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CAPE WOOLS SA CONTRACT:

**COMMUNAL SHEEP FARMING &
TRANSFORMATION SERVICES**

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INTRODUCTION

The last 12 months has been a very busy time for us. We are still only six production advisors, and it is becoming more challenging to maintain the level of service due to the demand of our shearing sheds increasing in all our different regions. It has however been a very productive and successful 12 months with many targets being achieved. The low wool prices remain a concern. There are however a few sheds that received good prices due to improvements in their flocks (buying of better ewes) and better classing with the help of our production advisors.

WEIGHING PROJECTS

The weighing project starts from 1 July 2024 and ends in June 2025. The following 7 shearing sheds are involved in these projects:

Region 20
Masiphumele

District
Butterworth

Region 21
Mitford

District
Ntabethemba

Region 23
Lower Mkhapusi

District
Cacadu

Region 24
Magedla SS
Cabazana
Mnceba

District
Maclear
Mt. Ayliff
Ntabankulu

Region 25
Ndingishe

District
Sterkspruit



Weighing Project July 2024 - June 2025

Wool Growers' Association	Region	Weaning mass (kg)	Lamb survival (%)	Ewe mortality (%)	Ewe Mass (kg)	Index of Ewe productivity (kg lamb per kg ewe)
Masiphumelele	20	29	84%	8%	53	453
Lower Mkapusi	23	26	68%	16%	45	391
Cabazana WGA	24	24	60%	16%	32	452
Mnceba WGA		26	52%	12%	31	422
Magedla SS		40	52%	12%	31	668
Ndingishe	25	21	84%	20%	37	465
Midford	21	25	88%	8%	39	569
Average		27	70%	14%	39	489
Min		21	52%	8%	31	391
Max		40	88%	20%	53	668

The average lamb survival rate for these sites over a 12-month period is 70%

ECONOMIC DATA COLLECTION (GREEN BOOKS)

The programme runs from 1 March 2024 until 28 February 2025 with 30 farmers participating in this economic analysis programme.

Region 20 (Mr. Khanyiso Mzayifani)

Mrs. N. Thokozwayo (Tsolo)
 Mr. M. Mankosi (Mthatha)
 Mr. D.D. Maku (Mthatha)
 Ms. P. Qhakaza (Libode)
 Mr. T Wezo (Ngqeleni)

Region 21 (Mr. Asandile Rasmeni)

Mrs. Jali (Peddie)
 Mrs. Matasimba (BCM)
 Mr. Mnqayana (Middledrift)
 Mrs. Mnyango (Middledrift)
 Ms. Ntuli (Middledrift)
 Mrs. GN Mkana (Middledrift)

Region 23 (Mr. S Ndwanaya)

Mr. C Makwethu (Cala)
 Mrs. N Mveni (Cacadu)
 Mr. L Ntoyake (Cacadu)
 Mr. M Tonisi (Cala)
 Ms. Z Manqunyana (Cacadu)

Region 24 (Mr. Lusanda Nteta & Mr L Nyamela)

Mr. Telile (Mt. Fletcher)
 Ms. Setloboko (Mt. Fletcher)
 Mr. Dandile (Maluti A)
 Mrs. Ludidi (Maluti A)
 Mr. Ndlebe (Maluti B)

Region 25 (Mr Asandile Rasmeni)

Mr Mpetsha (Zingxangele)
 Mr Zililo (Tugela)
 Mr Jikajika (Qhimerha)

SHEARER TRAINING

A total of 328 shearers were trained in the past 12 months. The shearer training courses were presented as follows:

Region 20 (Khanyiso Mzayifani)

Shed (6 sheds)	Course	Trainees
Lumanyano	Machine	6
Siyaphambili	Machine	6
Mgojweni	Machine	6
Malepelepe	Blade	10
Ngcengane	Blade	9
Lurhasini	Blade	10



Region 21 (Asandile Rasmeni)

Shed (2 sheds)	Course	Trainees
Mbizana (Middledrift)	Blade	10
Mpofu (Seymour)	Blade	15



Region 23 (Sibusiso Ndwanya)

Shed (4 sheds)	Course	Trainees
Lower Ndonga	Blade	10
Sibuyile	Blade	10
Nongqongqwana	Blade	10
Tsembeyi	Blade	9

Region 24 (Lusanda Nteta)

Shed (10 sheds)	Course	Trainees
Cabazana	Machine	6
Buhlebegusha	Blade	10
Bomvini	Blade	9
Masizame Bafuyi	Blade	10
Ntlamvini	Blade	8
Sapukanduku	Blade	10
Nyhaka	Blade	9
Balasi	Blade	10
Mbhadango	Blade	8
Siyahlaziya	Blade	6



Region 24 (Luvuyo Nyamela)

Association (11 sheds)	Course	Trainees
Lunyaweni SS	Machine	10
Cicira SS	Blade	10
Mfanta SS	Blade	10
Nice Field SS	Blade	10
Majoro SS	Blade	10
Simunye SS	Blade	10
Nophephu SS	Blade	10
Upper THokwana SS	Blade	10
Ncembu SS	Machine	10
Nyaniso SS	Blade	10
Bhongweni SS	Blade	11



Region 25 (Andisile Rasmeni)

Association (2 sheds)	Course	Trainees
Masakhane / Majuba	Blade	10
Mfinci	Blade	10

SHEARING COMPETITIONS

Two shearing competitions were held over a two-day period combining 2 Regions per day to save costs. A total of 8 shearers were identified to participate in the shearing competition in Bloemfontein during April 2025.

Shed name	District	Region	No. participants	Pharmaceutical Company
Matyeba ss	Tsolo District	20	36	MSD, ZOETIS
Allen water	Queenstown	21	33	MSD, ZOETIS
Total			69	

Region 21 and 23 regional shearing competition were held on 15 October 2024 at Allen Water Shed in Whittlesea and attended by 110 people.

Region 20 and 24 regional shearing competition were held on the 14 November 2024 at Matyeba Shed in Tsolo with an attendance of 150 people.



TRAINING

Wool Classing Training

- Wool Handling and bailing training (1-day courses) was conducted at the following sheds and villages. A total of 613 people were trained.

Region 20

Shed name	Attendees	Shed name	Attendees
Lumanyano (Tsolo)	9	St. Cuthberts (Tsolo)	10
Siyaphambili (Ngqeleni)	14	Gungululu (Tsolo)	10
Mgojweni (Ngqeleni)	10	Khambi 20 (Tsolo)	9
Malepelepe (Tsolo)	6	Mvezo (Mthatha)	11
Ngcengane (Mthatha)	8	Khasa (Xhora)	15
Lurhasini (Mthatha)	8	Ncenjana (Butterworth)	8
Goqwana (Tsolo)	10	Mthawethemba (Tsolo)	9
Mpoza (Tsolo)	7	Mbozisa (Mthatha)	6
Kaplan (Mthatha)	6	Lingelethu (Tsolo)	8
Gaduka (Mthatha)	12	Qebeyi (Tsolo)	7
Ncembu (Mthatha)	5	Lutheko (Ngqeleni)	5
Lengeni (Butterworth)	15	Magutywa (Tsolo)	12
Tholeni (Butterworth)	10	Masithabathise (Butterworth)	16
Tikitiki (Tsolo)	7	Rosedale (Mthatha)	6
Thanga (Butterworth)	8	Total	277

Region 23

Shed name	Attendees	Shed name	Attendees
Qwebeqwebe (Engcobo)	15	Sinenjongo (Komani)	21
Deberha (Engcobo)	11	Gariyoni (Cala)	12
Ziduli (Cofimvaba)	10	Gubashoek (Indwe)	38
Masakhane (Komani)	20	Thandanani (Cacadu)	42
Phelandaba (Komani)	24	Masivuke (Dordrecht)	18
Siyacheba (Cala)	20	Chithi (Cofimvaba)	35
Makwethu (Indwe)	25	Cumakala (Cacadu)	20
Masinedane (Komani)	25	Total	336

- Wool classing / Visit and Monitoring of Sheep Shearing were conducted at the following sheds. A total of 1515 people were trained.

Region 20

Shed name	Attendees
Masiphumelele (Butterworth)	15
Jojweni (Butterworth)	10
Mthentu (Mthatha)	9
Masinedane (Mthatha)	9
Mtyu (Nggeleni)	16
Masifuye (Butterworth)	11
Mtintsilana (Butterworth)	13
Total	83

**Region 21 and 25**

Shed name	Attendees	Shed name	Attendees
Sphambo (Sterkspruit)	18	Zola (Ntabethemba)	13
Rossouw (Rossouw)	24	Masimanyane (Ngcobo)	23
Tentergate (Ntabethemba)	29	Masiphumelele (Ngcobo)	12
Gqobo (Sterkspruit)	21	Masiphumendlaleni (Ngcobo)	15
Blikana (Sterkspruit)	18	Mmangweni (Ngcobo)	21
Sunduza (Sterkspruit)	27	Mncwasa (Ngcobo)	29
Hlomendlini (Sterkspruit)	21	Mitford (Ntabethemba)	34
Grafton (Whittlesea)	12	Beclesfarm (Ntabethemba)	15
Khiba (Sterkspruit)	36	Tendergate (Ntabethemba)	30
Rockliff (Sterkspruit)	36	Qhemerha (Sterkspruit)	10
Mbonisweni (Sterkspruit)	21	Mfinci (Sterkspruit)	30
May (Sterkspruit)	17	Bikizana (Sterkspruit)	20
Beyele (Ngcobo)	24	Thuthukani (Ngcobo)	12
		Total	840



Region 23

Shed name	Attendees	Shed name	Attendees
Zizamele (Cacadu)	9	Mthonjeni (Cacadu)	19
Lucwecwe (Ngcobo)	21	Jojweni (Ngcobo)	22
Gxowa (Cacadu)	7	Phumelela (Tsomo)	10
Masinedane (Cala)	17	Ezingcaceni (Dordrecht)	17
Siyafuya (Cacadu)	15	Emthini (Cacadu)	7
Kununu (Komani)	13	Qolweni (Cofimvaba)	12
Zikhonkwane (Cala)	14	Mbolompo (Cacadu)	13
Masizakhe (Dordrecht)	19	Mnyolo (Ngcobo)	22
Sweetline (Cala)	22	Lanti (Cacadu)	12
Ziduli (Tsomo)	15	Siyakghula Maya (Cofimvaba)	12
Sifonondile (Cala)	23	Kwasandile (Ngcobo)	10
Cibini (Indwe)	10	Mnthunhloni (Ngcobo)	16
Mgudu (Ngcobo)	21	Siyakha (Komani)	12
Thandanani (Cacadu)	17	Thornhill (Ntabethemba)	30
Qoboshane (Cacadu)	16	Mabheleni (Whittlesea)	20
Dalubuhle (Cofimvaba)	22	Siyacheba (Cala)	18
Mdeni (Komani)	10	Masinedane (Komani)	16
Xushe (Dordrecht)	14	Noxolo (Cofimvaba)	15
Masonwabisane (Cala)	13		
Buyelekhaya (Dordrecht)	11	Total	592

- Two-day wool sorting training courses were conducted at Mzamomhle in Cacadu & Qwebeqwebe in Komani 33 participants attended the training. A total of 922 people were trained.

Region 21 and 25

Shed name	Attendees
Mpofu Training Centre (Seymour)	25
Tugela (Sterkspruit)	15
Thambo (Whittlesea)	12
Blikana (Sterkspruit)	20
Zingangele (Sterkspruit)	15
Masisana (Middel drift)	15
Makhumsha (Sterkspruit)	15
Mfinci (Sterkspruit)	30
Majuba (Sterkspruit)	20
Total	167





Region 24

Shed Name	Attendees	Shed Name	Attendees
Castle Rock SS (Mt.Fletcher)	45	Fubani SS (Maluti A)	29
Mohabatsana SS (Mt.Fletcher)	38	Simunye SS (Maluti A)	14
Mfanta SS (Mt. Fletcher)	32	Nyaniso SS (Maluti A)	21
Dipokong SS (Mt. Fletcher)	27	Mvenyane SS (Maluti A)	17
Phaphamang SS (Mt.Fletcher)	16	Mt Frere wga (Mt. Frere)	38
Ilungelo lethu SS (Maclear)	22	Khwam wg (Qumbu)	27
Ncembu SS (Maclear)	17	Masibambane (Mt. Ayliff)	19
Siyolise SS (Maclear)	26	Sigubudwini (Flagstaff)	43
Magedla SS (Maclear)	34	Ncumbe (Qumbu)	28
Majoro SS (Maluti B)	18	Ndakeni (Ntabankulu)	51
NiceField (Maluti B)	22	Ntlamvini (Ntabankulu)	23
Thabachicha SS (Maluti B)	19	Masikhule (Qumbu)	14
Zingonyameni SS (Maluti B)	33	Mnyamana (Mt. Frere)	28
Moiketsi (Maluti B)	23	Saphukanduku (Mt. Ayliff)	14
Zamani Bafuyi (Ntabankulu)	17	Total	755

Shearing shed visits in preparation for shearing

Region 24

District	No of visits	Attendees
Maclear	10	98
Mt Fletcher	21	109
Maluti A	17	78
Maluti B	15	94
Total		379



Region 21 and 25

Shed name	District	Attendees	Shed name	District	Attendees
Sphambo	Sterkspruit	18	May	Sterkspruit	17
Rossouw	Rossouw	24	Biyele	Ngcobo	24
Tentergate	Ntabethemba	29	Thuthukani	Ngcobo	12
Gqobo	Sterkspruit	21	Zola	Ntabethemba	13
Blikana	Sterkspruit	18	Masimanyane	Ngcobo	23
Sunduza	Sterkspruit	27	Masiphumelele	Ngcobo	12
Hlomendlini	Sterkspruit	21	Masiphmendlaleni	Ngcobo	15
Grafton	Whittlesea	12	Mmangweni	Ngcobo	21
Khiba	Sterkspruit	14	Mncwasa	Ngcobo	29
Rockliff	Sterkspruit	36	Mitford	Ntabathemba	34
Mbonisweni	Sterkspruit	21	Total		441

Animal management and Information days

A total of 3427 people attended animal management and information days during the past 12 months.

Region 20

Shed name	Town	Attendees
Nkwenkwe Yabafuyi	Ngeleni	200
St Cuthberts	Tsolo	230
Total		440



Region 21

Shed name	Town	Attendees
Deberha SS	Ngcobo	38
Mahlubini SS	Peddie	56
Cwaru SS	Middel drift	21
Lucwecwe SS	Ngcobo	18
Allen Waters SS	Whittlesea	42
Ngcothoyi	Alice	200
Etyeni	Peddie	100
Total		475



Region 23

Shed name	Town	Attendees
Cegceyana	Dordrecht	18
Lubisi WGA	Cofimvaba	22
Ntshinde	Dordrecht	14
Ntsasela	Dordrecht	24
Thaleni	Tsomo	26
Lower Gqobonco	Engobo	46
Lahlangubo	Ngcobo	100
Tsakana	Cofimvaba	22
Grootfontein	Cala	32
Mhlanga	Dordrecht	105
Delvile	Cala	22
Ngcaca	Cofimvaba	26
Total		457



Region 25

Shed name	Town	Attendees
Rhodes	Rhodes	110
Zenzele	Lady Grey	95
Qhemerha	Sterkspruit	155
Masihlangane	Sterkspruit	210
Magwiji	Sterkspruit	115
Ndofela	Sterkspruit	125
Mfinci	Sterkspruit	210
Total		1020

Region 24

Shed name	Town	Attendees	Shed name	Town	Attendees
Luzie shed	Tlokoeng	85	Lukholo	Mbizana	85
Zone Six	Qumbu	18	Mnceba	Thabinkulu	128
Khwam	Qumbu	43	Mbradi	Mt Frere	73
Phakameni	Ntabankulu	26	Mafusini	Mt Fletcher	36
Mzalwaneni	Ntabankulu	157	Cicira SS	Maclear	23
Cicira SS	Maclear	34	Lunyaweni SS	Maclear	43
Matias SS	Maluti A	19	Ditaung	Mt Fletcher	13
Siqhobong SS	Mt Fletcher	13	Phaphamang	Mt Fletcher	27
Upper Thokwana SS	Mt Fletcher	19	Nice Field	Maluti B	33
Sonwabile SS	Maclear	14	Sifako	Mt Fletcher	31
Ditaung SS	Mt Fletcher	26	Sifumene	Maluti B	13
Sigubudwini	Mt Ayliff	57	Cicira SS	Maclear	19
			Total		1035

Thank you to all the pharmaceutical companies involved with training events.

Shearing Shed Management / Account Sales

A total of 1775 people attended Shearing Shed Management and Account sales interventions during the last 12 months at following sheds:

Region 20

Shed name	Attendees	Shed name	Attendees
Siyaphambili (Tsolo)	12	Mhlakulo (Tsolo)	12
Mthawethemba (Tsolo)	24	Qunu (Tsolo)	9
Vukani (Tsolo)	18	Thanga (Butterworth)	17
Mgojweni (Tsolo)	31	Mvezo (Mthatha)	10
Mgqatyana (Tsolo)	11	Magutywa (Tsolo)	12
Godzi (Tsolo)	17	Mgojweni (Ngqeleni)	11
Khambi 20 (Tsolo)	9	Ntsundwana (Ngqeleni)	13
Goqwana (Tsolo)	13	Lurhasini (Mthatha)	14
Lotana (Tsolo)	21	Total	254

Region 24

Shed name	Attendees
Gojimbeni (Mbizana)	14
Lower Kroza (Qumbu)	27
Tlali (Ntabankulu)	15
Total	56

**Region 21 and 25**

Shed name	Attendees	Shed name	Attendees
Mabheleni SS (Whittlesea)	21	Mfinci SS (Sterkspruit)	12
Witterburgen SS (Sterkspruit)	18	Masakhane SS (Sterkspruit)	7
Tugela SS (Sterkspruit)	24	Majuba SS (Sterkspruit)	21
Hlomendlini SS (Sterkspruit)	12	Bultfontein (Sterkspruit)	16
Mguli SS (Sterkspruit)	7	Rietfontein (Sterkspruit)	12
Skisazana SS (Sterkspruit)	16	Rabe SS (Middledrift)	9
Khiba SS (Sterkspruit)	21	Ngcamngeni SS (Middledrift)	11
Zenzele SS (Sterkspruit)	11	Sphambo (Sterkspruit)	18
Siyavana SS (Sterkspruit)	9	Masihlangane (Sterkspruit)	18
Mbonisweni SS (Sterkspruit)	13	Upper Tele (Sterkspruit)	22
Mdlokovana SS (Sterkspruit)	16	Makhumsha (Sterkspruit)	19
Lady Grey (Sterkspruit)	21	Upper Bebeza (Sterkspruit)	22
Blikana SS (Sterkspruit)	31	Bebeza (Sterkspruit)	27
Rockliff SS (Sterkspruit)	27	Musong (Sterkspruit)	18
Gqobo SS (Sterkspruit)	14	Qhoboshiyane (Sterkspruit)	15
Zingxangele SS (Sterkspruit)	18	Hohobeng (Sterkspruit)	12
Rooiwal (Sterkspruit)	21	Makalaleng (Sterkspruit)	16
Ndingishe (Sterkspruit)	13	Qhemerha (Sterkspruit)	11
Dulciesneck (Sterkspruit)	24	Sunduza (Sterkspruit)	21
Magdala (Sterkspruit)	24	Mangwe (Sterkspruit)	17
Bensonvale (Sterkspruit)	27	Total	712

Region 23

Shed name	Attendees	Shed name	Attendees
Lubisi WGA (Cofimvaba)	22	Masinedane (Cacadu)	28
Masinedane (Komani)	10	Sikhulile (Komani)	38
Upper Tsolokazi (Cacadu)	13	Mpotulo (Cacadu)	46
Three Crowns (Cacadu)	17	Masigoduke (Tsomo)	15
Esiqithini WGA (Cacadu)	19	Cibini (Dordrecht)	25
Dum Dum (Dordrecht)	14	Siyethemba (Indwe)	30
Mtyatya (Cala)	21	Ngcaca (Cofimvaba)	35
Nkwankwa (Tsomo)	16	Mbolombo (Caadu)	35
Masonwabe (Cofimvaba)	16	Nobhokhwe (Cofimvaba)	48
Mtebhele (Komani)	19	Qitsi (Cofimvaba)	25
Nqumakala (Cofimvaba)	10	Ngxumza (Cala)	15
Lupapasi (Cacadu)	15	Siyacheba (Cala)	18
Ngqoko (Cacadu)	32	Masibambane (Cofimvaba)	22
Baccleas Farm (Ntabathemba)	18	Makwethu Farms (Indwe)	46

Nontsokolo (Cala)	20	Lumnko (Cacadu)	8
Delville (Cala)	22	Siyafuba (Cacadu)	20
Masinedane (Cala)	15	Total	753

Animal Handling / Selection / Basic Animal Health / Nutrition

Assisted by Pharmaceutical companies Virbac, MSD, Zoetis, Thalitha, UBF

A total of 3420 people were trained

Region 20

Shed name	District	Attendees
Lalini	Mthatha	24
St Cuthberts	Tsolo	15
Gotyibeni	Tsolo	17
Godzi	Tsolo	9
Mpoza	Tsolo	12
Lurhasini	Mthatha	30
Mayaluleni	Tsolo	11
Zingcuka	Tsolo	10
Tanga	Butterworth	30
Lothana	Tsolo	19
Skhobeni	Mthatha	35
Gungqwana	Tsolo	12
Mbinja	Tsolo	13
Total		237

Region 23

Shed name	District	Attendees	Shed name	District	Attendees
Thandintwenhle (UBF Feeds)	Cala	22	Pinegrove	Dordrecht	10
Mpuye (Thalitha)	Cacadu	18	Lumnko	Cacadu	25
Lanti (OVK)	Cacadu	34	Boniswa	Cala	55
Luthuthu (UBF Feeds)	Cacadu	24	Lower Ndonga	Cacadu	42
Pinkie Farm	Bolothwa	16	Eyethu	Cacadu	77
Masizakhe (OVK)	Ntabethemba	31	Nmzamo	Cacadu	32
Nobuhle	Cacadu	42	Masibambane	Cofimvaba	28
Siyazama	Tsomo	42	Sikhulile	Komani	11
White City (MSD)	Cala	14	Mtyatya WGA (MSD)	Cala	21
Dum Dum (BKB)	Dordrecht	14	Ngqoko WGA (MSD)	Cacadu	34
Masigoduke WGA (UBF Feeds)	Cacadu	9	Masinedane	Cala	11
Masizakhe	Komani	10	Delville	Cala	13
			Total		635

Region 24

District	Animal handling	Selection	Animal health	Nutrition
Maclear (MSD)	5	7	15	8
Mount Fletcher (ZOETIS)	14	13	14	7
Maluti B (ZOETIS)	9	9	8	4
Maluti A (Thalitha)	9	9	10	5
Total	360	349	370	242

Region 24

Shed name	District	Attendees
Lubaleko Shed	Mt Ayliff	105
Phakameni	Ntabankulu	35
Mnceba	Ntabankulu	49
Sigubudwini Shed	Flagstaff	37
Total		237

Animal Breeding, Animal Health and Nutrition

The above courses were conducted with MSD (Pharmaceutical) at Masiphumelele shed on the 29 August 2024 and Zingcuka shed on the 12 September 2024. These courses were attended by 40 people.

Animal Health and nutrition training was conducted with Kyron Agri (Pharmaceutical) at Ngcengane shed on the 06 August 2024, 22 farmers attended this training.



Animal Nutrition training with Virbac (Pharmaceutical) at Mahlubini on the 6 September 2024, 10 farmers attended this training.

Animal health and Nutrition with UBF (Feed company) at Mpindweni on the 20 August 2024 and Ntabelanga on the 15 July 2024. 35 People attended this training.



Other Animal health and nutrition trainings were conducted in the following sheds and villages:

Khasa, Rosedale, Mvezo, Ncembu, Ncenjana, Malongwana, Gungubele, Gotyibeni, Lumanyano, Ngqatyana, Gungqwane. More than 100 people were trained.

Best Class Clip Communities / Shearing Sheds (2024/2025)

Region 20 – It was the most improved shearing shed. The name of the shed was Upper Malepelepe. They have produces 65 bales with an average micron of 20.5 and a clean yield of 53.5%.

Region 21 – The best clip in this region is Tendergate Wool Growers Association. They have produced 51 bales, average micron of 19.2 and a clean yield of 62.10%. The average price for this clip was R110 per kg.

Region 23 – The winner in this region was Allan Water WGA. They produced 34 bales, average micron of 19,2 and a clean yield of 67%. The average price for this clip was R108-21 per kg.

Region 24 – The winner here was Masibimbane shearing shed. They produced 55 bales, average micron of 19.7 and a clean yield of 60%. The average for this clip was R80-54 per kg.

Region 25 – The winner here was Blikana No2 shearing shed. They produced 31 bales, average micron of 19.2 and a clean yield of 68%. The average price for this clip was R109-24 per kg.

The overall winner was Tendergate Wool Association.

Demonstration

Demonstration and Trainings took place at the following sheds:

Sterkspruit:

- Sheep Tattooing: Qhemerha SS and May SS
- Sheep Synchronisation: Ndingishe ; Rietfontein ; Blikana; Mfinci; Sphambo and Zingxangele

Mount Ayliff and Ntabankulu

- Weighing project - animal handling & hoof trimming: Cabazana
- Weighing project always do animal handling & hoof trimming: Lower Mnceba

A total of 1443 people were trained.

Region 20

Name of Shed	Type of Demonstration	Attendance
Masinedane (Mthatha)	Wool pressing/bailing	9
Mpoza (Tsolo)	Sheep dosing	12
Zingcuka (Tsolo)	Sheep Tattooing	13
Mchwebeni (Ngqeleni)	Sheep Tattooing	25
Magutywa (Tsolo)	Sheep Tattooing	14
Total		83

Region 21

Name of Shed	Type of Demonstration	Attendance
Ngcothoyi (Alice)	Tattooing Info Day	200
Ethafeni (Middledrift)	Tattooing Info Day	100
Total		300

Region 23

Name of Shed	Type of Demonstration	Attendance
Lahlangubo (Ngcobo)	Tattooing Info Day	100
Mabheleni (Whittlesea)	Tattooing @ shed	10
Total		110

Region 25

Name of Shed	Type of Demonstration	Attendance
Masihlangane (Sterkspruit)	Tattooing Info Day	200
Qhemerha (Sterkspruit)	Tattooing Info Day	150
Ndofela (Sterkspruit)	Tattooing Info Day	100
Magwiji (Sterkspruit)	Tattooing Info Day	100
Lady Grey (Sterkspruit)	Tattooing Info Day	200
Mfinci (Sterkspruit)	Tattooing Info Day	200
Total		950

Predation Management Courses

One predation course demonstration was done at Kwebong Shearing Shed in Mt Fletcher. The course was conducted by Mr Neil du Preez, Mr Frikkie Wentzel and Mr Willem Goosen. 35 farmers attended the day.



All 6 NWGA production advisors attended a Agri seta Predation Course in Kareedouw from 9 – 13 June 2025. The facilitator was Mr Neil Viljoen. 4 Lynx cages and 4 predation toolbox kits were handed over to the production advisors to enable them to demonstrate predation management in communal areas.



FLOCK COMPETITIONS

Inter-regional

The Inter-Regional flock competition was held on 24-25 July 2024 at Blanco Guest Farm in Tarkastad. A very successful competition was held with good quality animals. The farmers expressed their appreciation for these types of events.



The enthusiasm and proud display of animals showcased the passion and commitment of communal farmers toward their development and progress. The selected animals, chosen from regional flock levels, were indeed of the best quality that the communal areas of the Eastern Cape have to offer. A similar number of entries as in previous years were received, totalling 102, divided into 24 entries per ewe category and 30 in the ram category. According to judges Kleintjie Pienaar and Charl van der Merwe from BKB, these animals showed vast improvement compared to last year.

The results were as follows:

Ewe Lambs

The lamb category was dominated by Mount Fletcher, who took 1st, 2nd, and 5th places. Sterkspruit took 3rd place, and NWGA national vice chairman, Mr. Zolani Tsheko's lamb stood tall in 4th place.

- **Winner:** Nkosana Kambi, Mount Fletcher (Reg. 24)
- **Runner up & 5th place:** VMB Shearing Shed, Mount Fletcher (Reg. 24)
- **3rd place:** K Khayingana, Sterkspruit (Reg. 25)
- **4th place:** Zolani Tsheko, Ntabathemba (Reg. 23)

Two-tooth Ewes

Sterkspruit proudly presented their two-tooth ewes and received awards for 1st, 2nd and 4th place in this category. Lady Frere achieved 3rd place and Peddie 5th place.

- **Winner:** V Hashtag, Sterkspruit (Reg. 25)
- **Runner up & 4th place:** M Tshewula, Sterkspruit (Reg. 25)
- **3rd place:** M Manqola, Lady Frere (Reg. 23)
- **5th place:** V Maxhwane, Peddie (Reg. 21)

4-8-tooth Ewes

The ewe category showcased animals in the 4-year age range, drawing 24 entries. The judges were impressed with the winning animals, predominantly from Mount Fletcher, which achieved 1st, 2nd, 4th, and 5th places, while Lady Frere took 3rd place.

- **Winner:** T Tsoananyana, Mount Fletcher (Reg. 24)
- **Runner up & 4th place:** Duba, Mount Fletcher (Reg. 24)
- **3rd place:** A Siwela, Lady Frere (Reg. 23)
- **5th place:** VMB Shearing Shed, Mount Fletcher (Reg. 24)

Rams

The ram category, which had the most entries, displayed animals of good quality and conformity. The winning ram, as in previous years, came from Sterkspruit, with newcomer Bolotwa (Queenstown) taking 2nd, 3rd, and 5th places. Mount Fletcher secured 4th place in this category.

- **Winner:** TS Lekhula, Sterkspruit (Reg. 25)
- **Runner up, 3rd, and 5th places:** G Soga, Bolotwa, Queenstown (Reg. 23)
- **4th place:** Jukuda, Mount Fletcher (Reg. 24)

Congratulations to Mount Fletcher and Sterkspruit, who have consistently produced higher-quality animals and won numerous awards.

With the 2nd and 5th placements in the lamb category and another 5th place in the 4-to-8 tooth ewe category, VMB Shearing Shed from Mount Fletcher was announced as the overall winner. Congratulations on the impressive quality of your animals.

The 4-to-8 tooth ewe belonging to Mr. T Tsoananyana was selected as the sheep of the day, clearly demonstrating why she won the overall competition.

Regional flock competitions were held:

Region 21 – A competition was held at Kwasakhi Shearing shed in Middledrift. 185 animals were entered. 280 farmers attended the day.

Region 23 – This competition was held at Beyele Shearing in Engcobo. 109 animals were entered and 90 farmers attended the day.

Region 24 – Competition was held at Ntabankulu (Mt Frere). 188 animals were entered for the day: Lambs, 2-tooth ewes, mature ewes and rams. A second competition was held at Ncembu SS (Maclear) where 130 animals were judged: Lambs, 2-tooth ewes, mature ewes and rams. 335 farmers attended both competitions.



INFRASTRUCTURE

Region 20

Masifuye (Ndabakazi) shed in Butterworth was constructed by Mnquma Local Municipality and handed over on the 19th of September 2024.

Masiphumelele Shed in Butterworth received a hydraulic wool press purchased by Mnquma Local Municipality.

Region 24

Three shed openings were held at Ntabankulu- Ndakeni SS , Mount Fletcher – Mohabatsana SS- and Lunyaweni SS –

The sheds below were built by DRDAR

Shed name	District	Type of Structure	Equipment
Ndakeni	Ntabankulu	Corrugated Iron	Well equipped
Bomvini	Ntabankulu	Corrugated Iron	Well equipped
Khotsho	Mbizana	Corrugated Iron	Well equipped
Jali	Mbizana	Corrugated Iron	Well equipped



MARKETING

The marketing of wool was good during this season with 80% of the wool already sent to the wool brokers. Transport tariffs were very high due to the bad gravel roads from the shearing sheds to the nearest town.



Information from Region 24

News about marketing of wool

Name of district	No. of bales	No. of sheep shorn	No of associations	Sent	Still to be sent
Ntabankulu	657	21670	35	35	06
Mt Frere	689	19790	28	18	8
Mt Ayliff	573	16489	24	15	8
Qumbu	451	18231	18	11	11
Mbizana	348	10011	35	02	30
Flagstaff	432	11701	23	17	10

Region 20

Most of the wool in region 20 will be marketed in 2025 as shearing was interrupted by constant rains and cold spells. The farmers are assisted by the O.R Tambo District Municipality to transport their wool to Gqeberha and they should meet 120 bales before the wool can be transported.



We also train our farmers to use the correct wool packs to market their wool and to minimise contamination by not using feed bags as shown in the picture.

Wool marketed through the formal market since 2004/2005 is reflected in the tables below. These statistics are supplied by Cape Wools SA

COMMUNAL WOOL PRODUCTION					
2009/2010 - 2024/2025 Seasons					
SEASON	VALUE (R)	MASS (KG)	LOTS	BALES	AVERAGE PRICE (R)
2009/2010	60 432 983	2 776 867	4 343	19 353	21,76
2010/2011	71 749 104	3 027 276	5 085	21 237	23,70
2011/2012	88 442 521	2 782 370	4 660	19 755	31,79
2012/2013	108 248 805	2 842 409	4 686	20 187	38,08
2013/2014	137 919 367	3 806 993	6 368	26 740	36,23
2014/2015	130 849 387	3 582 122	6 363	25 252	36,53
2015/2016	233 618 024	4 462 089	7 832	31 689	52,36
2016/2017	299 882 007	5 812 641	9 138	39 964	51,59
2017/2018	383 607 431	5 422 122	9 569	38 617	70,75
2018/2019	336 979 827	4 737 000	9 021	33 510	71,14
2019/2020	289 475 740	5 876 741	9 121	39 132	49,26
2020/2021	260 451 284	5 455 470	9 421	36 233	47,74
2021/2022	255 013 759	4 402 619	8 095	30 030	57,92
2022/2023	281 895 295	5 158 852	9 381	34 297	54,64
2023/2024	301 623 589	5 757 722	9 725	37 573	52,39
2024/2025	293 237 201	6 208 759	11 453	41 553	47,23

SHEARING SHED AUDITS

30 Audits were conducted between January 2025 and May 2025. 118 Audits were concluded and certified.

Audits were done at the following shearing sheds:

- Masonwabisane WGA
- Lower Ndonga WGA
- Upper Kununu WGA
- Upper Ndonga WGA
- Sinethemba WGA
- Boompass WGA



Region 24

Date of Audit	Name of shed	District/region
July 24	Tsoloebeng	Mt Fletcher-24
July 24	Liphakoeng	Mt Fletcher- 24
July 24	Lower Tokwana	Mt Fletcher-24
July 24	Nkwenkwezi	Mt fletcher-24
July 24	Printsu	Mt fletcher-24
August24	Mnceba	Ntabankulu-24
August 24	Mzalwaneni	Ntabankulu-24
October	Zone Six	Qumbu
October	Masivane-Gurha	Qumbu
	Utloanang SS	Mount Fletcher
	Bhongweni SS	Mount Fletcher
	Maqhoba SS	Mount Fletcher
	Sibabale SS	Mount Fletcher
	Sathube SS	Mount Fletcher
	Lehanas Pass	Mount Fletcher
	Vukani Bafuyi SS	Mount Fletcher
	Nyaniso SS	Maluti A
	Masakala SS	Maluti A
	Magedla SS	Maluti B
	Magedla SS	Maclear
	Taung SS	Maclear
	Ncembu SS	Maclear



Region 20

Date of Audit	Name of shed	District/region	Date of Audit	Name of shed	District/region
March 2025	Marhubeni	Libode	May 2025	Tshisane Ntshiqo	Tsolo
March 2025	Mbewana Ziwundwana	Idutywa	May 2025	Lothana Malepelepe	Tsolo
March 2025	Xobo Chachazele	Idutywa	May 2025	Matyeba Gungululu	Tsolo
March 2025	Gamgam	Idutywa	May 2025	Rosedale Mthonyameni	Mthatha Tsolo

March 2025	Matheko	Mthatha	June 2025	Mayaluleni St. Cuthberts	Tsolo
March 2025	Sizini Mbobeleni	Idutywa Libode	June 2025	Goqwana Tikitiki	Tsolo
March 2025	Tanga	Butterworth	June 2025	Mbozisa	Mthatha
March 2025	Lalini	Mthatha	June 2025	Mgojweni	Ngqeleni
March 2025	Qolombana	Tsolo	June 2025	Siyaphambili	Ngqeleni
April 2025	Khasa	Xhora	June 2025	Ndabakazi	Butterworth

Region 23

Date of Audit	Name of shed	District/region	Date of Audit	Name of shed	District/region
September 2024	Lumnko	Cacadu	March 2025	Masomelele	Ngcobo
September 2024	Ngqoko	Cacadu	April 2025	Masonwabisane	Cala
September 2024	Lower Ndonga	Cacadu	April 2025	Lower Mkapusi	Cacadu
September 2024	Upper Ndonga	Cacadu	April 2025	Boompass	Cala
September 2024	Manzimdaka	Cala	April 2025	Sinethemba	Cala
September 2024	Cala Pass	Cala	April 2025	Xonya	Cala
September 2024	Masinedane	Cala	June 2025	Waterfall	Cacadu
February 2025	Jojweni	Ngcobo	June 2025	Dikeni	Cacadu
February 2025	Zenzele Matyeni	Ngcobo	June 2025	Thandanani	Cacadu
February 2025	Upper Gubengxa	Ngcobo	June 2025	Boniswa	Cacadu
February 2025	Zadungeni	Ngcobo	June 2025	Mthini	Cacadu
March 2025	Camama Forest	Cofimvaba	June 2025	Gadlume	Cacadu
March 2025	Lower Makwababa	Cofimvaba	June 2025	Mhlanga	Cacadu
March 2025	Dalubuhle	Cofimvaba			

Region 24

Date of Audit	Name of shed	District/region	Date of Audit	Name of shed	District/region
January 2025	Mandileni	Mt Frere		Phaphamang SS	Mount fletcher
January 2025	Ngwetsheni	Mt Frere		Mosana SS	Mount fletcher
January 2025	Sigubudwini	Flagstaff		Thembaletu SS	Mount fletcher
January 2025	Mangquzu	Flagstaff		Nxotshana SS	Mount fletcher
February 2025	Zone Six	Qumbu		Mbambangwe SS	Mount fletcher
February 2025	Mvalweni	Mt Ayliff		Lusakhanya PSS	Mount fletcher
February 2025	Matyeni	Mt Frere		Berthania SS	Mount fletcher
February 2025	Lugangeni	Mt Frere		Ditaung SS	Mount fletcher
March 2025	Siyalinga	Mt Ayliff		VMB SS	Mount fletcher
March 2025	Tlali	Ntabankulu		Ludidi SS	Maluti A
March 2025	Lower Mnceba	Ntabankulu		Qhingaliyazakha SS	Maluti A
March 2025	Nobamba	Qumbu		Tsitsana Maclear SS	Maclear
May 2025	Saphukanduku	Mt Ayliff		Lunyaweni SS	Maclear
May 2025	Mantshangase	Mbizana		Mcambalala SS	Maclear
	Thabachicha SS	Maluti B			
	Nice Field SS	Maluti B			
	Yakhanani SS	Maluti B			

Region 25

Date of Audit	Name of shed	District/region
25/06/2025	Magwiji	Sterkspruit
25/06/2025	Bensonvale	Sterkspruit
25/06/2025	Sunduza	Sterkspruit

BIO-SECURITY

The production advisors disinfected their vehicles before and after they leave a shearing shed visit.



OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

Wool Industry Tour - 40 farmers from region 21 Farmers had an educational tour to PE on the 24 – 26 September 2024. They were accompanied by 3 NWGA officials and 9 DRDAR officials. Farmers gained more knowledge and insight of wool industry by visiting the brokers (BKB and OVK) and the Wool Testing Bureau.



SASAS Congress – on the 4th of July 2024 Khanyiso attended and presented at the 55th SASAS Annual Congress about the dynamics of communal wool farming.



Introduction of 250 quality rams and 180 quality ewes in our different regions the last 6 months to improve flocks.



We would like to thank Mr Dan Kriek for availing himself from his busy schedule to visit some shearing sheds in the communal areas with Mr Goosen. Mr. Kriek has gained insight on how these shearing sheds operate during shearing season and the entire process involved during this period.



A Norwegian delegation attended the handing over of audit certificates ceremony during their visit to Region 24.



Tsolo District Fibre Tour - on the 18 to 20 March 2025, 30 farmers from Tsolo visited Gqeberha on a fibre tour to see firsthand all the processes of the wool value chain. The farmers visit BKB, Wool Testing Bureau and the wool exchange.

Mhlontlo Agricultural Show - on the 3 - 4 April 2025, Kumkani Mhlontlo Local Municipality held its 3rd Annual Agricultural Show at the Tsolo Agric College. This show features various agricultural activities including a sheep flock competition.



Buying of quality ewes on the 16th of May 2025 Khanyiso and Lusanda assisted farmers from Tsolo and Mount Fletcher with ewe selection on a farm Spionkop in Dordrecht. 25 Ewes were bought by these farmers.



Some of our farmers were selected and bought 88 quality rams from different stud breeders that were introduced in the Region 23 flock competition. We also managed to buy 150 quality ewes for farmers to improve their flocks.

A **Region 23 Wool Indaba** was held where farmers benefited and received 150 rams from the municipality.

Mt Fletcher farmers were assisted to buy 30 quality ewes in Barkley East.

20 Young ewes were bought in Dordrecht.

Synchronization project - 40 ewes were selected.

BKB donated rams to the following sheds: Mnceba (11), Lukholo (13), Mbradi (10).

Farmers from Flagstaff, Ntabankulu and Mt Ayliff bought lambs through **OVK**.

Ntabankulu WGA organized a district competition at Ndlantaka shed.

Ram breeding flock in our communal areas – We selected 115 quality ewes from Mr Njobe’s sheep. These ewes were tagged. They were mated with good quality rams and are currently busy lambing. They are covered with wool jackets to enable us to establish if this would make a difference to their clean yield. They will be shorn in October 2025.



There were 5 Roadshows held in the following regions.

Region 20 – 25 June @ St Cuthbers shearing shed

Region 21 – 27 June @ Mpofu Training Centre

Region 23 – 26 June @ Nobhokhwe WGA

Region 24 – 24 June @ Castle Rock Shearing Shed

Region 25 – 23 June @ Masakhane Shearing Shed

1710 people attended the Roadshows



NAMC Project - The National Agricultural Marketing Council (NAMC) requested NWGA to partner with them in providing industry skills development training to communal farmers on several different projects. The project commenced from mid-January and completed at the end of March 2025.

Below the courses that were presented by the NWGA.

Training Focus Areas	No of training events committed	No. of attendees committed	No of training events	No. of attendees
Animal health / Biosecurity	20	1650 in total	37*	434
Animal nutrition & veld management awareness based on regenerative principles	20		20	45
Animal husbandry - Animal identification, focussing on tattooing demonstrations	30		25	225
Breeding, selection and genetic improvement	30		30	192
Sustainable Cape Wool Standard Information Days	31		26	75
Sustainable Cape Wool Standard Audit	31		32*	418
Predation Management	1		0	0
Wool class training / Shearing Shed M'tment	2		17*	288
Shearer Training / Monitoring	2		0	0
Account sales interpretation	20		19	87
Farm worker training	10		9	31
Total number of events/trainees	197			215

Signed at East London on 25 July 2025



WJ Goosen

Manager: Wool Production, Marketing Development and Infrastructure

QUEENSTOWN

EMERGING COMMERCIAL FARMERS

SUSTAINABLE AUDITS

SCWS audits still forms part of the contract on Commercial farms and the development of the SCWS is always part of any presentation. There was a decline in new audits and the number of re-audits increased drastically. Farmer Union meetings were attended and visits to 4 Wool brokers took place over the past 12 months.

A farm visit was done to explain the adaptive multi paddock grazing to a group of farmers. Services offered by the NWGA is continuously promoted during such visits.



LIFE CYCLE ANALYSIS

LCA studies were done during the past 12 months, and a great amount of time was spent in the communal areas and Mohair farms in the Eastern Cape.

Communal areas

There were 5 simplified studies done from the 100 sites identified and completed in the communal areas. The case study included 12 identified sites, 12 soil samples and approximately 72 vegetation samples collected.

Mohair SA

A total of 380 sites were visited, 144 vegetation samples and 36 soil samples were collected. There were 10 simplified case studies completed for approximately 200 identified sites. 2 Mohair case studies and 1 Free State case study was completed.

FARMWORKER TRAINING

Farmworker training was done on commercial farms, which included animal handling, wool contamination, animal health, predation management and general work ethics.



COACHING 10 PRODUCERS

This is the most important part of the contract, and most of the time is spent on training of Emerging Commercial Farmers during the 12 months.

A workshop was facilitated by the Senior Agriculture Economist of the Department of Agriculture, Land Reform and Rural Development from Pretoria in Barkly East and Queenstown. Information on Wool Handling, Wool Marketing and Animal Handling was presented in Xhosa to Government Officials, Communal Farmers and Emerging Commercial Farmers with an attendance of 52 people. Follow up training has already been discussed.



SUSTAINABLE CAPE WOOLS STANDARDS

SCWS producer training took place at every visit to an Emerging Commercial Farmer, during these visits the questionnaire of the SCWS audit is revised to ensure that the farmer is well informed on ethical wool production. There were more farms audited than required for the 12 months.

BIOSECURITY

Biosecurity became a priority after the FMD outbreak in the Eastern Cape. Farmers are well trained on the biosecurity rules, the spread of diseases like Sheep Scab and quarantine areas when buying any animals.

ANIMAL HEALTH

This training remains a priority to farmers and Famacha charts takes up majority of the time during the course, as it remains one of the best management tools to use for identifying sick animals. Animal Health training includes vaccination, dosing, dipping of animals, use and storage of health products and caring for equipment

SHEARING SHED MANAGEMENT

Wool classing, clip preparation and wool contamination is covered during this training and includes demonstrations to the farmers. The theory component of Wool handling was presented, and the aim is to practically train these farmers on wool handling by an NWGA accredited trainer in the future. Wool contamination is a huge problem, and these issues are covered during the training to farmers and includes the outlay of the shearing shed, cleaning the shed and the yard. Emphasis is placed on marking of animals with the correct marking pens and on the face and not the wool.



WOOL ACCOUNT SALES

Wool Account Sales and AWEX Wool Typing System was done to assist farmers with their planning for the next shearing season. The aim is to enable farmers to make calculated

decisions to maximize their income, too many farmers are losing income on their wool clip due to lack of knowledge. Broker feedback plays an important role in guiding farmers on how to maximise their income from the wool clip.

Feeding of livestock has become very expensive and this training informs farmers on how to limit costs on animal feed. The importance and value of creep feed for lambs are explained to farmers.



PREDATION MANAGEMENT

Predation and stock theft remains a big challenge and training has proven positive results. This training enables farmers to identify the predator and take the appropriate action. Requests for continuation of this training has been received.

OTHER HIGHLIGHTS

- A Norwegian funded company requested a sheep handling course and training in preparation for the Communal SCWS audit. Four sheds were identified by the company and training was presented in Xhosa over four days. Feedback from those sheds were very positive and they requested follow up training.
- Sheep handling and predation management training to emerging farmers was done in the Noupport area on request from a French company.
- The Department of Agriculture Eastern Cape identified 6 farms for mentoring and farm assessments were completed for these farms in Kareedouw, Queenstown and Lady Grey area. These assessed farms received training on animal health and reproduction presented in Xhosa. The attendees included farm workers students and extension officers.



Over the 12 months 230 events were held and a total of 960 people participated in these events.

Signed at Queenstown on 25 July 2025

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'JG Grobler'.

JG Grobler
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