Zimbabwe Herd Book 58th National Breed Sale – 31st July 2026
Record Turnout and Strong Demand for Beef Breeds

The 2026 National Breed Sale, held on Friday 31st July, was a resounding success, drawing a capacity crowd of over 700 breeders, buyers, and stockmen and women. A total of 136 top-quality Dorper sheep and beef cattle comprising rams, ewes, bulls, and heifers from eight beef breeds were presented for sale.

The event was officially opened by the First Lady, Her Excellency Dr. Auxilia Mnangagwa. She thanked the breeders for their efforts to maintain the seed stock of the country with top quality genetics. In the lead-up to the sale, delegates from the United States delivered presentations on global livestock trends, followed by expert commentary from leading local stockmen on the selected animals on offer. The sale was further supported by several prominent livestock service companies.

While the auction opened at a slower pace than usual with surprisingly limited interest in an otherwise excellent yarding of Dorper rams and ewes the beef section more than compensated. Bulls and heifers attracted spirited bidding, with 64 bulls selling at an average of USD 5,918 and 46 heifers averaging USD 3,088.

Brahman cattle once again stole the show. Brahman bulls averaged USD 6,443, with six bulls exceeding USD 10,000. The top-priced animal of the entire sale was a Brahman bull bred by Ruvale Stud, which sold for an impressive USD 17,000.

Sale Summary by Category and Breed

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Breed	Number sold	Top price, USD	Average price, USD
Dorper Rams	5	1,500	1,100
Dorper Ewes	5	400	400
Bulls	**64**	**17,000**	**5,918**
Angus	1	2,500	2,500
Beefmaster	3	5,500	5,333
Boran	4	6,000	5,125
Brahman	44	17,000	6,443
Nkone	2	3,250	2,875
Simbra	3	5,250	4,750
Simmental	1	3,500	3,500
Tuli bull	6	7,750	5,458
Heifers	**46**	**4,500**	**3,088**
Boran	1	2,750	2,750
Boran - pregnant	2	4,500	3,875
Brahman	43	4,500	3,059