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NWGA AGM / NWVV AJV

NWGA annual general meeting

The annual general meeting of the National Wool Growers Association (NWGA) took place at the Norway Hotel in Port Elizabeth.

Keynote speakers Annalize Crosby, head of legal intelligence at Agbiz, discussed the implications of the National Water Act for irrigation, and the role of organised agriculture in South Africa. Crosby emphasised that more than just water is at stake.

Dawn Sparham, chief executive officer of Cape Wools SA, expressed their hard hats and spectacles are the biggest threat to the wool industry. Sparham gave an overview of the recent 94th International Wool Textile Organisation's congress in Lille, France, highlighting that wool is a natural fibre with a low carbon footprint. She emphasised the importance of attending and collaborating with fashion brands and establish clear communication with consumers to promote sustainability.

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National leadership unchanged

South Africa's wool growers have reaffirmed their trust in the NWGA leadership at the second AGM in Gqeberha earlier this month.

Congratulations to:

- Billy van Zyl – re-elected as national chairperson;
- Piet du Preez – vice-chairperson (commercial);
- Zaase Teblom – vice-chairman (communal).

A hearty congratulations from all in the wool fraternity!

Highest wool price

Annie Christie-Smith of Kelkiewoud Trust in Bredasdorp, one of the oldest Merino farms in South Africa, received an award during the NWGA AGM for the highest wool price achieved and price received on average for the 1,4 micron AWS accredited Skimmer Merino wool, sold during a BKB in Dendron that year for R200/kg.

Henry Glynnis Ontwedt, manager of the South African Stud & Breeder Buyers Association (Sasambra), handed over this year's award to Annie Christie-Smith.

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Ons kyk gelukswenskis steurnels vanuit die Wes-Kaap

Cape Wools SA (CWSA) het 'n omvattende evaluasieprogram ontwikkel om die boere te identifiseer wat hul steurnels het nodig gehad. Die Beste Steurnels Competition Steurnel kompetisie het ten doel om erkenning te gee aan produsente wat 'n hoërkwal ter teel geproduseer en bemarkbare steurnels produseer. Die komitee bestaande uit 'n aantal van die NWGV-kiesersgroepe-lede en kundiges bevoegdheid van hierdie programme wat hierdie geleentheid bied.

Die volgende winners is deur CWSA gekoeskiet en ter sy die NWGV se AJV vertegwoordig:

1. PG Glyven, Jonas Trust, Calsbaai (wenner)
2. Marie & Marinette Fourie, Brookdale Boerdery, Heidelberg (vaswenner)
3. Derek Erasmus, DJ Erasmus & Seun, Kenhardt, Bonnievale.

Dr Kobus Lombard van Cape Wools SA, Piet Van Niekerk van Kelkiewoud Trust, Annie Christie-Smith van Kelkiewoud Trust, Pieter Van Niekerk van Kelkiewoud Trust, Dr Kobus Lombard van Cape Wools SA, Dr Kobus Lombard van Cape Wools SA, Dr Kobus Lombard van Cape Wools SA