PLAASLIKE NUUS / LOCAL NEWS

Nuwe wêreldklas uitstalruimte vir makelaar

Segard Masurel-wolmakelaars het onlangs die opening van hulle spoggerige uitstalarea gevier. Wolkopers en bedryfsrolspelers het hierdie glansgeleentheid bygewoon. Dan Kriek van die Nasionale Wolkwekersvereniging (NWKV) en Deon Saayman van Cape Wools SA was ook by die geleentheid.

Op die foto is James de Jager (middel) van Segard Masurel, Clarence Friskin (regs), Chrisna Coetsee (links), Paul Lynch (ver links) van Standard Wool en Dan Kriek van die NWKV.

NWGA's efforts to build skills and create opportunities

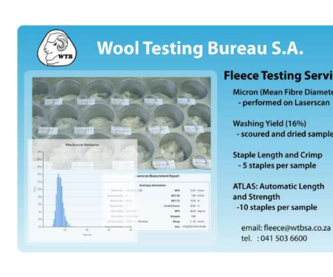
The National Wool Growers' Association (NWGA) recently hosted a sheep shearing and woolpiece picking course at Brandfontein farm in De Aar. These NWGA shearing courses aim to empower individuals, especially the youth, to start their own shearing businesses or join existing sheep shearing teams.

Participants received sheep shearing training by shearing instructor, Sibusiso Galawe and NWGA shearing manager, Izak Klopper.

Students received additional training in wool piece picking, a key step towards the Springbokhead Wool Classing Diploma. The wool course was presented by Dr Andries Strauss of the Free State Department of Agriculture and Rural Development (FSDARD) and Eben van Wyk of the NWGA.

These practical training opportunities form part of NWGA's initiatives to develop expertise, open new career opportunities, and promote lasting income sources in rural communities.

Thank you to Wynand Myburgh from Lilitha Solar PV for committing to community upliftment and choosing the NWGA as your training partner.



Merinobedryf kyk opgewonde vorentoe

Merino SA se algemene jaarvergadering, dinee en nasionale veiling is vanjaar deur 'n hernude gees van positiwiteit gekenmerk en het goeie bywoning vanuit verskeie oorde geniet. Die geleentheid het op 14 en 15 Augustus by die Botaniese Sportgronde op Graaff-Reinet plaasgevind.

Volgens Merino SA se bestuurder, Willie van Heerden, en hul president, Grant Naudé, lig die Merinobedryf weer sy kop na 'n uitdagende klompie maande waarin bek-en-klouseer die land se vleis- en wolprodusente seergemaak het.

Lees meer.

Sheep health – The reward for good practices at shearing sheds

Masibambane Shearing Shed in the Mount Fletcher district was crowned Best Communal Shearing Shed in Region 24 at the NWGA annual general meeting held in Gqeberha earlier this year.

They were happy to welcome Zoetis representatives, who dosed 3 500 sheep with Valbazen Ultra to protect them from internal parasites.

A big thank you to Zoetis for rewarding our sheep farmers with not only top-quality animal health products, but also valuable technical advice.

NWKV vennootskap met Zoetis

Die NWKV wil van hierdie geleentheid gebruik maak om Zoetis te bedank vir die feit dat die NWKV-span hul midjaar-bestuursvergadering kon bywoon. Daarmee saam het die NWKV ook die geleentheid te kry om die Lamb Champs-kompetisie by te woon waarvan Zoetis 'n borg is. Dit was inderdaad 'n belewenis om die beste skaapvleis in Suid-Afrika te proe.

Die NWKV is opgewonde oor die vennootskap met Zoetis, wat reeds oor 'n tydperk van tien jaar strek, en sien uit na dit wat voorlê.

Veehantering vir plaasarbeiders

'n Een-dag veehanteringskursus het op die plaas Saltpans Drift, in die Visrivier-omgewing tussen Middelburg en Cradock, plaasgevind. Die entoesiasme van die omgewing se plaasarbeiders het Juan Venter, NWKV produksie-adviseur, se werk vergemaklik, veral tydens die praktiese deel waar die belangrikheid van behoorlike veehantering gedemonstreer is.

Die NWKV bied hierdie veehanteringskursusse aan as deel van Cape Wools SA se produsentedienstekontrak. Hierdie kursusse word op aanvraag van produsente aangebied. Vir meer inligting, kontak gerus enige van die NWKV se produksie-adviseurs.

Strong competition to select the best 20 communal sheep

The farming community of Butterworth recently hosted the Eastern Cape inter-regional flock competition, showcasing some of the best communal sheep in the province. A total of 120 entries were received, split between ewe and ram categories.

NWGA judges, Frikkie Wentzel and Juan Venter, were impressed by the high quality of the animals presented, a testament to the passion and commitment of communal farmers.

Results by category:

Ewe lambs

- Matatiele
- Barkly East
- Mount Fletcher
- Rossouw
- Ntabathema

Two-tooth ewes

- Matatiele
- Mount Fletcher
- Matatiele
- Rossouw
- Mount Fletcher

Four- to eight-tooth ewes (30 entries – some top class)

- Barkly East
- Mount Fletcher
- Rossouw
- Rossouw
- Ntabathemba

Rams (mostly bought-in, but still excellent quality and conformity)

- Matatiele
- Butterworth (host district)
- Sterkspruit
- Barkly East
- Matatiele

Highlights

- Matatiele emerged as the overall winner with strong placements in multiple categories.
- Sheep of the day was awarded to Mr Mthetheleli Nkambi from Matatiele for a two-tooth ewe.

Congratulations to all the winners and participants for showcasing such exceptional quality animals. A special thank you to our generous sponsors, BKB, OVK, Talitha Pharma, Kyron Agri, the Eastern Cape Department of Agriculture, Mnquma Local Municipality, Border Transporters, and Zoetis.

INTERNASIONALE NUUS / INTERNATIONAL NEWS

Australian red meat sector smashes records as beef, lamb, and mutton surge

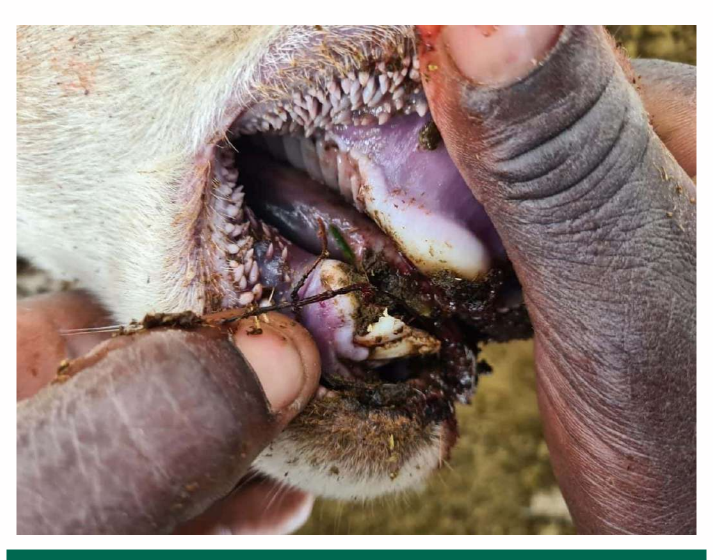
During the week of 20 August, the Australian Bureau of Statistics released figures indicating a stellar year for Australian red meat. While slaughter lamb held near record levels in 2024 – 2025, mutton's throughput surged to its biggest volume since 2007.

Read more.

Bulgaria reports bluetongue disease outbreak on sheep farm

Bulgaria has reported an outbreak of bluetongue disease on a sheep farm in the South of the country, the World Organisation for Animal Health said on 11 August 2025, the latest appearance of the virus, which is spreading in Europe.

Read more.



DIEREGESONDHEID / ANIMAL HEALTH

Eradicate flukes before they become a problem

Livestock producers can suffer significant losses if their herds are infected with flukes. Serious cases can even lead to livestock mortalities. Liver fluke affects the liver of ruminants while conical fluke invades the rumen and reticulum. Flukes cause the most damage to the animal's small intestine while in the early stages of development. Fluke infection is best identified through manure egg counts.

Animals generally present with suppressed appetite, weight loss, and diarrhoea. Especially animals in extensive farming operations are prone to death if infected.

Read more.

TEGNIESE ARTIKELS / TECHNICAL ARTICLES

Fokus op dit wat jy kan verander

Boerdery, veral wolproduksie, word gekenmerk aan talle uitdagings waarvan heelwat van so 'n aard is, dat 'n mens self min beheer daaroor het. Dit is maklik om moedeloos en negatief te raak. Die een ding waaroor jy wel beheer het, is hoe jy op hierdie uitdagings reageer.

Jy kan kies of jy negatief gaan reageer, of dit as uitdagings beskou wat betekenis aan jou lewenspad gee.

Dit was die boodskap van Herman Archer, voorsitter van die Nasionale Wolkwekersvereniging (NWKV) in die Vrystaat, gedurende 'n NWKV-streeksvergadering wat by die Eeram-boerevereniging naby Harrismith gehou is.

Lees meer.

Merino's waarop jy kan staatmaak

Die Merino's op sy plaas sal nooit 'n swak graanjaar kan subsidieer nie, maar dit sorg vir goeie kontantvloei en deur die weiding in die wisselboustelsel te benut, speel dit ook 'n groot rol in die volhoubaarheid van die boerdery. So sê Dirk Uys van die plaas, Merino, naby Bredasdorp in die Suid-Kaap.

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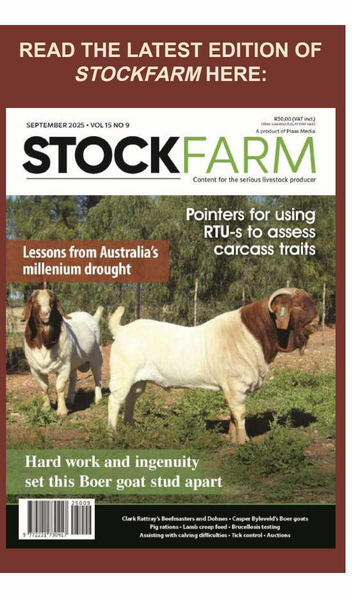

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Wolveilings hervat

Die wolseisoen het middel Augustus weer afgeskop en is in volle swang! Luister hieronder na 'n gesprek met Heinrich Victor waar hy die jongste wolmarkverslag op RSG Landbou bespreek.

Luister hier.

KALENDER / CALENDAR

Kom ons kyk waarmee ons produksie-adviseurs in September besig gaan wees:

DATUM	GELEENTHEID	PRODUKSIE-ADVISEUR
1–6 September	4 x gevorderde masjienkursusse – Themba Khoza	Izak Klopper, skeerderopleidingbestuurder (082 446 2162)
1–6 September	Volksrust – 2 x gevorderdr madjienkursusse – Noord-Kaap Skeerdiens	Izak Klopper, skeerderopleidingbestuurder (082 446 2162)
2 September	Nieuwoudtville, Noord-Kaap – Toorkopveiling	Dawie Botha, Noord-Kaap produksie-adviseur (083 679 6815)
4 September	Prins Albert, Noord-Kaap – Afrino-dag	Dawie Botha, Noord-Kaap produksie-adviseur (083 679 6815)
5 September	Swartlandskou, Moorreesburg, Wes-Kaap – Merino-beoordeling	Jannie Fourie, Wes-Kaap produksie-adviseur (083 564 1105)
5–7 September	Swartlandskou, Moorreesburg, Wes-Kaap – Skeerkompetisie	Eben van Wyk, Vrystaat produksie-adviseur (083 395 7404)
6 September	Swartlandskou, Moorreesburg, Wes-Kaap – Skeer- en wolklaskompetisie	Dawie Botha, Noord-Kaap produksie-adviseur (083 679 6815)
9–12 September	Springbokkopkursus – Glen Landboustudente	Dawie Botha / Annelize Smit van Niekerk / Eben van Wyk
10–13 September	Nampo Kaap, Bredasdorp, Wes-Kaap – Wolproduksielesing	Jannie Fourie, Wes-Kaap produksie-adviseur (083 564 1105)
15–19 September	Vryheid, Vrystaat – Springbokkopkursus, Vryheid Landbouskool	Annelize Smit van Niekerk, Mpumalanga produksie-adviseur (082 928 3592)
16–26 September	Barkley-Oos, Vrystaat – 2 x gevorderde masjienkursusse	Izak Klopper, skeerderopleidingbestuurder (082 446 2162)
17 September	Oos-Kaap – NWKV-bestuursvergadering	Juan Venter, Oos-Kaap produksie-adviseur (079 693 1953)
19–20 September	Middelburg, Mpumalanga – Skeerkompetisie	Eben van Wyk, Vrystaat produksie-adviseur (083 395 7404)
23–27 September	Elsenburg, Wes-Kaap – Beginners-masjienkursus	Izak Klopper, skeerderopleidingbestuurder (082 446 2162)
26 September	Vrystaat – Farm Skills-skeerkompetisie	Eben van Wyk, Vrystaat produksie-adviseur (083 395 7404)
30 September – 1 Oktober	Glen, Vrystaat – Skaaphanteringskursus	Eben van Wyk, Vrystaat produksie-adviseur (083 395 7404)

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