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1 Dring aan op OJD-verhandelingsverklaring

Leon de Beer, Hoofbestuurder van die NWKV, beveel produsente aan om met die aankoop van lewende hawe op 'n *Ovine Johne's Disease (OJD)*-verhandelingsverklaring (*vendor declaration*) aan te dring, om die risiko te bepaal of die skape wat gekoop word, moontlik draers van OJD kan wees.

Tydens die NWKV se bestuursvergadering is daar besluit dat die Dieregesondheidsforum (AHF) die volgende aangeleenthede met die Departement van Landbou, Bosbou en Visserie (DAFF) sal bespreek:

1. Die NWKV steun die gebruik van verhandelingsverklarings by veilings en ander geleenthede waar lewende hawe verhandel word.
2. Kopers van lewende hawe moet aangemoedig word om aan te dring op verklarings om die risiko van OJD by die aankoop van vee te bepaal. Maak dit verpligtend by veilings.
3. OJD-entstof moet meer gereedelik beskikbaar wees sonder die risiko van kwarantyn.
4. Die rol van OJD-diagnostiese toetse moet met DAFF bespreek word, asook hoe produsente daardeur geraak sal word (onder meer die metode wat tans deur die OVI geëvalueer word).
5. Veilingsagente moet by alle veilingsbemarking aandui of 'n verklaring vir OJD beskikbaar is of nie.
6. DAFF moet die status van OJD as 'n verklaarde siekte heroorweeg en oorweeg om die siekte se status na dié van 'n aanmeldbare siekte te verander.

OVINE JOHNE'S DISEASE VENDOR DECLARATION
ON THE SALE OF SHEEP
(Updated Draft May 2015)

1. I hereby declare that I am the owner or authorised representative of the sheep on sale and am competent to make this declaration.	YES	NO
2. The sheep for sale are clearly identified in the accompanying description.	YES	NO
3. The sheep for sale were born on my farm.	YES	NO
4. The farm has a closed flock policy. (No live sheep are brought onto the farm from elsewhere)	YES	NO
5. I know the signs of the disease and to the best of my knowledge, all of my properties are free of cases of Ovine Johne's Disease.	YES	NO
6. I have actively looked for Ovine Johne's Disease and have had tests done for this.	YES	NO
7. To the best of my knowledge, my immediate neighbours and farms in my magisterial district of my farm(s) are free of cases of Ovine Johne's Disease.	YES	NO
8. The sheep on my properties have been vaccinated against Ovine Johne's Disease and are clearly marked with the approved ear tag.	YES	NO
9. All lambs born are vaccinated	YES	NO
10. If vaccinated, the number of years that the vaccinations have been done is		years

NOTE: Vaccination does not mean freedom from OJD, vaccinated animals can still be carriers.
Statement 8 and 9 apply only to already infected flocks, and such sheep can only be sold to other infected flocks by law.
Buyers should consult their veterinary advisor before any purchases.

Signature _____ Date _____
NAME _____ Farm: _____
OWNER OR AUTHORIZED REPRESENTATIVE District: _____

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Gehalteskeersels word erken



Cape Wools SA (CWSA) is in kennis gestel van die NWKV Nasionale Bestuur se besluit om die evalueringstelsel vir die beste geklassifiseerde skeersel soos in die verlede te herimplementeer.

Die bes geklassifiseerde skeersels word volgens 'n raamwerk vir skeersevaluering vanuit die provinsies benoem, waaruit die nasionale wenner dan by die NWKV se nasionale kongres aangekondig word. Indien die persoon wat die wol geklas het nie die produsent is nie, moet daardie persoon geïdentifiseer word om vir die toekenning in aanmerking te kom.

CWSA is versoek om skeersels met die aanvang van die nuwe skeerseisoen te identifiseer. Alle skeersels wat tot die einde Mei 2017 gelewer word, sal in aanmerking kom sodat 'n toekenning reeds gedurende die NWKV-kongres van 2017 gemaak kan word. Die rol van CWSA se onafhanklike wolwaardeerder is onontbeerlik by die identifiserings- en evalueringsproses om die provinsiale en nasionale wenners aan te wys. Makelaars gaan ook versoek word om skeersels vir die toekenning te nomineer.

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Communal roadshows prove highly beneficial

Building relationships and gaining perspective on the challenges facing both emerging wool farmers and the NWGA were the main objectives for stakeholders who attended the week-long NWGA roadshows which took place from 20 to 24 June.

The rural Transkei and Ciskei districts of Whittlesea, Tsomo, Mthatha, Mount Ayliff and Sterkspruit drew crowds of approximately 2 200 farmers and the events were regarded as groundbreaking in terms of fostering relationships between emerging farmers and the various stakeholders.

These stakeholders included the South African Wool and Mohair Buyers' Association (Sawamba), Cape Wools SA (CWSA), the Wool Testing Bureau, Wool Trust, BKB, CMW and the Eastern Cape NWGA, who all gathered to impart knowledge and understanding to communal farmers about the different functions and responsibilities of the various role-players in the wool industry.

The issue of contamination and preventing it was discussed at length and farmers were eager to learn how they could improve the quality of their wool clip. Many questions arose on topics relating to the criteria for shearing sheds and wool presses, as well as questions on how to bring the market of wool (selling, trade, etc.) closer to the farmers. Brokers making late payments for wool, the need for more genetic material, knowledge of where their children can obtain bursaries from Cape Wools SA and what Sawamba does for farmers were also some of the issues raised.

As Razeen Johaar, representing Sawamba, remarked: "It was a great experience for me to see our diversified cultures, customs, beliefs, farming communities, farming practices, their concerns and successes all together. In turn, we each passed on our experiences and requirements to enable us to work as one – SIMUNYE".



Stakeholders attending the NWGA road shows.

Back: Greg Pape (Modiano), Werner Gerber (Stucken & Co), Johan Louw (CMW), Casper Labuschagne (NWGA), Razeen Johaar (Standard Wool).
Front: Olivia Sigidi (Wool Trust Trustee), Cynthia Nombeko (Sinethemba Mafama), Mzamo Bobi (Cape Wools SA), Juan van Schalkwyk (Cape Wools SA).

Besoedeling en foute in die Suid-Afrikaanse skeersel



Besoedeling van wol het 'n groot finansiële impak op die hele wolverwerkingsketting. Dit is veral vreemde vesels, afkomstig vanaf baaltou en polipropileensakke, wat 'n probleem is.

Baaltou en polipropileensakke maak fyn vesels wat partymaal nie sigbaar met die blote oog is nie. Hierdie vesels word dan saam met die wol verwerk, maar omdat hulle nie natuurlike vesels is nie, neem hulle nie kleurstof op nie. Sodra die materiaal gekleur word, wys hierdie vesels op. Dit is dan onmoontlik om hierdie vesels te verwyder en sulke materiaal is dan onbruikbaar.

Gemengde lengtes, gemengde gehalte (kwaliteit, bv. swak afgerande wol), sweetstukke in hooflyne, uriene- en misbevlekte wol in penswol en stukke baaltou en plastiek, swart hare, kemp en gemeduleerde vesels, verf en merk-ink, sigarettostompies, metaal, draad en wolhakies is als kategorieë waarvolgens wolkopers foute in skeersels aanteken.

Jan Louis Venter, NWKV produksie-adviseur in die Vrystaat, het verduidelik hoe maklik foute in skeersels kan beland, maar het ook nuttige advies gegee oor hoe om die vlak van kontaminasie te verminder deur veranderinge in bestuurspraktyke toe te pas. Lees sy volledige artikel op die NWKV-webtuiste:

http://www.nwga.co.za/images/downloads/2016_Besoedeling.pdf



Dr Louis du Pisani, NWGA manager responsible for development, paid a visit to the areas of Klipspruit, Glengary, Driefontein, Lourdes as well as Umzimkhulu, situated in southern Natal, north of Kokstad. He also attended the annual congress hosted by the Umzimkhulu Wool Growers' Association, which was attended by approximately 500 people. He was pleasantly surprised by the farming community, which was already well established, and the enthusiasm and commitment of the farmers to improving their productivity.

The standard of sheep was satisfactory, although there is a lot of scope for improving the quantity and quality of wool produced and sold through the formal market.

Dr du Pisani proposed that the current extension programme be extended to include the following objectives:

- 1) Increase the volumes of wool that farmers sell through the formal market (auction) system (38 000 kg at present) and reduce the volumes sold to speculators. The NWGA's production adviser will help farmers establish new wool growers' associations at new shearing sheds.
- 2) Help farmers to class and prepare the wool clips better. This will have a positive effect on the average price they receive for their wool. At present farmers are receiving R33/kg, while the average price for communal farmers in the Eastern Cape is R37/kg.
- 3) Start an awareness campaign to reduce wool contaminants (i.e. polypropylene bags and bailing twine) in the direct vicinity and inside shearing sheds.
- 4) Start an awareness campaign to reduce lamb mortalities, focusing specifically on (i) rested veld, (ii) mating in autumn instead of early summer and (iii) the use of protein licks on veld for overwintering.
- 5) Start an awareness campaign among farmers to maintain their shearing sheds.
- 6) As from 2017 the 11 wool growers associations must take part in the Best Shearing Shed competitions.



Arno Steenkamp, van Tweekop Boerdery in Heidelberg, is met nuwe moed besiel. Hy het onlangs daarin geslaag om die jonger geslag boere in die Heidelberg-omgewing te begeester om weer deel te neem aan 'n Merino-jongooikuddekompetisie. So 'n kompetisie is laas in 1991 gehou.

Die nege deelnemers vanuit die Heidelberg-distrik het pluimpies ontvang oor die voortreflike kondisie van hul jong ooitjies. Dr. Jasper Cloete, 'n dosent van Elsenburg, het die 10 jongooie per deelnemer beoordeel volgens gemiddelde daaglikse toename (GDT), wol:vleis-verhouding, wolinkomste per ooi en beraamde gewig op 12 maande.

Die algehele wenner was CF de Jager, wat ook met die prys weggestap het in die kategorie Beste Gemiddelde Daaglikse Toename (GDT), deurdat sy jongooie se gemiddelde massa met 166 g per dag toegeneem het. Kobus Human het die algehele derde plek behaal, maar was baie in sy noppies oor die eerste prys wat hy in die Beste Bouvorm-kategorie en die tweede prys in die Wolvoortreflikheidskategorie behaal het.

Daar was absolute konsensus oor die besondere goeie kondisie van die jongooie en die gehalte van hul wol. Volgende jaar word beplan om nog meer ooie op die plase self te beoordeel.

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Dr. Jasper Cloete beoordeel ooie, Pierre Vlok van BKB kyk toe (links) en middel agter staan Kobus Human.



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Unsatisfactory requirements of OBP vaccines places national herd health in great danger

The National Minister for Agriculture, Forestry and Fisheries has been requested to investigate the manufacture, supply and distribution of vaccines by Onderstepoort Biological Products (OBP) urgently.

The national Animal Health Forum (AHF) represents a number of industries in the agriculture/animal health/production sector. The forum, which liaises directly with the Directorate of Animal Health under DAFF, directed an urgent letter to Minister Senzeni Zokwana about the current situation regarding the availability of vaccines at OBP. The unavailability of vaccines is preventing DAFF from effectively implementing control over various controlled animal diseases in South Africa.

They suggested that if OBP is unable to deliver vaccines to the broader livestock industry, the sourcing of vaccines from outside the borders of the Republic of South Africa should be investigated. A request for a meeting with the Minister's office, the NAHF and OBP with a simultaneous site inspection at OBP has been directed to the Minister for consideration.

The NWGA and other livestock industries, as members of the Animal Health Forum, are very concerned about the persistent problems experienced by OBP in the availability and distribution of vaccines.

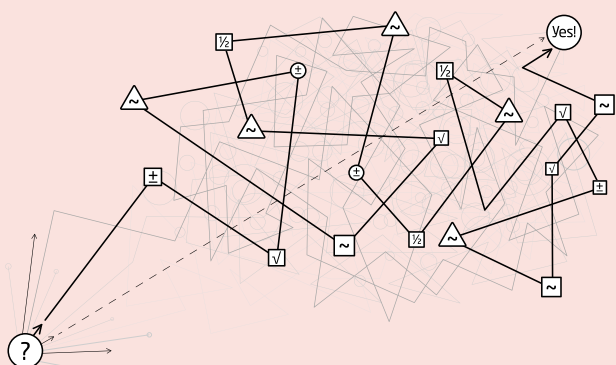
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'n Program wat help met maandelikse skaapbestuursaksies

'n Generiese bestuurskalender wat maandeliks 'n lys van bestuursaksies uitspel wat belangrik beskou word om veekudde beter te bestuur, is op die NWKV webtuiste beskikbaar by: <http://www.nwga.co.za/downloads/generiese-bestuurskalender.html>



U kan ook 'n skaapbestuursprogram aflaai wat bestuursaksies volgens datums vir u uitleë. Vul bloot die paringsdatum, die lengte van die paringstydperk en die ouderdom waarop die lammers gespeen is, op die Excel-dokument in.



Planning ahead for improving communal flocks

The members of the Group Breeding Scheme (GBS) have been breeding quality rams for distribution to communal wool sheep flocks since 2002. The GBS was established in 1972 with the exclusive goal of breeding wool sheep that are well adapted to the environment and conditions of the northern part of the Eastern Cape. The group met with the NWGA on 22 July 2016 to plan for the next phase of the project, which is being funded by the Department of Rural Development and Land Reform.

The NWGA has already submitted a project proposal to the Department for extending the project beyond 2017. Special efforts will also be made to fast-track the development of two emerging ram breeders, including mentorship and the sourcing of top-quality genetics for their flocks.



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Communal farmers seek strategy for radical transformation

The Wittebergen shearing shed at Herschel in the Sterkspruit district will play host to the 5th Eastern Cape Communal Woolgrowers' Association Congress (ECCWGA) to be held on 25 August 2016. This shearing shed holds the award for overall winner for outstanding achievement in developing their sheep project for increased wool income for 2007, 2011 and 2015.

The theme for the congress, "Developing an effective strategy to contribute to the radical transformation of rural economies through wool production", will lay the basis for discussing resolutions on topics relating to land tenure, infrastructure and animal health.

The congress will request that more dams be constructed, existing dams be scooped and that access to roads be improved. They will further request that grazing and arable lands be fenced for easier veld management.

As far as animal health is concerned, delegates will be asking for a more effective live-stock record-keeping system in order to curb stock theft, as well as easier control of animal diseases monitored by the veterinary directorate. They will further seek the plans of the Eastern Cape Department of Livestock Development on the control of zoonotic, contagious diseases in the province.

For more information, contact Olivia Sigidi, Deputy Secretary: ECCWGA at 083 244 6405.

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Ses Noord-Kaapse jongooiklubs ding vir eerste keer teen mekaar mee

Geskiedenis is by Philipstown in die Noord-Kaap gemaak toe ses jongooiklubs van die omgewing vir die eerste keer teen mekaar meegeding het. Die ooie van die gebied se jongste klub, Modern-Merino (Hanover, Colesberg en Philipstown), is aangewys as die wenner van die groepsklas en het ook die beste fynwol-ooi en ooi met medium wol opgelewer.





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