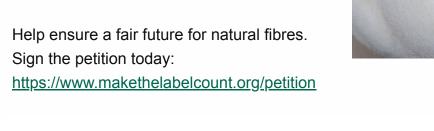


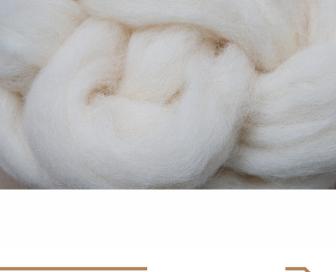
### The European Commission is shaping new textile sustainability policies – but natural fibres risk being

left behind. If these policies don't reflect the true environmental benefits of natural fibres, they could mislead consumers and threaten the livelihoods of farming communities worldwide. The "Make the Label Count" campaign is calling for:

Fair recognition of natural fibres in

- sustainability policies. Science-based environmental criteria to
- prevent greenwashing. A responsible fashion model that prioritises
- biodegradable, renewable, and recyclable fibres





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### Frikkie Wentzel het tydens die Oos-Kaapse Nasionale Wolkwekersvereniging (NWKV Oos-Kaap) se algemene jaarvergadering in Cradock

# die voorsittersleisels by Niel du Preez oorgeneem. Veeplaas het met hom gesels om

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## Sebopetsa, and Jerry Aries, acting chief director: Agricultural producer support and development.

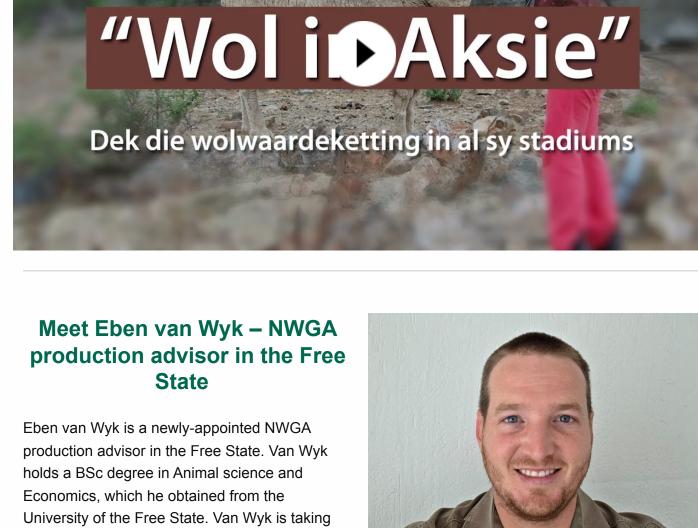
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Bloutong, veral onder Merino's en ander skape van Europese herkoms, is vanjaar 'n enorme probleem in die Noord-Kaap. In gebiede langs



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The importance of testing in the wool supply chain



### specifications regarding the amount and quality of fibre being delivered. Here, the International Wool Textile Organisation (IWTO) explains the process of testing in the wool supply chain. **READ MORE**



The UK has imposed significant import

restrictions on various animal products from





# Source: Intrenational Wool Textile Organisation Wool Policy Report

Focus on tariff impacts: New challenges for the wool and textile

industry

Recent US tariff impositions are set to create significant ripple effects throughout the textile

supply chain, with wool products facing particular challenges. According to an analysis from Yale University's Budget Lab, wool and silk products imported into the US will see price increases of approximately 10,9% due to new tariffs. The broader US apparel sector faces even steeper increases, with apparel (clothing and shoes) expected to see prices rise by 16,9% and leather products (gloves nd handbags) by 18,3%. Industry experts note these price adjustments may take up to five years to fully materialise. In the case of wool sweaters, the impact is

significantly jump.

(this applies regardless of country of origin). The \$170 million worth of wool sweaters imported into the United States from China last year faced a tariff rate of roughly 24%, considered relatively high at the time.

Following recent tariff rounds – including February measures targeting China over fentanyl concerns and the latest 'reciprocal' round – the import tax for sweaters entering the US will

American wool growers are experiencing significant market challenges as international trade tensions intensify. According to the American Sheep Industry Association (ASI), approximately 50 to 60% of American wool is typically exported, with China serving as the primary buyer and

processor. However, recent tariff escalations have severely disrupted this supply chain.

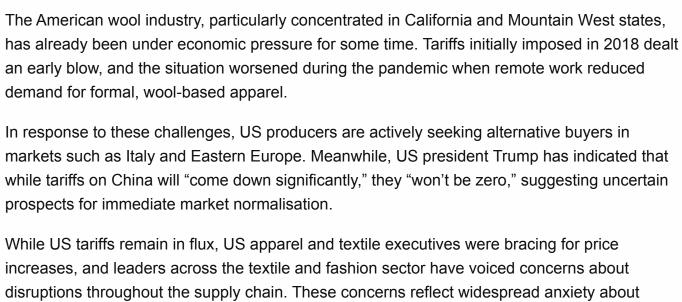
imports, while China has responded by hiking levies on US goods to 125%

retaliatory tariffs -so I know we've had some containers that are not moving."

The current situation has created a bottleneck in the market, with pounds of American wool sitting unsold. Under recent trade policies, Americans now face a 145% tax rate on Chinese

Peter Orwick, executive director of ASI, which represents more than 100 000 sheep producers across the US, reports that previously arranged sales have stalled, "We had sales that were set

up this spring, but if you didn't have the ships on the water, they were going to face the



with US importers seeing an increase in cancelled sailings as carriers adjust to declining demand. Freight company HLS Group recorded 80 blank sailings out of China due to the trade war impacting transpacific routes. Container traffic to North American ports could be reduced by 640 000 to 800 000 TEUs. US exports to Asia could potentially be impacted.

Source: Intrenational Wool Textile Organisation Wool Policy Report

general animals are not highly resistant to this parasite.

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Tipering en gehalte van wol

Die wyse waarop skape geskeer word, en hoe die skeersel hanteer en geklasseer word, bepaal tot 'n groot mate die inkomste wat 'n produsent uit 'n goeie wolskeersel genereer. Baie wolprodusente sal sê dat skeertyd op die plaas 'n genotvolle, maar ook spanningsvolle tydperk is. Dit is omdat al die verskillende dele van 'n skaap se wol in hierdie tydperk gesorteer en korrek geklasseer moet word.

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### to a lose-lose relationship within the global textile industry." He emphasised that adding a 20% duty will hamper the EU-US trade relationship, which currently exceeds 9 billion euros. For British manufacturers, the impact could be particularly severe. As Caroline Rush, CEO of the British Fashion Council noted, "The new tariffs the US has applied on goods from the UK will be of great concern to British fashion brands, which will have to make the problematic compromise between raising prices or eating into already slim margins on US sales." In Italy, Confindustria Moda president, Sergio Tamborini, pointed to broader implications, saying, "Fashion, in its global dimension, is being called upon to redesign its routes and supply chains." Italian textile-clothing exports to the US reached 2,8 billion euros in 2024, with America representing the third-largest market for Italian textile exports. As a result of these trade tensions, bookings on freight ships from China to the US are falling,

# **General preparations for the shearing season**

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### The Trusted Home of Agriculture Die Betroubare Tuiste van Landbou Nuutverkose Oos-Kaap NWKVvoorsitter: Wie is Frikkie **Voermol Maxiwol Konsentraat** Wentzel? **Uitmuntende Prestasie** Voermol Maxiwol Konsentraat (V4985) is 'n hoë gehalte konsentraat vir die tuismeng van lekke vir skape en bokke.

# Cape production advisor, Jannie Fourie, visited the Western Cape Department of Agriculture, hosted by the head of department, Dr Mogale

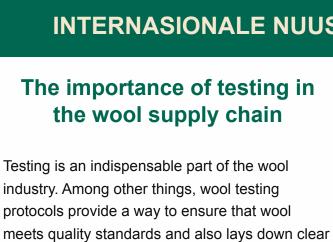
# collaboration between the NWGA and Western Cape Department of Agriculture. Through the submission of a technical intervention plan for emerging commercial farmers to Dr Sebopetsa, the NWGA is hopeful that this plan will form the basis of meaningful collaboration in the future.

# samewerking met Plaas Media

Santam Landbou en die Nasionale Wolkwekersvereniging bied met trots sy 2025-fotokompetisie aan. Oud en jonk word genooi om hulle uitsonderlike foto's in te skryf en lekker kontantpryse los te slaan. Vanjaar se tema is "Wol in aksie" en dek die wolwaardeketting in al sy stadiums – van wolskape in die veld of kudde, tot wol in die skeerhuis, op die sorteertafel, of wol aan die bas! Foto's kan in landskapof portretformaat ingeskryf word, maar moet hoë-resolusie (300 dpi) en groter as 1MB wees. Kontantpryse op die spel! Eerste prys – R12 500 en die voorblad van Veeplaas. • Tweede prys - R6 500. Derde prys – R3 500.

# over the reigns from Jan Louis Venter who retired at the end of March this year. We wish Eben the best of luck on his journey with the NWGA family!













In Women's Wear Daily (WWD), European apparel and textile organisation Euratex's director general, Dirk Vantyghem, characterised the decision as "going back in time," warning it "will lead

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# One of the most important factors to consider

when a producer starts preparing for the shearing season, is the welfare of both the sheep and the shearers. Izak Klopper is in charge of shearer training at the National Woolgrowers' Association of South Africa (NWGA) and in this article he

shares a few of the most important measures that apply when preparing shearing facilities on the

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