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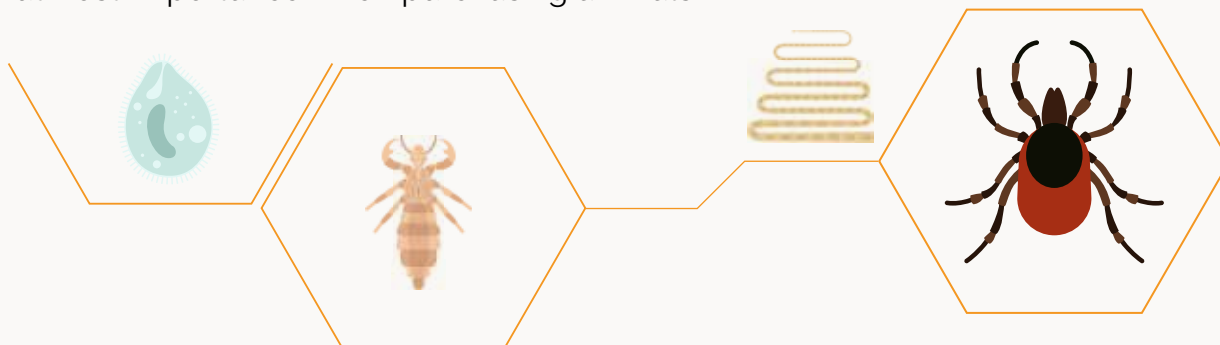
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Weather is perfect for external parasites – act now!

The September report on livestock disease trends, as informally reported by veterinarians belonging to the Ruminant Veterinary Association of SA (Ruvasa), contains the following projections from veterinary practices and laboratories regarding external parasite infestations:

External parasites	MP	GAU	LIM	NW	FS	KZN	EC	WC	NC
Blue ticks	x	x	X	x	X	X	x	x	
Bont-legged ticks	x		X	x	X	X	x	x	x
Sucking lice (red lice)				x	X	X	x	x	

Hot weather and rainfall result in an increase in tick numbers. Ticks transmit diseases such as African and Asiatic redwater, heartwater and anaplasmosis. Bont-legged ticks cause sweating sickness and serious wounds which become infested with screw-worms. Blue-tick resistance to drug groups is on the increase – ask your veterinarian to assist you with information to help you minimise your chances of selecting animals carrying blue ticks. Biosecurity is of the utmost importance when purchasing animals.



2

Van kleintyd al 'n liefde vir boerdery

Die vyfjarige JC Hugo kyk vol belangstelling toe hoe Gawie van Wyk vir Bertie Visagie se plaaswerkers op die plaas Paardekraal in die Calvinia-distrik oplei. JC is die seun van André Hugo, bestuurslid van die Noord-Kaap, wat die kursus gereël het. Die klong se ongelooflike belangstelling in boerdery was opsigtelik tydens die demonstrasies. Hy dra sy blou oorpakbroek ses dae 'n week, reg vir enige takie wat daardie klein handjies kan aanpak!



3

Good-practice principles for ethical wool sheep production

As agreed, the *Specifications for Wool Sheep Welfare* of the International Wool Textile Organisation (IWTO) will be updated every three years to ensure the publication remains relevant while featuring the latest developments in science and technology pertaining to the welfare of wool sheep.



In order to incorporate the legislation wool growers have to comply with, the 2013 version has been updated by Peta Slack-Smith from AWI and Joanne Radway from IWTO, with the cooperation of all the grower countries. The fundamental principles in the document, which adheres to the OIE Terrestrial Animal Health Code, remain unchanged.

Navigate to NWGA website for the link: http://www.nwga.co.za/images/downloads/IWTO_COBP.pdf

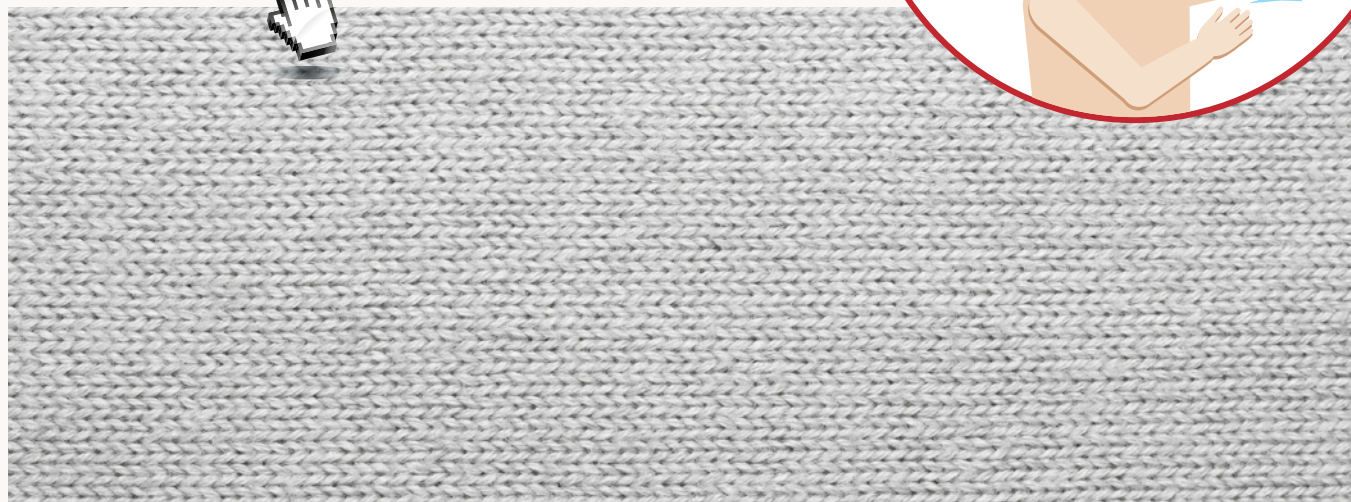


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Wearing fine wool can relieve eczema symptoms

Australian research has found that it is beneficial for children to wear fine Merino clothing over skin areas affected by eczema. When the children tested did so, the wool stopped the skin from drying out, resulting in their eczema symptoms clearing up. For more information see the extract from the Cape Wools SA Monthly Wool Market Overview (September 2016):

<http://www.nwga.co.za/images/downloads/Eczema.pdf>



5

Gaan loer na die PMF-webtuiste

Die webwerf van die Predasiebestuursforum is ontwerp om 'n wye spektrum van inligting te voorsien oor daardie roofdiere wat soveel skade aan veeboere veroorsaak. Die webwerf het ook ten doel om riglyne en advies aan produsente te verskaf oor hoe om predasiebestuur so menslik en omgewingsvolhoubaar moontlik, dit wil sê, deur middel van geïntegreerde bestuur, toe te pas. Alle belanghebbendes in die landboubedryf word aangemoedig om die webtuiste te besoek: <http://www.pmf.co.za/>



Die splinternuwe predasiebestuurshandleiding, wat 'n een-stopgids is om produsente te help om hul roofdierprobleem op plase binne die raamwerk van die provinsiale en nasionale omgewing te bestuur, is ook op die webwerf te vinde.

Dr. Gerhard Verdoorn, hoof van Griffon Gifinligtingsentrum en kampvegter vir volhoubare voedsel- en veselproduksie binne die konteks van ekologies aanvaarbare praktyke, tree op as die webtuiste se "Ask the Expert". Hy is dus die aangewese persoon om na die produsent se dilemma te luister en die mees ekologies aanvaarbare bestuurstechnieke aan te beveel om die probleem die hoof te bied. In hierdie afdeling gee hy advies hoe om 'n rookkat in die Overberg te vang, hoe om 'n vanghok te stel vir 'n enkellopende, ou, bruinhiëna-mannetjie en of grondboontjebotter gebruik kan word om 'n rotteplaag te beheer.



6 Bursaries in the wool industry

Cape Wools SA is inviting persons in the wool industry to submit bursary applications for 2017 before 31 October 2016. Visit their website: www.capewools.co.za.



The following fields of study will receive preference for 2017:

- ➔ agricultural sciences
- ➔ chemistry and textile sciences
- ➔ fashion and design
- ➔ veterinary sciences
- ➔ computer science
- ➔ BCom (General Business Management) to be followed by an MBA or MBL
- ➔ BTech (Business Management) to be followed by an MBA or MBL



7 Premature baby inspires the creation of wool beanie for babies



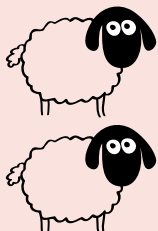
Melinke with her parents, Jaco and Elouise Prinsloo.



Thermal regulation is one of the biggest challenges faced by premature babies. One of wool's many wonderful properties is that it keeps the body warm when temperatures plummet and cools the body when warmer temperatures set in. With babies' comfort in mind, Cape Wools SA developed a Merino wool beanie to fit snugly over a baby's head. The beanie does not irritate the skin, is machine washable and requires little special care. These beanies will be added to the complimentary baby bags that Mediclinic distributes to new mothers.

Read the story of Baby Melinke Prinsloo, born at 26 weeks, who served as the inspiration for these wonderful woolly beanies being made:

http://www.nwga.co.za/images/downloads/Thermal_regulation.pdf



Wolboer/Wool Farmer naaswenner in landswye kompetisie

In die top tien persent van alle korporatiewe tydskrifte landswyd! Dis waar Agri Connect se tydskrifte, te wete *The Dairy Mail*, *Wolboer/Wool Farmer* en *Red Meat/Roivleis* hulle bevind.

Tydens die pas afgelope prysuitdelings van die SA Publikasieforum in Midrand is Agri Connect se tydskrifte aangewys as van die beste korporatiewe tydskrifte in die land. Uit die 160 inskrywings wat ontvang is, is *Wolboer/Wool Farmer* en *The Dairy Mail* binne die boonste 15 geplaas; met *Red Meat/Roivleis* 'n kortkop agter hulle.

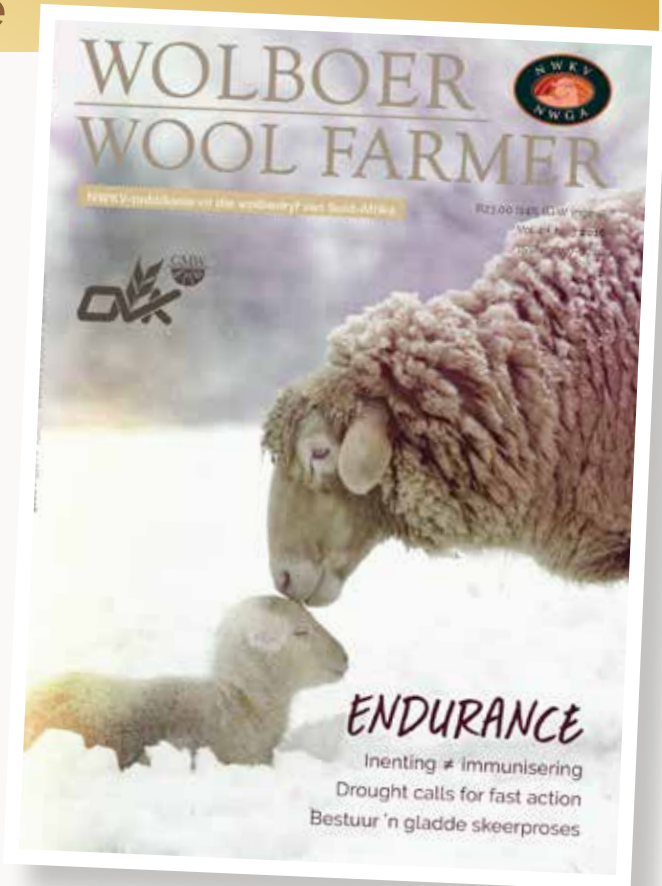
Fanie van Rooyen, as redakteur van sy heel eerste *Red Meat/Roivleis*, was 'n finalis in die kategorie: "Beste eksterne tydskrif".

The Dairy Mail, met Robyn Joubert as redakteur, het 'n derde plek behaal in die kategorie: "Beste eksterne tydskrif", asook 'n derde plek in die voorblad-kategorie.

Wolboer/Wool Farmer, met Karen Grobler as redakteur, het tweede gekom in die kategorie: "Beste eksterne tydskrif", en beide TDM en WB was finaliste as die "Beste korporatiewe publikasie".

Baie geluk aan die Agri Connect-span wat almal 'n aandeel aan die tydskrifte se sukses gehad het.

Berig deur Leza Putter, Agri Connect



Na aanleiding van 'n voorlegging deur 'n onafhanklike Duitse geohidroloog aan Sybokhaar SA, het dr. Louis du Pisani, NWKV se nasionale bestuurder vir produksie-advies en ontwikkeling, die gevare van sodanige myne aan die NWKV-bestuur voorgehou.

Daar is tans 'n proses aan die gang om met oopgroef-uraanontginning in die Karoo te begin. Die distrikte wat ter sprake is, is Beaufort-Wes, Rietbron, Willowmore, Aberdeen, Fraserburg, Calvinia en Williston. Die mynbouproses behels die volgende: die erts word in oopgroefmyne met dinamiet oopgeskiet, waarna dit uitgehaal word. Stof wat uiteindelik afsak en op plante en oop waters beland, is 'n groot probleem en die besoedeling van ondergrondse water natuurlik ook 'n gevaar. Die radioaktiewe gifstowwe akkumuleer in die soogdiere se keratien (wol, bokhaar, hare, naels hoewe, ens.), asook in die lewer en niere. Die stof wat op die diere beland, akkumuleer in die wol se lanolien en bedek die wol- en bokhaarvesels. Wol is dus besonder gevoelig vir hierdie mynboubedrywigheede se besoedeling.

Die besoedeling van wol met radioaktiewe stowwe is 'n bedreiging vir die hele bedryf, nie net vir die wol wat geproduseer word in die gebiede waar die myne is nie. Daarom is dit belangrik dat die georganiseerde landbou sterk standpunt teenoor uraanmyne begin inneem en die nodige aksies van stapel stuur om die toekenning van mynlisensies stop te sit.



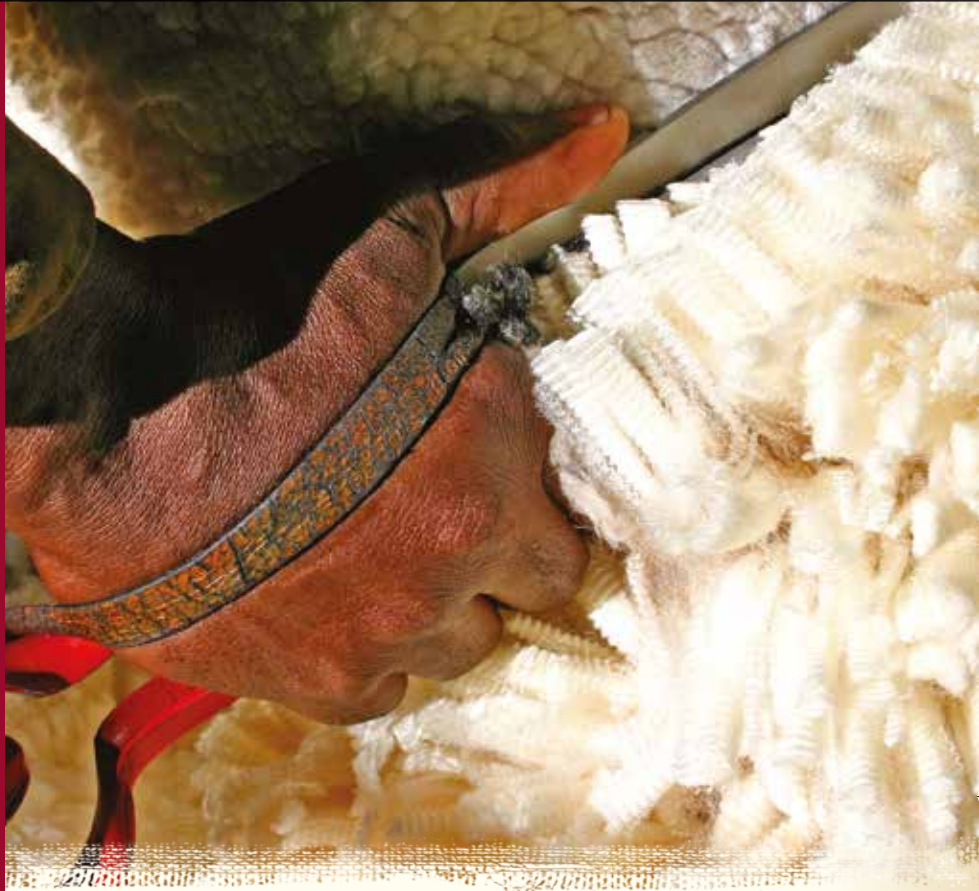
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