



National Wool Growers' Association
of South Africa



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Voice of the wool farmer

Founded in 1926 and established in 1929, the National Wool Growers' Association is the oldest organisation in South Africa representing wool producers. With a member base of more than 3 200 commercial, and nearly 41 000 emerging and communal wool producers, the NWGA is the credible choice for South African wool producers to represent their interests in all spheres of the industry.

HOW WE USE OUR VOICE

Animal Health Forum

The NWGA plays a crucial role in the Animal Health Forum (AHF) nationally and provincially. The AHF engages all relevant livestock organisations and animal health stakeholders. It fulfils the important function of investigating and disseminating information regarding the status, control, and prevention of animal diseases. The AHF engages with the Directorate: Animal Health of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development (DALRRD), and other appropriate stakeholders on at least a quarterly basis. Matters related to biosecurity, policy and legislation, livestock production and exports, are discussed. The NWGA regularly engages with relevant stakeholders in the animal health sector, both in government and private spheres to ensure that its members' interests are protected.



Predation Management South Africa (PMSA)

The NWGA is tasked with leading the livestock industry in terms of predation management. PMSA, chaired by the NWGA, is a multi-sectoral platform for liaison and coordination of activities of commodity organizations in the livestock and wildlife-ranching sectors. The PMSA aims at addressing the problem of predation through reducing or minimizing losses incurred by predation. Ecologically and ethically acceptable predation management methods are employed to protect South Africa's biodiversity. Predation Management training for farm workers and wool- and livestock producers, is facilitated by the NWGA. Training content is continually developed and updated by predation-field experts.

Stock Theft Forum

The NWGA is represented on the Stock Theft Forum and as such engages with other livestock organisations, organized agriculture, law enforcement agencies, and other relevant stakeholders to assist in addressing and managing this crucial problem in SA agriculture.

Livestock Welfare

The NWGA is a member of the Livestock Welfare Coordinating Committee (LWCC), a national committee where livestock industries discuss issues related to livestock welfare with livestock welfare organisations. This committee issues livestock welfare statements regarding various husbandry- and other relevant practices. It provides official support and advice regarding appropriate welfare guidelines, sustainable production standards and codes of best practice.

Representation on the Wool Trust and Cape Wools

An important role is played by the NWGA in the activities and decision-making of both the Wool Trust and Cape Wools, in terms of negotiation for production advisory services, partnerships with government and development organisations, and international funding to expand upon services.



Representation on the International Wool Textile Organisation (IWTO)

The NWGA represents South African wool producers at the IWTO. It supports international wool-promotion projects, whilst promoting South African Wool through, amongst others, interaction with local and international wool processors and buyers.

Affiliation with organized agriculture

The NWGA is affiliated with both national and provincial organized agriculture bodies, including Agri SA, representing the interests of wool producers in the wider South African agricultural context.

THE NWGA IS REPRESENTED THROUGHOUT THE WOOL VALUE CHAIN

EXPERT ADVICE

Advisory Services

The NWGA is one of few producer organisations to offer specialized advisory services. Expert Production Advisors provide production-technology driven one-on-one, and group-training advisory sessions. Training includes sheep handling and wool classing courses; farm management analysis; study-groups; farm visits; information days, and tours. Sustainable Cape Wool Standard (SCWS) farm audits are performed free by NWGA Production Advisors. These services are available to all wool producers.



Shearer training

The NWGA is an accredited AgriSETA service provider, tasked with training novice shearers and providing in-service and advanced shearer training to these shearers. This service is provided nationally and together with wool classing courses, ensures a quality South African wool clip.

Communication

With comprehensive involvement in all wool-industry related areas, the NWGA aims at communicating with its members effectively. The NWGA's Wool Farmer magazine is a bi-monthly digital publication, with a focus on scientific research and industry-related information on a local, national, and international level. With articles authored by industry-specialists, it is distributed to NWGA members and available to all wool producers. A variety of digital communication platforms are used to communicate important industry-related information.

Hollard Insurance

On behalf of its members, the NWGA negotiated a substantial reduction in premium rates for livestock disaster coverage, against livestock losses as the result of cold, fire, hail, and lightning. NWGA members qualify for this benefit.



Contact us

Visit our website www.nwga.co.za for our national and provincial contact details, more information and tools for wool producers.

