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The Free State Department of Economic Development and Tourism will host the 35th Annual Game Auction at Willem Pretorius Nature Reserve near Ventersburg on 23 to 24 May 2025.

The game auction has become a highlight in the wildlife sector calendar for many years, with a revenue of over R10 million for the provincial fiscus.

The aim of the auction is to regulate the game populations of the state owned reserves and to optimize revenue generation for the province. These two days auction will be comprised of the sale of 5000 head of game divided into 51 public hunting packages with 921 animals, 93 live game lots with 525 animals, and 12 carcass packages of 3 150 animals.

This year's auction consists of Black Wildebeest, Eland, Gemsbok, Impala, Red Hartebeest, Ostrich adult, Sable Antelope, Springbok, Waterbuck, Blue Wildebeest, Cape Mountain Zebra and Plains Zebra.

Prospective buyers can pay a refundable deposit of R20, 000 through EFT or card payment; NO cash payment is allowed. Proof of address and ID document are compulsory for registration.

Registration for online bidders is already open, and for physical/onsite bidders, it will only be accessible 2 hours prior to the auction.

Bidders are urged to register for each auction separately.

Willem Pretorius Nature Reserve is about 30km south of Ventersburg and 130km via N1 from Bloemfontein.

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The details of the auction will unfold as follows:

- * Date: 23 to 24 May 2025
- * Venue: Willem Pretorius Nature Reserve
- * Time: Friday, at 11h00, and Saturday at 10h00

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