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1. Executive Summary

The National Wool Growers' Association (NWGA), as the appointed service provider to the Wool Empowerment Trust (WET), delivered Communal Production Advisory Services across the communal wool-producing regions of the Eastern Cape during the 2025/26 financial year. Building on the foundation established during the first six months, the programme focused on improving wool quality, flock productivity, producer skills and market readiness through practical advisory support.

Production Advisors worked closely with communal producers, shearing shed committees and industry stakeholders to strengthen wool classing, contamination control, animal health, genetic improvement and sustainable production practices. Practical training, on-farm mentoring and post-sale support enabled producers to improve production practices and better understand the relationship between wool quality and market returns.

Collaboration with Cape Wools SA, organisations such as Zoetis and local stakeholders, strengthened technical support, while continued SCWS implementation and infrastructure assessments improved market readiness and compliance with sustainable wool production standards.

Despite challenges including below-average rainfall early in the year, transport constraints, ageing infrastructure and limited access to quality breeding stock, the programme achieved measurable improvements in producer knowledge, wool quality and flock management, contributing to the long-term sustainability of communal wool production.

2. Annual Highlights

During the 2025/26 financial year, the programme achieved several important milestones, including:

- 104 communal shearing sheds received wool classing and technical support where 1 670 producers participated in wool classing training.
- 784 producers received piece-picking and contamination control training in 50 shearing sheds across the regions.
- 295 blade and machine shearers received practical skills training across regions 20 – 25.
- More than 2 400 producers participated in animal health, wool production and producer information days.
- SCWS audits and infrastructure assessments continued across communal shearing sheds where around 60 sheds were audited.
- Multiple communal producers achieved improved wool prices through better genetics, improved wool preparation and strengthened production practices.

Collectively, these achievements demonstrate the continued value of practical extension support in improving communal wool production while strengthening producer livelihoods and ensuring the long-term sustainability of the communal wool industry.

3. Introduction and Production Context

The 2025/26 financial year marked the first full year of the Communal Production Advisory Services programme under the Wool Empowerment Trust.

The programme focused on strengthening producer support and consolidating improvements in wool quality, flock management and market readiness. Production Advisors provided practical on-farm support through farm visits, shearing shed activities, producer mentoring and post-sale consultations, helping producers address production challenges and improve management practices.

Favourable wool market conditions during the reporting period provided an opportunity to demonstrate the value of improved production practices. By analysing account sales with producers, Production Advisors highlighted how wool classing, clip preparation and flock management influenced market prices, encouraging greater adoption of best practices.

The programme demonstrated that sustained advisory support, combined with practical training and continuous mentoring, contributed to improved wool quality, stronger producer confidence and better market outcomes for communal wool producers.

4. Wool Classing, Handling and Shearing Shed Practices

Objective
To improve wool quality, reduce contamination and maximise producer income through improved wool classing, wool handling and shearing shed management.

Key Outcomes
Continued advisory support, combined with practical training and post-sale feedback, improved wool preparation standards, reduced contamination and strengthened producers' ability to produce higher-quality wool to achieve premium market prices.

Improving clip preparation remained a key focus of the Communal Production Advisory Services programme throughout the reporting period. Building on the first six months, Production Advisors continued supporting communal shearing sheds through wool classing, contamination control and on-site mentoring during shearing.

During the financial year, 104 communal shearing sheds received wool classing training, reaching 1,670 producers, while 784 producers from 50 shearing sheds received specialised piece-picking and contamination control training.

Training covered fleece skirting, wool line separation, contamination prevention, bale preparation and wool handling. Production Advisors reinforced these practices during the shearing season, ensuring they were consistently applied at shearing shed level.

Following the marketing season, Production Advisors assisted producers in interpreting account sales, helping them understand how classing, contamination and clip preparation influenced auction prices. This strengthened producers' understanding of market requirements and encouraged the adoption of improved production practices.

Improved wool handling resulted in cleaner clips, reduced contamination and better market outcomes at several communal shearing sheds. Combined with improved flock genetics, these interventions contributed to higher wool prices achieved by participating producers.

Please see below full breakdown of total shearing sheds involved and total attendance per region for Wool Classing and Piece picking courses presented during the 2025/26 financial year:

Wool Classing

Region	Total number of sheds	Total attendance
Region 20	12	126
Region 21	4	87
Region 23	70	1,102
Region 24	15	300
Region 25	3	55
	104	**1,670**

Piece Picking

Region	Total number of sheds	Total attendance
Region 20	23	240
Region 21	11	142
Region 23	11	302
Region 24	-	-
Region 25	5	100
	50	**784**

Way forward

Wool classing is a continuous production improvement process, and the focus in 2026/27 will therefore be on maintaining and building on these gains rather than treating training as a once-off intervention. Training will continue at shearing shed level, with stronger integration between Production Advisors and the Shearer Training Team and improved data collection to track participation and outcomes.

Continued advisory support will reinforce correct wool handling and classing practices, with the longer-term objective of reducing contamination, improving clip quality and increasing the proportion of communal wool achieving better market prices.



5. Animal Health, Husbandry and Biosecurity

Objective
To improve animal health, productivity and animal welfare through preventative animal health management, practical producer training and strengthened biosecurity.

Key Outcomes
Practical animal health training and strengthened biosecurity improved producer knowledge, encouraged the adoption of proactive flock management practices and supported healthier, more productive sheep flocks.

Animal health remained a key component of the Communal Production Advisory Services programme during the 2025/26 financial year. Production Advisors worked with communal producers to improve flock health through practical training, demonstrations and ongoing technical support.

Training covered parasite control, vaccination programmes, tattooing demonstrations, dosing techniques, nutrition, breeding management and general sheep husbandry. Emphasis was placed on Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) awareness following increased disease risks during the reporting period. In partnership with Zoetis and other industry stakeholders, producers received practical guidance on disease prevention, biosecurity measures and early disease detection. Further emphasis was placed on the importance of animal tattooing as this is essential for traceability purposes as well as combating stock theft.

Animal health information days and field demonstrations provided producers with practical skills that encouraged the adoption of improved flock management practices. These interventions strengthened producer knowledge, supported healthier flocks and contributed to improved wool production.

By integrating animal health with ongoing advisory support, the programme improved producers' ability to make informed management decisions and strengthened the sustainability of communal sheep production systems.

Please see below breakdown of NWGA's reach regarding animal health, husbandry and biosecurity interventions and information days across the regions:

Animal Handling / Selection / Basic Animal Health / Nutrition

Region	Total number of sheds	Total attendance
Region 20	23	346
Region 21	38	501
Region 23	33	437
Region 24	28	1,116
Region 25	3	52
	125	**2,452**



Demonstrations: Tattooing / Wool sorting / Sheep selection

Region	Total number of sheds	Total attendance
Region 20	1	50
Region 21	6	56
Region 23	1	12
Region 24	9	188
Region 25	3	11
	20	**317**

Way Forward

Animal health and flock management are ongoing areas of development and will remain a key focus in 2026/27. The programme will continue to provide practical training on animal health, nutrition, animal handling, veld management and sustainable production, with greater emphasis on applying these practices at flock level. The planned implementation of ReHerd principles will also support improved grazing and herd management in selected regions.

NWGA will also strengthen relationships with Zoetis and other technical and industry stakeholders to ensure that producers receive current, practical and reliable information. These partnerships will be used to expand demonstrations, information days and specialist training, particularly around animal health, biosecurity, reproduction and flock management. The longer-term objective is to improve flock condition, reduce losses and build more productive and resilient communal farming systems.





6. Shearer Training and Workforce Development

Objective

To improve shearing efficiency, wool quality and rural employment through the development of skilled blade and machine shearers in collaboration with the NWGA Shearer Training Department.

Key Outcomes

Training and ongoing support strengthened the skills of communal shearers, improved wool harvesting standards and increased local employment opportunities, contributing to higher-quality wool and more efficient shearing operations.

The availability of skilled shearers is essential for maintaining wool quality and maximising producer returns. During the 2025/26 financial year, 295 blade and machine shearers received practical training across regions 20–25.

Production Advisors worked with shearing shed committees to identify trainees, coordinate logistics and support the delivery of training by the NWGA Shearer Training Team. Training focused on correct shearing techniques, sheep handling and animal welfare, equipment maintenance, workplace safety and reducing second cuts that affect wool quality.

The programme improved shearing standards while creating employment opportunities within rural communities. Newly trained shearers strengthened the capacity of communal shearing sheds and contributed to improved clip preparation, cleaner fleeces and better wool classing outcomes.

Region 20

SHED	TYPE OF COURSE	NUMBER OF TRAINEES
Lotana	Blade	8
Siyaphambili	Blade	8
Mthonyameni	Blade	8
Daliwonga	Blade	8
Lelethu	Blade	7
Lumanyano	Machine	6
TOTAL		**45**

Region 21

SHED	TYOE OF COURSE	NUMBER OF TRAINEES
Ngcamngeni	Blade	8
Mpofu Training Center	Blade	16
TOTAL		**24**

Region 23

SHED	TYPE OF COURSE	NUMBER OF TRAINEES
Notose	Blade	8
Mthwakazi	Blade	8
Gubengxa	Blade	8
Upper Qebe	Blade	8
Mncwasa	Blade	8
Zabasa1	Blade	8
Zabasa2	Blade	8
Manzimahle	Blade	8
Macubeni	Blade	8
Tsawulayo	Blade	8
TOTAL		**80**

Region 24

SHED	TYPE OF COURSE	NUMBER OF TRAINEES
Upperthokwana SS	Blade	10
Ncembu SS	Machine	10
Mcambalala SS	Blade	10
Lehanaspass SS	Blade	10
Ramlane SS	Blade	10
TOTAL		**50**

Region 24 (2)

SHED	TYPE OF COURSE	NUMBER OF TRAINEES
Santombe	Machine	5
Mnceba	Machine	5
Bomvini	Blade	8
Nsimbini	Blade	8
Nkaleni	Blade	7
Mbhandango	blade	10
Siyakhula	Blade	8
Luphilisweni	Blade	8
Ndakeni	Blade	6
Saphukanduku	Blade	10
Gojimbana	Blade	8
TOTAL		**83**

Region 25

NAME OF ASSOCIATION	TYPE OF COURSE	NUMBER OF TRAINEEES
Masihlangane	Blade	5
Masakhane	Blade	8
TOTAL		**13**

Shearing shed visits in preparation and during shearing

Region	Total number of sheds	Total attendance
Region 20	2	24
Region 21	4	61
Region 23	6	78
Region 24	14	212
Region 25	3	35
	29	**410**

Way Forward
The focus in 2026/27 will shift towards training, tracking and retaining shearers, rather than measuring success only by the number of people trained. A targeted two-year regional training programme will be introduced in communal areas to track individual shearer development and retention. Closer integration between Production Advisors and the Shearer Training Team will improve coordination at shed level, while the dedicated web-based system will be used to capture participation, productivity, skills progression and movement within the industry.

Competitions will also be used as platforms to measure training impact and identify potential shearers for further development. The longer-term objective is to establish a stronger and more sustainable pool of skilled blade and machine shearers, with clear progression from entry-level training to skilled shearer and, where appropriate, contractor level.

7. Genetic Improvement and Flock Development

Objective
To improve wool quality and flock productivity through targeted genetic improvement, informed breeding decisions and structured benchmarking exercises at communal producer level.

Key Outcomes
Continued investment in genetic improvement and producer benchmarking exercises enhanced flock quality, improved wool production and contributed to stronger market returns for communal producers.

Genetic improvement remained a key focus of the programme during the 2025/26 financial year. NWGA continued to improve communal flocks by facilitating access to quality breeding stock through direct purchases, industry partnerships and municipal support.

During the year, approximately 350 breeding rams and 72 ewes were distributed to communal producers through initiatives including NWGA assisted or facilitated purchases, the BKB Genetic Improvement Programme, Pine Grove Merino Stud, Emalahleni Local Municipality's LED Programme and donations secured through regional stakeholder engagement.

Regional flock competitions in regions 20, 21 and 25, together with the Interregional Flock Competition held at Ndabakazi, Butterworth, provided producers with an opportunity to benchmark flock performance and promote best breeding practices. More than 300 producers attended the interregional event, where judges noted improvements in flock conformation, wool quality and uniformity.

The annual Best Class Clip Competition, sponsored by Zoetis, recognised shearing sheds producing the highest-quality wool clips. The competition highlighted the benefits of combining improved genetics with sound flock management and wool classing practices. Results are summarised below:

Region	Winning shed	Bales	Micron	Clean yield	Avg. price (R/kg)
20	Lumanyano (most improved)	47	20.1	50.95%	60.47
21	Themba Lethu WGA	26	19.1	65.24%	135.68
23	Thornhill Wool Agric Primary Co-op	31	18.8	63.68%	134.99
24	Klein Jonas	59	20.4	67.21%	101.44
25	Upper Telle (overall winner)	29	20.3	70.11%	126.85

Upper Telle Shearing Shed in Region 25 was recognised as the overall winner, demonstrating the benefits of investing in quality genetics, sound flock management and maintaining high wool classing standards.



Way Forward

In 2026/27, Production Advisors will continue working directly with farmers to support the selection and purchase of quality rams and ewes, as well as better ram utilisation, ewe selection and replacement. Training and on-farm mentoring will also cover basic breeding records to help farmers make better selection decisions. NWGA will continue working with industry and other partners who can assist with making quality breeding animals available to communal producers.

The programme will also work towards rebuilding a stronger flow of quality breeding animals into communal production systems through these partnerships and ongoing farmer support.

Flock competitions will continue to provide a practical way to benchmark progress, demonstrate improvements and encourage farmers to invest in better genetics. The aim is to gradually improve wool quality and flock productivity, resulting in stronger and more consistent market returns for communal producers.

8. Stakeholder Engagement and Producer Development

Objective
To strengthen collaboration between producers, industry stakeholders and government institutions in support of sustainable communal wool production.

Key Outcome
Strong collaboration between producers, industry partners and government institutions improved access to technical expertise, strengthened producer knowledge and supported the sustainable development of communal wool production.

Strong partnerships remained central to the delivery of the Communal Production Advisory Services programme. Throughout the year, Production Advisors worked closely with communal producers, shearing shed committees, municipalities, provincial departments, industry organisations and private sector partners to improve technical support and service delivery.

Partnerships with organisations such as Zoetis strengthened animal health initiatives through producer information days, disease awareness campaigns and technical demonstrations. Collaboration with Plaas Media also supported the development of IsiXhosa educational videos on animal health, sheep husbandry and wool production, providing producers with practical learning resources beyond formal training events.

Production Advisors further supported producers through post-sale consultations, helping them interpret wool account sales and understanding how production practices influenced market performance. These engagements strengthened producers' decision-making and encouraged the adoption of improved farming practices.

Animal management and Information days

Region	Total number of sheds	Total attendance
Region 20	6	90
Region 21	4	557
Region 23	9	867
Region 24	22	908
Region 25	6	390
	47	**2,812**

Way forward
In 2026/27, NWGA will strengthen its Communication and Stakeholder Engagement Strategy in partnership with Plaas Media. The focus will be on providing producers with practical and accessible information through media, social platforms and a WhatsApp broadcast channel, while profiling communal producers and programme successes. This will improve access to information, increase awareness of NWGA activities and strengthen the visibility of the communal wool sector.

The Production Advisor team will also strengthen its role as the link between communal farmers and industry stakeholders. This will include maintaining partnerships with government, industry bodies, processors, buyers and other institutions; representing farmer needs and challenges in stakeholder forums; and providing structured feedback from the field to inform industry decisions and interventions. The aim is to improve coordination, ensure that communal farmer needs are represented, and create stronger opportunities for collaboration, partnerships and future funding.

9. Sustainable Certification

Objective
To strengthen market access through improved compliance with sustainability standards, enhanced infrastructure readiness and continuous production support.

Key Outcomes
Continuous compliance support, infrastructure assessments and producer engagement strengthened market readiness, improved understanding of wool quality requirements and enhanced producers' ability to access premium wool markets.

Maintaining access to premium wool markets requires communal producers to meet recognised sustainability, animal welfare and traceability standards. During the 2025/26 financial year, Production Advisors supported communal shearing sheds through SCWS implementation, compliance support and infrastructure assessments.

A total of 60 SCWS audits were conducted across the communal production regions. Production Advisors worked with producers and shearing shed committees to address non-conformities, improve management practices and prepare for follow-up audits. This ongoing support strengthened compliance while encouraging the adoption of sustainable production practices.

NWGA also continued working with Cape Wools SA on the development of a revised communal SCWS standard that better reflects the realities of communal production systems while maintaining international sustainability requirements.

Infrastructure assessments identified shearing sheds requiring upgrades to improve operational efficiency and compliance, providing valuable information for future infrastructure planning and investment.

SCWS Audits

Region	Number of sheds audited
Region 20	11
Region 21	14
Region 23	9
Region 24	18
Region 25	8
	60

Way forward
In 2026/27, the focus will shift from audits alone to maintaining compliance and supporting continuous improvement. Production Advisors will conduct follow-up visits, prioritising sheds with identified gaps or previous non-conformances, and assist shed committees and farmers with practical and cost-conscious corrective actions. SCWS requirements will also be incorporated into information days and shed visits to improve awareness and audit readiness.

Infrastructure assessments will continue to identify priority needs and guide future interventions, particularly where shed conditions affect wool handling, contamination and operational efficiency. The overall aim is to increase the number of compliant sheds, maintain standards after certification and ensure that communal shearing facilities remain market-ready and able to support quality wool production and potential market premiums.

10. Market Readiness

Objective

To strengthen communal producers' ability to meet market requirements, understand wool quality and pricing, and use production and market information to improve future returns.

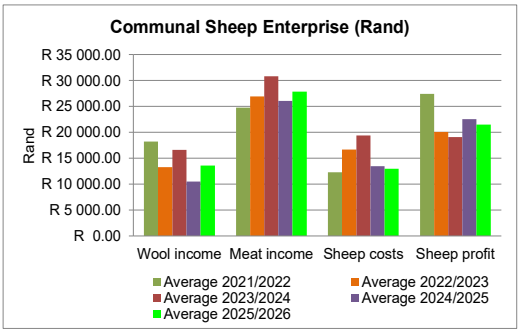
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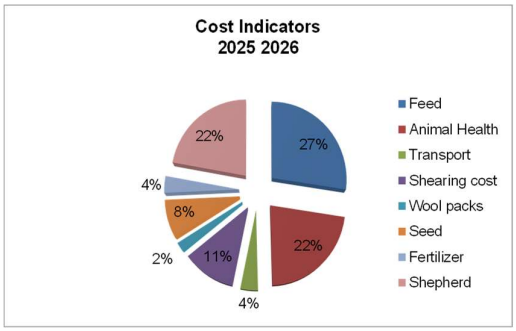
During 2025/26, Production Advisors supported producers beyond the physical production of wool by helping them understand how their production and wool preparation decisions were translated into market results. Account sale interpretation sessions reached 2,198 producers across 127 shearing sheds, providing practical feedback on wool quality, classing, contamination, micron, clean yield and prices achieved.

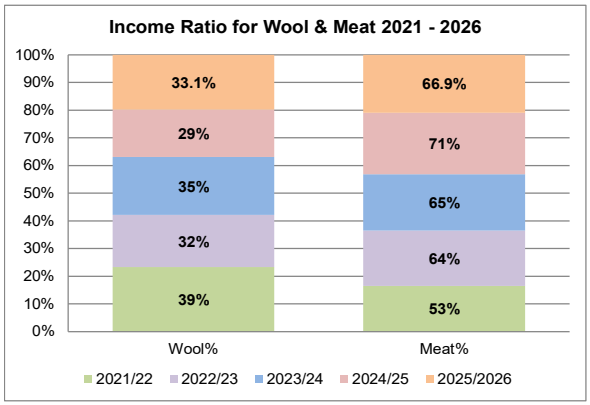
Account sales interpretation

Region	Total number of sheds	Total attendance
Region 20	31	361
Region 21	19	234
Region 23	40	827
Region 24	34	743
Region 25	3	33
	127	**2,198**

The programme also incorporates a Green Books economic data collection, with 19 households participating across six regions providing baseline production and financial information. This establishes a foundation for measuring changes in productivity and economic performance over time and for using field-level information to guide future interventions.







Strong wool prices during the 2025/26 season reinforced the value of investing in genetics, wool classing and improved flock management. Production Advisors further supported producers through account sale interpretation sessions, helping them understand the relationship between production practices and auction prices. The reporting period concluded with a Wool Marketing Day held in Ngcobo during June 2026, where producers reviewed the season's results and prepared for the next production cycle.

COMMUNAL WOOL PRODUCTION 2016/2017 – 2025/2026 SEASONS					
SEASON	VALUE (R)	MASS (KG)	LOTS	BALES	AVERAGE PRICE (R)
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
2025/2026	313 912 958	4 379 356	9 594	29 459	71,68

11. Smallholder producer training & development

Objective
To identify and support selected communal producers with the potential to progress towards commercial production through structured advisory support, training and farm-level development.

Key Outcomes
Limited implementation took place under this KPA during 2025/26 while NWGA awaited the finalisation of the Memorandum of Understanding (MOU) with the Eastern Cape Department of Agriculture. The MOU was required to establish the basis for identifying suitable smallholder producers and coordinating the programme with the Department.

Although the programme did not yet reach full implementation, the necessary institutional arrangements have now been completed, with the MOU signed. This provides the platform to begin identifying and selecting suitable producers for participation.

Way Forward
During 2026/27, NWGA will work with the Eastern Cape Department of Agriculture to identify and select suitable smallholder producers for the programme. Selected farmers will receive structured advisory support, farm assessments and market-focused production guidance, with emphasis on improving production performance, wool quality, farm management and the adoption of better commercial farming practices.

Progress will be monitored through farm visits, production assessments and follow-up support. The intention is to develop a group of producers who can progressively strengthen their farming enterprises and move towards sustainable commercial wool production. This will also provide NWGA with a practical basis for measuring the effectiveness of targeted smallholder development interventions over time.

12. Provincial Communal Development Programme (KZN)

Key Outcomes

Limited progress was made with the KZN Communal Development Programme during 2025/26. Implementation was affected primarily by the Foot-and-Mouth Disease (FMD) outbreak, which restricted livestock movement and access to farming communities, as well as limited collaboration with the KZN Department of Agriculture.

Despite these constraints, the programme areas and potential interventions have been identified, providing a basis for renewed implementation. The experience during the year also highlighted the importance of stronger coordination with provincial agricultural structures to ensure that future interventions are properly supported and aligned.

Way Forward

With the FMD situation in KZN now more controlled and movement restrictions easing, NWGA will revisit and rebuild the programme during 2026/27. New approaches will be used to strengthen collaboration with the KZN Department of Agriculture and other relevant stakeholders and create a more effective platform for delivering producer development interventions.

The first practical interventions have already been identified, with shearer training planned for the targeted KZN areas during the new financial year. This provides an opportunity to re-establish contact with producers, strengthen relationships at local level and gradually expand the programme into broader smallholder production and advisory support.

The intention is to use the initial interventions to rebuild participation and stakeholder relationships, identify suitable smallholder producers and establish a stronger foundation for future development of the KZN programme.

13. Key Challenges

Despite good progress during 2025/26, several factors continued to affect the productivity and development of communal wool production.

Limited rainfall and grazing resources affected flock conditions in some areas, while limited access to supplementary feed and formal grazing systems restricted producers' ability to manage dry periods effectively.

Access to quality breeding animals remains a constraint, particularly for producers with limited financial resources. Continued support with the selection and sourcing of quality rams and ewes will be important to improve flock genetics and wool quality.

Poor road infrastructure and transport costs continue to affect access to remote shearing sheds and increase the cost of transporting wool to market.

Shearing shed infrastructure and equipment remain inadequate at some facilities, affecting operational efficiency, wool handling and SCWS compliance. Infrastructure assessments conducted during the year provide a basis for prioritising future interventions.

Animal health and biosecurity risks, including FMD, affected production activities and reinforced the need for continued producer awareness, preventative health management and strong technical partnerships.

The implementation of the Smallholder Producer Training & Development KPA was also delayed while NWGA awaited the finalisation of the MOU with the Eastern Cape Department of Agriculture. With the MOU now signed, the programme can move into producer identification and implementation during 2026/27.

Key Outcome
These challenges highlight the need for continued field-level advisory support, stronger stakeholder partnerships and targeted interventions rather than once-off activities. The 2026/27 programme is structured to address these constraints through improved training, technical support, data-driven planning and closer coordination with industry and government stakeholders.

14. Conclusion and Way Forward

The 2025/26 financial year established a strong foundation for the Communal Production Advisory Services programme. The programme reached significant numbers of producers through training and advisory interventions, while improvements were made in wool handling, animal health, genetics, shearing skills, SCWS compliance and market understanding.

The focus in 2026/27 will be to build on these interventions and improve their consistency and impact. Wool classing, animal health, genetic improvement and shearer development will continue, with greater emphasis on practical application, follow-up and measuring progress at producer and shearing shed level.

The programme will also strengthen monitoring, evaluation and data collection, including the further development of Green Books and improved shearing data, to better understand changes in production, farmer performance and programme impact.
Stronger partnerships will remain important. NWGA will continue working with Zoetis and other technical partners to improve the quality of animal health information and training available to producers, while collaboration with Plaas Media and other stakeholders will strengthen communication and access to information. The Production Advisor team will also continue to act as a link between communal farmers, government and industry stakeholders.

The newly signed MOU with the Eastern Cape Department of Agriculture provides an opportunity to start implementing the Smallholder Producer Training & Development programme and identify producers with the potential to progress towards commercial production. It also enables the NWGA and ECRDA to collaborate on future projects and work together improving wool production and wool producers in the Eastern Cape.

Overall, the 2026/27 programme will focus on strengthening what has already been established, improving coordination and follow-through, and using better information to demonstrate results. The objective remains to improve wool quality, flock productivity, producer skills and market returns while building more resilient and sustainable communal wool production systems.

Signed at East London on **31 July 2026**



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