

ANNUAL REPORT

CAPE WOOLS SA CONTRACT: SHEARER & FARMWORKER TRAINING

(CONTRACT PERIOD 1 JULY 2020 – 30 JUNE 2023)

REPORTING PERIOD

1 JULY 2022– 30 JUNE 2023

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1. SUMMARY OF REQUIRED SERVICES

1.1 Maintain a relevant and up-to date curriculum with approved accreditation.

- The Curriculum is up to date, approved, and accredited.

1.2 Active involvement in the combined shearing and risk committee of the wool and mohair industries.

- The Manager: Shearing Training is part of the Shearing advisory committee that includes the mohair- and wool industries.

1.3 Certify as trained at least 566 qualified machine and blade shearers.

- A total of 125 South African and 40 Lesotho advanced and intermediate machine shearers were trained.
- 68 new machine shearing recruits were trained.
- 61 South African and 4 Lesotho advanced and intermediate blade shearers were trained.
- 310 South African new blade shearing recruits were trained.
- **A total of 608 shearers were trained this year, 564 South African- and 44 Lesotho shearers.**





1.4 It is the responsibility of the NWGA to determine, in conjunction with the combined shearing and risks committee, the needs within the wool industry in South Africa in order to prioritize the type of training to be conducted, whether it be machine or hand shearing.

- The shearing advisory committee liaises with all the relevant role players to determine training priorities.

1.5 The NWGA must at all times avail itself of internationally accepted practices to focus shearing on sustainable standards, including the Sustainable Cape Wool Standard.

- International instructors regularly conduct training courses for NWGA instructors and advanced shearers. As there are no more restrictions regarding international travel, this important part of the training will commence in the next financial year.

1.6 Offer blade to machine conversion courses and pro-actively encourage conversion courses.

- Conversion courses were not conducted, as there were no requests for these courses.

1.7 Publish a list of shearing instructors trained annually.

- A complete list of trained shearing instructors is available at the shearer training office.

1.8 Host at least a National Shearing Competition.

- Regional shearing competitions (for communal participants) were hosted in 3 locations.

Venue	No of entries
Cala	11
Flagstaff	30
Sterkspruit	20
Total	61



- Provincial competitions were held in seven locations.

VENUE	NO OF ENTRIES
Burgersdorp	69
Philippolis	105
Victoria-West	99
Tarkastad	73
Ermelo	73
Caledon	71
Riversdal	77
Trompsburg	75
Prins Albert	44
Total	686

- The National Shearing Competition was held on the 28th and 29th of April 2023 at the Bloem showgrounds. A total of 186 shearers and wool handlers entered this competition.
- **The Golden Shears World Shearing and Wool Handling Championships** were hosted in Scotland from 22 to 25 June 2023. South Africa entered a team consisting of:
 - Two Machine shearers Johannes Mattys van Schalkwyk
Dumisani Xhasa
 - Two Blade shearers Bonile Rabela
Zwelamakhosi Mbuweni
 - Two wool handlers Almarie Muller
Maria Muller
 - Wool handling judge Karin Lee
 - Shearing judge Christo Geldenhuys
 - Team Manager Izak Kloppe

The team departed for Scotland on 11 June 2023 and stayed in Kintyre from 12 to 18 June 2023.

Mr. Willie Skilling, a local shearing contractor, organised sheep for the team to practice on which included the following breeds: Scottish Black face, Cheviot, Texel and Mules sheep. This gave team members the opportunity to fine-tune the setting on their blade shears and enabled the blade competitors to shear with confidence in the World Championships.

The machine shearers had the opportunity to try different combs on the sheep to determine which will shear better on the British mutton breeds. Maria Muller had the opportunity to adapt to the working conditions and the country specific rules that will be used in the World wool handling championships! Unfortunately, our other wool handler Almarie Muller was deprived of this opportunity due to her visa that was not approved in time to attend the practice sessions.



Our machine shearers were assisted with their shearing equipment and comb selection by British Wool Board shearing instructor, Keiran McCullough

The team did South Africa proud at the World Championships, with the results as follow:

Machine shearing

Dumisani Xhasa was placed 36th and Johannes v Schalkwyk 43rd out of 56 competitors.

Wool handling

Maria Jacoba Muller was placed 21st and Almarie Muller 33rd out of 40 competitors.

Blade shearing

Bonile Rabela and Zwelamakhosi Mbuweni won the World Teams event and were first and second in the World individual event out of 29 competitors.



1.9 Deliver demonstrations to agricultural school- and college students when considered feasible and identified as NWGA priority, taking into account all financial constraints.

Shearing demonstrations were delivered to schools, agricultural colleges and at agricultural shows as follows:

- Grootfontein College of Agriculture in Middelburg (2nd August to 4th August 2022)
- Central University of Technology Bloemfontein (6th October 2022)
- Peritum Agri Institute Bloemfontein (9th and 23rd May 2023)
- Three schools in Bloemfontein (7th-9th March 2023)



- Lowveld show in Nelspruit
- Bloem show in Bloemfontein
- NAMPO Harvest Day Bothaville
- Royal Show in Pietermaritzburg

(27th August 2022)
 (1st-5th May 2023)
 (16th – 19th May 2023)
 (26th – 28th May 2023)



1.10 Train at least 570 farm workers (including contract labour) on, but not limited to, the following:

- a) Animal Handling during pre-shearing
- b) Animal handling during shearing
- c) Animal handling post shearing
- d) Basic biosecurity awareness and training
- e) Shearing shed management
- f) Chemical store and animal remedy store management
- g) General record keeping

- **A total of 1044 farm workers were trained during the reporting period.**
- Courses in sheep handling, which includes the topics mentioned under point 1.10, as well as wool handling courses were conducted.

2. REPORTING REQUIREMENTS

2.1 Reports

- Monthly actual and cumulative progress reports are required. (Individual and cumulative reports directly to CWSA are required) (including training i.t.o 1.8).
 - These reports were sent by the Manager Shearer Training as required.

Signed at Bloemfontein on Friday, 18 July 2023

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'JL Venter', with a stylized, cursive script.

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