

ANNUAL REPORT

CAPE WOOL SA CONTRACT

SHEARER TRAINING SERVICES

REPORTING PERIOD

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SHEARER TRAINING

1. HAND SHEARING

1.1 Beginner Hand courses

A total of 36 beginner hand courses were presented where 332 new hand shearing recruits were trained

1.2 Advanced Hand Courses

There were 19 advanced hand courses presented in commercial shearing sheds where 108 intermediate or advanced South African hand shearers were trained

1.3 Advanced Hand courses for Lesotho citizens

No advanced hand courses for Lesotho citizens were presented, but 31 Lesotho intermediate or advanced hand shearers were trained as part of the shearing team's that were trained during the 19 courses mentioned above

2. MACHINE SHEARING

2.1 Beginner Machine shearing

On request from shearing contractors, 1 course was presented, and 11 new recruits were trained

2.2 Agricultural schools and colleges

A total of 4 courses were presented, and 47 new recruits were trained

2.3 Communal shearing sheds

There were 6 courses were presented, and 34 new recruits were trained

3. ADVANCED MACHINE SHEARING

3.1 In service training on request from shearing contractor

A total of 48 in service training courses were presented and 100 SA intermediate or advanced machine shearers were trained

3.2 Lesotho Machine Shearing courses

No in service training courses for Lesotho citizens were presented, but 67 intermediate or advanced Lesotho machine shearers were trained as part of the 48 courses reported on in 3.1

4. MACHINE SHEARING INSTRUCTOR'S COURSE

Instructor courses were presented in June 2024.



SHEARING DEMONSTRATIONS

5. AGRICULTURAL SHOW

5.1 Royal Show

The Royal show did not take place this year due to the selling of the show grounds in Pietermaritzburg, they are in the process of relocation and hopefully will continue next year.

5.2 NAMPO

NAMPO harvest day was held during the week of 12- 16 May 2025 and approximately 87 000 people attended the NAMPO terrain during this week. The highlights of the event were the shearing demo's, wool classing demos, commentary on sheep farming and qualities of wool. All shearing and wool classing demos were well attended throughout the week.



5.3 Bloem Show

Shearing and wool handling demos were presented at Bloem show. The interest of the public was good and there was a lot of interaction between the shearer, wool handler, sheep and the public.

5.4 Alpha NAMPO show

There was good interest and interaction received from the public for the shearing and wool handling demos presented at Alfa NAMPO show. For the past 3 years the shearing team have been involved at Alpha Nampo and the conclusion is that the number of participants does not justify the costs involved to present at this show. It occurs during our peak shearer training season in the commercial and communal sector and having shearer training personnel available to do the shearing demos becomes challenging.

5.5 Mpumalanga show

This show was held at the Bombela stadium in Nelspruit on 6-7 September 2024 where shearing and wool handling demos were presented. The Mpumalanga show occurs during our peak shearer training season in the commercial and communal sector which becomes challenging to have shearer training personnel available to present the demo's. My recommendation is to discontinue our involvement at this show.

6. SCHOOLS & TERTIARY INSTITUTIONS

Tertiary institutions:

6.1 Potchefstroom Agricultural college

A total of 87 students attended the demo's on 9 -11 July 2024.



6.2 Grootfontein College of Agricultural in Middelburg

These demo's took place during 6-8 August 2024, 52 students attended the demo and tried their hand at shearing under the tuition of the NWGA shearing instructors

6.3 CUT

There were 50 students that attended the demo on their experimental farm on the outskirts of Bloemfontein on 2 August 2024.

6.4 Peritum Agri Institute

A demonstration was presented at the OVK shearing facility in Bainsvlei on 21 May 2025, 60 students attended this event.

Schools:

Shearing demos at schools in Bloemfontein took place during March 2025, 3 schools were visited namely: Martie du Plessis, DR Bohmer and Onze Rust. 824 pupils and teachers were informed about the unique characteristics of wool, and why it is important to wear wool. Sheep shearing and wool handling was promoted as a possible career.



SHEARING AND WOOL HANDLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

7. REGIONAL AND PROVINCIAL SHEARING CHAMPIONSHIPS

7.1 Regional championships in Communal areas were presented in:

- Whittlesea 13 hand shearers competed
- Mthatha 32 hand shearers competed

7.2 Provincial championships were presented in:

- Burgersdorp 71 competitors
- Mooresburg 63 competitors
- Prince Albert 42 competitors
- Philippolis 51 competitors
- Victoria West Did not take place due to heavy rains on 7 February 2025 and the show grounds and under roof facilities were flooded. The championships were rescheduled to take place on 8 March, and once again had to be cancelled due to heavy rain.
- Riversdal 108 competitors
- Ermelo 97 competitors
- Tarkastad Cancelled by organizers due to lack of sheep.
- Trompsburg 95 competitors

8. NATIONAL SHEARING AND WOOL HANDLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

National shearing and wool handling competition took place on the weekend of 25 & 26 April 2025 at the Bloem show, 198 shearers and wool handlers competed at this year's championships. The South African shearing and wool handling team that will represent South Africa at the World Golden Shears shearing and wool handling Championships during 4-7 March 2026 in New Zealand was selected at this event!



9. WORLD SHEARING AND WOOL HANDLING CHAMPIONSHIPS

The next World Championships is scheduled to take place during March 2026 in Masterton New Zealand.

TEMPORARY SHEARING INSTRUCTORS

10. SHEARER TRAINING

- 10.1 Shearer training presented by temporary shearing instructors were included in stats mentioned under point 1 to 3 previously.
- 10.2 The 4 machine shearers that were invited to the machine shearing instructors course presented in June 2024, have successfully been used as assistant part-time instructors to help full time shearer training staff in presenting courses. This form part of their further development and training to become competent shearing instructors. This will improve our capacity in the future regarding availability of competent machine shearing instructors.
- 10.3 Paulos Notu, part time-blade shearing instructor, presented a blade shearing course to school children in their home language. Presenting these courses will improve his skill as a trainer and assist him in taking over the role of Sameul Nkomoyi when he retires next year.

11. DEMONSTRATIONS

Temporary shearing instructors assisted with the shearing demo's presented at Potchefstroom and Grootfontein colleges of agriculture as well as at the demo presented to students at The Central University of Technology in Bloemfontein.

SHEARER TRAINING MANAGER

12. ALL ACTIVITIES OF SHEARER TRAINING MANAGER

Comprehensive reporting of activities attended / overseen / managed by the Shearer Training Manager are contained in the above report.

Below are some indications of achievements and or explanations of events:

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| • Shearer demonstrations / compere | 30% |
| • Shearing championships | 85% |
| • Administration | 109% |
| • Shearing federation | 100% |
| • Management & Mentorship | 109% |
| • Assessment & Judging | 75% |
| • Upgrading shearing facilities | 83% |

Please note that the targets and percentages indicated on this report, are a combination of those achieved by the NWGA personnel (blade shearing instructors, machine shearing instructors, admin staff and manager), together with those achieved by the Temporary Shearing Instructors to display the total achievement per activity.

Signed at Bloemfontein on 25 July 2025



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