

# Annual Operational Report: NWGA Congress

June 2022



# Commercial Advisory Services

- To deliver world class technology and skills to South African wool sheep producers
- Covid 19 pandemic and lock down regulations continued to impact significantly on service delivery
- Six Production Advisors to serve commercial producers in SA

## Commercial achievements

Activity	Achieved
New participants: Reproduction program	91
Study group participants	22
Tours and group visits	9
Predation management training	59
Clip faults: Producers contacted	186
Farm workers trained	800

# Bio-security and Sustainability



Assistance and evaluation of wool sheep producers' practices against Cape Wool SA Sustainability Practices Guidelines: Target of minimum 1 180 per annum;

210 completed.



Follow up visits regarding corrective measures and constant improvement on farms;

17 follow ups; 48 info days; 640 in attendance.




Participation in meetings and constant evaluation of progress and risk areas;

41 meetings including virtual meetings and practical evaluation audits



Develop and promote sustainable production management practices through advice and generic management calendars in support of sustainability and biosecurity.

Various guidelines for support documents were developed and are available where required/needed.



# Sustainable Cape Wools Standard (SCWS)

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- PA's trained LTL group (ISO 22000) Nov 2021 & Lead auditor course Feb 2022 including on-farm training
- Conflict experienced in the field as well as amongst producers
- Bio-security- and other articles regarding sustainable practices were published in i.e., Wool Farmer, Farmers' weekly, Landbouweekblad and Veeplaas
- Met with Breeder Societies regarding SCWS



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15 April 2021

To Whom It May Concern

Re: **SUSTAINABLE CAPE WOOL STANDARD (SCWS)**


SAWAMBA, as a member grouping of Cape Wools SA (CWSA), is fully in support of the formation of the SCWS as an Inclusive Industry certification standard.


SAWAMBA further wishes to confirm its support for the SCWS and urge farmers to participate in the assessment process in order to ensure that the basis of sustainable, traceable wool from South African can be broadened.

The Wool Brokers also have the responsibility to ensure that lots that comply with the SCWS be identified as such on their catalogues, and the auctioneer verbally announce the wool as SCWS.

We are also encouraged by the discussions taking place between CWSA and various international brands and role-players within the Wool industry and look forward to some exciting developments in the near future.

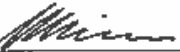
**Signed by SAWAMBA Wool Buyer Members:**

  
C F Friskin  
Sagard Measure S.A. (Pty) Ltd

  
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**SustainaWool™**  
INTEGRITY SCHEME

  
**NATIVA**  
PRECIOUS FIBER



**ZQ™**  
NATURAL FIBRE



# Mass media



42 wool production- and 6 predation management articles in Wool farmer, including IsiXhosa articles



18 articles in other media



11 radio and TV interviews



4 684 followers on face book



D6 Connect



12 Predation newsletters



12 NWGA newsletters

Wool Farmer Magazine  
now digital plus Agri TV  
under AgriConnect



# Commodity Chamber

- ✓ Chamber and members remain committed to AgriSA
- ✓ Serves as platform for information sharing, communication and inclusive collaboration across value chains
- ✓ Development initiatives of AgriSA Enterprises discussed with Senior Management



We develop the South African Agriculture Industry.  
Ons ontwikkel die Suid-Afrikaanse Landbou Industrie.



# Predation Management SA

- Chairman: Niel du Preez
- Wildlife Forum and legislation
- SanParks (Bush pigs in Southern Cape; Fencing of parks; SKA)
- 27 Monitor farms (Niel Viljoen) plus One at Mt Frere



Predation Management South Africa



# Skills development



- Sheep shearing (813 learners) & Wool classing (118 learners): R1,3million (Concluded Nov 2021)
- 2022/23: Funding support towards Predation Management and Training (R500 000)
- Sector Skills Committee (SSC) Fibre:
  - Sustainable standards
  - Sheep shearers
  - Wool handlers
  - Predation management



# LWCC

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- Officially supported Sustainable Cape Wool Standard
- Industry guidelines on tail docking and castration in support of SCWS
- Various position statements i.e., tail docking, mules, predator control, land reform, droughts, stock theft, Anti-microbial resistance, Livestock welfare at sales, etc.
- Visit website [www.lwcc.co.za](http://www.lwcc.co.za)



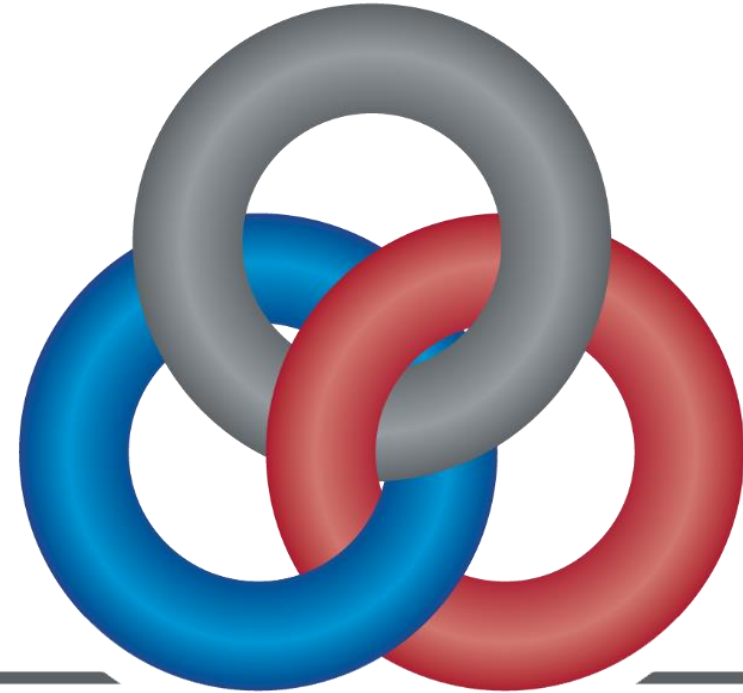
# NAHF

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- The main objective of the NAFH is to support the implementation of the National Veterinary Strategy as defined by DALRRD

## Focus Areas:

- Animal Health- Prevention, Control and Surveillance
  - FMD
  - Brucellosis
  - Policy and legislation (OJD, RVF, Brucellosis, PPR, FMD)
  - Vaccine availability
- OIE now known as The World Organisation for Animal Health (WOAH)



**National Animal Health Forum**

Linking Animal Health

# Shearer training

731 shearers trained  
(target 566):

- 104 beginner blade shearers
- 381 advanced and intermediate blade
- 93 machine shearing recruits
- 153 advanced and intermediate machine
- 696 SA shearers and 35 Lesotho shearers trained
- **R552 000 AAMP via NAMC**

Shearing  
championships  
and  
demonstrations

- Very limited due to Covid

Shearing  
standards now  
included in SCWS



# Shearer Training

- World champion 2014 (Ireland), 2017 (NZ) and runner up 2019 (France): Mayenzeke Shweni



SA shearer training good enough to produce world champions!!





# Transformation Introduction

- Organise communal wool sheep producers into structured Wool Growers' Associations
- Training and mentorship
- Infrastructure development
- Market access
- Genetic Improvement





# Background



- **>1 400 communal wool sheep producing communities in SA**
- **> 40 000 individual communal wool producers mainly in Eastern Cape**
- **> 240 000 family members**
- **> 4 million sheep EC communal areas**
- **> 8 million kg of wool**
- **13% of SA clip of >50 million kg/annum**
- **Six Production Advisors (Two from Ethical Trade Norway)**



# Transformation Advisory Support

Regional Manager

Manager: Infrastructure and Marketing

Three NWGA full time Production Advisors

Two Production Advisors under contract with Ethical Trade Norway

(R3,888 million over 4 years: NWGA ± R1,0 million/annum)



# Needs and challenges



- **Infrastructure**
- **Poor wool quality- cross breeds: Severe impact on market for communal producers due to Covid and now FMD!**
- **Commodity approach: Training and development through partnerships**
- **Continuation of Genetic Improvement Program (58% target achieved)**



# Silulutho Shearing Shed

Sibanye-Stillwater, a community that **CARES**

A Social and Labour Plan project in partnership with the Department of Mineral Resources and Energy and the Chris Hani District Municipality



**Sibanye Stillwater:**

- Nkululeko (Cofimvaba)
- Silulutho (Tsomo)
- Masizakhe (Cala)
- Beyele (Ncqobo)

**First Rand Foundation**

- Mngaba James (Middledrift)
- Castle Rocks (Mt Fletcher)























# Communal achievements

Activity	Achieved
Courses presented	288
Number of producers trained	1 643
Participants: Economic study groups	23
Sheep weighing projects	9
Flock competitions	2
Shearing competitions	8
Shearing Infrastructure	6
Rams purchased privately (100 producers)	150

# Market Readiness and Access

- 1 190 sheds marketed through formal auction (vs 1 219 previous season); 7,3% decrease
- 5 481 lots sold on 34 auctions
- 369 clips received average price of >80% of indicator (43 above the indicator).
- Challenging year for communal producers that demonstrates their vulnerability to poor climatic conditions and market challenges (Covid)!

# Wool marketed through the commercial market (auction) and income of communal wool producers (CWSA)

Season	Kilogram	Value (R)	Nat. Price (c/kg)	Comm. Price (c/kg)
97/98	222 610	1 502 908	1 225	675
03/04	2 029 556	17 768 955	2 109	876
12/13	3 461 937	131 842 578	5 537	3 803
13/14	3 806 993	137 919 368	6 016	3 623
14/15	3 582 123	130 849 388	6 863	3 652
15/16	4 462 089	233 618 025	7 668	5 235
16/17	5 812 641	299 882 008	8 156	5 159
17/18	5 422 122	383 607 431	9 967	7 075
18/19	4 737 000	336 979 827	11 260	7 114
19/20	5 876 741	289 475 740	8 603	4 926
20/21	5 455 471	260 451 284	8 109	4 774

# Social Impact

- **Income from sales of wool and mutton:**
  - 47 % internal income in 2004
  - Increased to 59% (2006); 65% (2009) and 75% (2020).
- **Social indicators (2004 to 2015 to 2020):**
  - More cell phones than household members
  - TV's and refrigerators 100% where access to electricity
  - Children going to bed hungry (41% to 24% to 6%)
  - Households savings accounts (49% to 84% to 94%)
  - Borrow money school fees: (77% to 48% to 30%)



International Fund for  
Agricultural  
Development (IFAD)  
application

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Integrated Wool Farmer Development Program (IWFDP) to IFAD by EC  
NWGA Communal branch: Five-year outcomes-based initiative.

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Re-establish and expand Ram Exchange Program (4 500/annum)

Animal Health (dipping facilities): 35 WGA's/annum

Wool Shed Equipment: 35 WGA's/annum

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Sheep shearer training (210 shearers/annum) and shearing equipment

Wool Handlers (700/annum)

Five training courses/annum at Agric. Colleges (28 WGA Farmers/course)

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Six Additional Production Advisors plus International Technical Expert

Already supported by DRDAR, EC House of Traditional Leaders &  
AgriSETA.

Government/DALRRD  
Support towards  
emerging and  
communal Wool Sheep  
Producers

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Genetic Improvement (Rams, but also Ewes!)

**Beyele Shed:** 50% less sheep 4-fold increase (replaced inferior sheep with quality bred rams and ewes)

**AM Wool (R106-50/kg) vs XW (R17-60)**

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Infrastructure Development (Shearing sheds with equipment, handling- and dipping facilities, supported by training)

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Sheep shearing services in South Africa (Lesotho shearers and training of SA citizens)

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Biosecurity (Disease management and prevention, **FMD**, vaccine availability, veterinary support in rural areas)

DALRRD: IFAD application support?

Thank you to  
our partners!

- Agility
- AgriSETA & OVK
- CWSA & Wool Trust
- Ethical Trade Norway
- First Rand Wesbank
- Hollard
- Land Bank
- OVR Heartwater vaccine development project
- Peritum & BKB
- Sibanye Stillwater
- Virbac
- Voermol
- Zoetis