wild. Nylsvlei’s printed catalogue confirms lot 1A (10 impala from Forever Resort). Placeholder cards are now told apart by their titles, in the build and in the blind check. The top end does not change. The wider market is R267,5 million and the whole market R861,2 million.

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After the independent check of version 4

A separate agent recomputed the season from the raw files with its own code, read all 255 SwiftVEE lot pages a second time and checked the report and every page of this portal. Every headline, auction total and lot value agreed. These were corrected:

1. Wildswinkel's ten-year series had included auctions of farms, implements, loose goods, skins, arms and golf days. It had also left out short flash auctions of wildlife (rhino, buffalo and, in 2020, kudu, red hartebeest, impala and wildebeest). It now counts wildlife auctions only. 2020, the low point, is R98,1 million (was R101,0 million) and 2021 R157,3 million (was R253,1 million). January to September of 2025 and 2026 do not change.
2. Two 2025 black rhino bulls from Mountain Zebra National Park had been counted as zebra. Zebra's price per animal on Wildswinkel rose 17,0%. The report had said it fell 11,6%.
3. Ten more placeholder cards are left out: A practice card titled "Nylsvlei" (27 February), Qualita Safaris' foreword and nine empty "Extra Lot" cards. The 112 counted auctions hold 12 361 lots. Qualita's closing bids are no longer marked as sold.
4. In the wider market, "Swart Wildebees" (two words) is black wildebeest, species written after the seller's name are read, Barbary sheep ("berg skaap") and zonkies are not wildlife. Afrikaans colour words and the counts printed on SwiftVEE's cards are now read. At the top end, Kirkwood's counts are read, so the female counts for wildebeest, eland, red hartebeest and nyala rise slightly.
5. "Jules of Karoo" in Summit Wildlife's price sheet is written "Jules of the Karoo", as the farm writes it. Four Wildswinkel auctions are dated by the day bidding closed. Auction pages count wildlife animals only and keep lots tied at the tenth price.

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After the independent fact-check

Lot 078 (Atlas) at Bona Bona Wildlife's live auction is sold by Crown Game Holdings (Pty) Ltd, as Wildswinkel names the seller. A charity king wildebeest bull at Emaweni & Guest Sellers (African Wildlife Auctions, 26 September, R30 000) moved from wildlife to charity. It is in the wider market, so no headline or top-end figure changes. Lots of mixed sex no longer count as bulls or rams on the species pages. Prices are rounded half up.

10 October 2026

Version 2 of the data

Summit Wildlife's 2025 total is R26 980 500, not R26 980 000. Magic, Piet du Toit's R22 million bull of 2025, is a buffalo. The year-on-year comparison uses published results for both years, where version 1 used Wildswinkel's online totals. SwiftVEE lots marked Sold STC no longer count as sold.

Not counted

Qualita Safaris' timed auction on SwiftVEE (31 July) is listed but not counted:

SwiftVEE shows only closing bids for timed auctions, with no lot status. Its closing bids came to R3 298 500.

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Nonnatjie, a 42 4/8-inch buffalo cow, 3-in-1. Bona Bona Wildlife's 9th Platinum Auction, lot S008. [Picture: Bona Bona Wildlife](#)

The 21-inch springbok ram from Jules of the Karoo. Summit Wildlife's 11th auction, lot 13. [Picture: Summit Wildlife](#)

Zsa Zsa, a 40 3/8-inch buffalo cow, with her calf. Wildlife Legacy live auction, lot 039. [Picture: Wildlife Legacy](#)

Dominus, a 56 2/8-inch buffalo bull (a 25% share in him sold). Bona Bona Wildlife's 9th Platinum Auction, lot S009. [Picture: Bona Bona Wildlife](#)

Oupa Jan, a 47 2/8-inch gemsbok bull. Groot Kalahari Veiling live auction, lot 016. [Picture: Groot Kalahari Veiling](#)

Showtime, a 56-inch sable bull. Summit Wildlife's 11th auction, lot 24. [Picture: Summit Wildlife](#)

Nova, a 40-inch buffalo cow. Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction, lot 016. [Picture: Stud Game Breeders](#)

Mitsie, a 42-inch buffalo cow. Wildlife Legacy live auction, lot 038. [Picture: Wildlife Legacy](#)

A 36 4/8-inch buffalo cow sired by Leba. Signature Wildlife live auction, lot 015. [Picture: Signature Wildlife](#)

The buyer's choice of 33-inch Luna or 29-inch Sola, buffalo heifers out of 47 1/8-inch+ Eclipse. Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction, lot 099. [Picture: Stud Game Breeders](#)

Claymore, a 51 6/8-inch East African buffalo bull. Stud Game Breeders 21st Annual Game Auction, lot 101. [Picture: Stud Game Breeders](#)

Iris, a 39 4/8-inch buffalo cow. Thaba Tholo live auction, lot 032. [Picture: Thaba Tholo](#)

Kalala, a 57-inch sable bull. Bloodline Africa live auction, lot 045. [Picture: Bloodline Africa](#)

Beast, a 29 4/8-inch king wildebeest bull. Summit Wildlife's 11th auction, lot 70. [Picture: Summit Wildlife](#)

Cheslin, a 33 5/8-inch blue wildebeest bull. Bona Bona Wildlife's 9th Platinum Auction, lot S003. [Picture: Bona Bona Wildlife](#)

Luca, a 25 4/8-inch white-flanked impala ram. Classic Game Breeders live auction, lot 001. [Picture: Classic Game Breeders](#)

Rocket, a 40 4/8-inch red oryx bull. Groot Kalahari Veiling live auction, lot 033. [Picture: Groot Kalahari Veiling](#)

A 47 4/8-inch oryx bull from Jules of the Karoo. Summit Wildlife's 11th auction, lot 53. [Picture: Summit Wildlife](#)

Rockefeller, a 61 6/8-inch kudu bull. Wildlife Legacy live auction, lot 055. [Picture: Wildlife Legacy](#)



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