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KUTHENI KUBALULEKILE USEBENZISA INKUNZI EZI SEMGANGATHWENI OPHEZULU

(Why is it important to use good quality rams)

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Rams are one of the most important animals that can improve the condition of flocks. If you have 100 ewes, the likelihood of 70% of lambs born from ewes to be like the ram, are very high. Ram traits are easily transferred to the progeny and by using inferior rams, money will be lost due to inferior ewes with poor wool and production and sheep will give poor traits. Using good quality rams will improve flock quality, which means economic improvement. NWGA production advisors strive to see farmers making more money from sheep.

Inkunzi oyisebenzisayo kubalulekile ukuba ubenolwazi ngomgangatho, kuba yeyona ibangela utshintsho olukhulu kumhlambi(ukuba unamatakane alikhulu(100) ngoku qinisekileyo amatakane angamashumi asixhenxe azakufana nenkuzi oyisebenzisileyo.

Xa ungumfama woboya kubalulekile usebenzise inkunzi esemgangathweni ungayibeki inkunzi emhlambini wakho, ngokuthi ubeke inkunzi emhlambini wakho wenza lanto kuthiwa ngumbulo(inbreeding). Umbulo ubuyisela umhlambi emva ngohlobo lokuba igusha ziveza nempawu ezingafunekiyo ebezifihlakele endalweni (recessive genes) ezinode zibangele ukuvela kwamatakane azizidalwa negusha ezinamabalabala emzibeni.

Ukuthenga inkunzi yohlobo esemgangathweni (buying in of good quality Rams is vital) xa ungumfama woboya kubalulekile kodwa xa uthenga inkunzi yohlobo kunempawu ekufuneka uziqwalasele ngamandla xa uthenga inkuziyegusha zezizilandelayo ukusuka entloko ibonakalise impawu zoba yinkunzi musculinity, ubungakanani bomzimba, imilenze, uqwalasele nemveliso yegusha (Testes) zonke ezi impawu zibonakalisa ukumila kwegusha (Body conformation), okulandelayo uqwalasele umngangatho woboya apha eboyeni kufuneka uboya bungabinabo uboya

bebhokhwe(kemp), uboya benkunzi esemgangathweni kufuneka bufane bonke (uniformity) amaqoqo abonakale (visible crimps) kuba ngawo abonisa umgangatho woboya (wool quality).

Ukusebenzisa inkunzi esemgangathweni kunyusa izinga loboya (wool quality) bomhlambi womfama, ukunyuka kwezinga loboya kunyusa imali efunyanwa ngumfama nge(kg) ayithengisileyo yoboya bakhe. Umyinge woboya (wool quantity) obuchebileyo abubalulekanga ukogqitha izinga loboya(wool quality) onalo, yilonto singamagosa kaNwga sikhuthaza ukuba amafama asebenzise inkunzi ezise mgangathweni.

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