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National Presidents Letter

October 2023,

The national election has taken place and we will formally announce the results at the upcoming AGM. It was good to receive 8 nominations for the 5 positions. The process is being managed by the returning officer and at this stage we have had one independent scrutineer nominated for the count.

NSW Division have included the NATS 2024 program in this edition. They are excited to announce that Mr Werna Ferreira has been appointed as the judge for the 2024 event. It is planned to go over two days. Starting on Friday with some great youth events and the main fleece judging show. On the Saturday they will have a feature stud sale run by Helmsman system over the Saturday whilst the main stud show is running. For more details see the program or go to the National Angora Trophy Show facebook page. Entries close the 2 Feb 2024 and entries forms will be available shortly.

We have had some good weather for kidding and what a difference it can make during this important time of the year. Today is not so great however some rain is now welcome. I hear some members are very dry and looking at options to reduce stock levels or buy in feed, so our thoughts are with them.

We have included two good articles on feeding kids and benchmarking performance of kids growth sourced from Grootfontein Agricultural Development Institute in South Africa. How do your kids stack up? It is a worthwhile exercise to weigh them or sample a group to compare your figures with the data in the articles.

Below is a good summary of the market intelligence around the current Mohair market

- a) It is clear that China has not returned to the market in any significant way. How the Chinese economy will pan out in the short term will affect global demand for mohair.
- b) European uncertain economic times.
- c) Global uncertain economic times.
- d) Our buyers are affected by all of the above, and there are indications that their pipelines are full.
- e) Global mohair prices have been sliding for some time reflecting the trend we have seen in wool.
- f) We also understand that there may have been a shift in consumer buying decisions, away from luxury mohair and substituting with other natural fibres.
- g) Slightly oblique, but of interest. Textile Exchange is proposing an update to RMS, and there has been a pushback from South African growers saying they are over stepping their mark.

The board has set the MAL AGM as Thursday the 23rd November 2023 at 4pm AEST in Narrandera, NSW. Full details are in this issue. We are pleased to announce we have a guest speaker for the event. We look forward to seeing you at the event.

Yours sincerely,

Nick Gorrie



Invitation to Exhibit and Enjoy NATS 2024

National Angora Trophy Show and Sale

Friday 8th Saturday 9th March and Sunday 10th

Organised by the NSW Division of Mohair Australia Ltd

Peden Pavilion, Goulburn Showgrounds, Goulburn NSW

NATS PROGRAM

Friday 8 March 2024

9.00 am – 3.00 pm	ANIMAL RECEIVAL (LATER BY ARRANGEMENT) FINAL DEADLINE FOR SCHOOL ANIMAL RECEIVAL
11.00 am – 3.00 pm	NATS YOUTH SHOW Schools classes under 1 year Led Wether judging Competitions Youth Judging Competition Led Wether Paraders
11.00 am	FINAL DEADLINE FOR MOHAIR FLEECE RECEIVALS
1.30 pm – 6.00 pm	JUDGING OF MOHAIR FLEECE SHOW
3.00 pm	FINAL DEADLINE FOR ANIMAL RECEIVAL
5.45 pm	
6.00 pm – 8.00 pm	MOHAIR FLEECE AWARD CEREMONY FRIDAY NIGHT GET TOGETHER AT GOULBURN SOLDIERS CLUB

Saturday 9 March 2024

8.45 am	JUDGING OF OPEN SECTION – STUD SHOW
10.00 am	OFFICIAL OPENING
12.30 pm	LUNCH
3.30 pm	JUDGING OF CHAMPIONSHIPS
4.30 pm	PRESENTATION OF CHAMPIONS

Sunday 10 March 2024

8.30 am – 4.00 PM CLEAN UP

Entry Fees

Animal Classes (1-9) - \$20 per entry
 Additional Junior Nomination fee - \$3 per entry
 Fleece Classes (10-16) - \$10 per entry
 School Classes (A-E & 1-2) – Free if entered individually in
 open or \$10.00 per entry if not.

ALL FLEECE AND ANIMAL ENTRIES CLOSE FRIDAY FEBRUARY 2nd 2024

Entry forms will be available shortly!

The National Angora Trophy Show

Youth Show

CLASS A	SCHOOL CLASS – Junior Doe under 1 year
CLASS B	SCHOOL CLASS – Junior Buck under 1 year
CLASS C	TEAM OF 3 LED WETHER SCHOOL PROGRAM
CLASS D	INDIVIDUAL LED WETHER SCHOOL PROGRAM
CLASS E	LED WETHER PARADERS COMPETITION

Animal Show

	DOES
CLASS 1 A	JUNIOR DOE (under 6 months)
CLASS 1 B	JUNIOR DOE (over 6 months and under 1 year)

	DOES (Cont)
CLASS 2	YEARLING DOE (1 to 2 years) split fine and medium on Judges discretion
CLASS 3	INTERMEDIATE DOE (2-3 years)
CLASS 4	SENIOR DOE (over 3 years)

	BUCKS
CLASS 5 A	JUNIOR BUCK (under 6 months)
CLASS 5 B	JUNIOR BUCK (over 6 months and under 1 year)
CLASS 6	YEARLING BUCK (1-2 years) split fine and medium on Judges Discretion
CLASS 7	INTERMEDIATE BUCK (2-3 years)
CLASS 8	SENIOR BUCK (over 3 years)
CLASS 9	KAMROCK BREEDERS' PERPETUAL TROPHY The Kamrock Breeders Trophy which consists of 4 Angoras over 12 months of age, 1 must be a buck and doe. All 4 must be owned and bred solely by the exhibitor and must carry breeder tattoo prefix.

Champion Schedule

CHAMPION JUNIOR	(Judged from Classes 1 & 5)
RESERVE CHAMPION JUNIOR	(Judged from Classes 1 & 5)
CHAMPION SCHOOL ANGORA	(Judged from Classes A & B)
YOUNG JUDGES	Registration on show day - FRIDAY
YOUNG LED WETHER PARADER	Registration on show day - FRIDAY
YOUNG PARADER	Registration on show day - FRIDAY
CHAMPION DOE	(Judged from Classes 2,3,4)
RESERVE CHAMPION DOE	(Judged from Classes 2,3,4)
CHAMPION BUCK	(Judged from Classes 6,7,8)
RESERVE CHAMPION BUCK	(Judged from Classes 6,7,8)
SUPREME CHAMPION	(Judged from three Champions)

MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR	ANIMALS (from Classes 1-9) Score 1st-3, 2nd-2, 3rd -1, Champion 2, Reserve 1, Supreme 1.
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Mohair Fleece Show

CLASS 10	SKIRTED FIRST SHEARING KID FLEECE
CLASS 11	SKIRTED FINE KID FLEECE – judged on type
CLASS 12	SKIRTED KID FLEECE – judged on type
CLASS 13	SKIRTED STRONG KID FLEECE – judged on type
CLASS 14	SKIRTED YOUNG GOAT FLEECE – judged on type
CLASS 15	SKIRTED FINE HAIR – judged on type
CLASS 16	KEITH MCKENZIE TROPHY – Perpetual trophy Consisting of 3kg of Fine Kid, Kid or Strong Kid, and Young Goat. According to Exhibitor entry.

CHAMPION FLEECE	(from Class 10,11,12,13,14,15)
RESERVE CHAMPION FLEECE	
MOST SUCCESSFUL EXHIBITOR	FLEECES (from Classes 10-16) Score 1st -3, 2nd -2, 3rd -1, Champion -2, Reserve -1, Supreme 1.

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GOULBURN NSW 2580
02 4821 2422

PARKHAVEN MOTEL

60 Lagoon Street
GOULBURN NSW 2580
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ALL ENQUIRIES FOR SHOW: NSW DIVISION, EMAIL

brighthills@bigpond.com FOR CORRECT ENTRY FORMS.

All entries are to be paid in full and a copy of payment sent with the entry Form to Show Secretary by Friday 2nd of February 2024

A HELMSMAN SALE WILL BE RUNNING ON THE SATURDAY 9TH MARCH IN CONJUNCTION WITH THE ANIMAL SECTION OF THE SHOW

Conditions of Entry

All animal entries to be accompanied a NVD.

Mohair Fleece Show

1. Fleeces can be delivered directly on the 11 March 2024 before 11.00 am to the Peden Pavilion.
2. Fleeces in classes 14 need to be identified on entry form and on fleece drop off.
3. Additional fleeces may be entered late and paid on the day for existing exhibitors in the 2022 show.

4. Fleeces entered in all classes, and not composite fleeces to be owned by the exhibitor.
5. Fleeces exhibited shall not exceed 17 cm in length.
6. Keith McKenzie Trophy to consist of 3kg FKid, 3kg Kid / Strong Kid and 3kg Young Goat Fleece.

Organised by NSW Division Mohair Australia.

Animal Show

1. All animals entered and exhibited must be registered with Mohair Australia Ltd by the 15th February 2024, except junior nominations and be the bonafide property of the exhibitor, who shall be a current financial member of Mohair Australia Ltd.
2. NO BREEDERS PREFIX requirement with the exception of Class 12.
3. No animal will be admitted to the show unless duly entered and no substitutes.
4. For Junior classes exhibitors wishing to nominate instead of providing full details by the 15th February 2024 can pay an additional \$3 per entry fee and must provide full details of each entry to the coordinator by the 5th March 2022.
5. All animals entered and exhibited must have been clean shorn to a maximum length of 1 cm on or after the 1 August 2023. Animals entered in under 12 month classes are excluded from this provision.
6. Animals are to be crutched and wigged so that the hair is clear of eyes and heavy stain from the breach is removed from does.
7. All animals ages to be calculated at the 8th March 2024.
8. All Fleece exhibits, Class winners, Champions and Reserve Champions must remain in the Peden Pavilion until the conclusion of the show.
9. All stud displays and stud signage in pen area is not to be set up until after the animal judging on the 10th March 2022.
10. Checking in stewards will refuse entry to any animal affected by external parasites or in obvious ill health. Such animal/s shall be removed from the showground along with all animals travelling in the same vehicle.
11. In the case of infectious diseases being spread through or by an exhibit, the Exhibitor only and not the organisers shall be held responsible.
12. Animals shall be placed in the pens allocated to the exhibitor and only moved as authorised by stewards.
13. Mohair Australia Ltd shall not be responsible for any accident or damage caused to or by an exhibit and it shall be a condition of entry that each exhibitor shall hold the organisers harmless and indemnify it against any action arising from such damage.
14. The organisers accept no responsibility for the loss or damage of any exhibits or exhibitor property. A high degree of care will be taken.
15. The decision of the judge will be final.
16. Exhibitors shall provide their own forage and water containers.
17. The organisers will provide bedding straw.
18. The organisers have the right, without giving any reason to cancel any event or class, to alter the conditions of any class, or to alter the time of any event. Notice will be given if this occurs to all exhibitors.
19. Any dispute as to the interpretation of these conditions shall be referred to the Chief Steward whose decision shall be the final, except where breaches of the conditions of entry are established after the show when the provision of Clause 21 will apply.
20. Disputes that cannot be resolved by the relevant chief steward can be referred to the NSW division executive team of 3 to rule on the outcome.
21. The NSW division of Mohair Australia reserves the right to disqualify exhibitors and/or withdraw awards retrospectively where breaches of the rules are discovered after the show.
22. School stud only classes must carry stud tattoo. Ribbon winners from Classes A and B are eligible at no extra cost to compete in the relevant Open Class.

Perpetual trophies remain the property of the NSW Division and must be returned on request each year in good order.

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20 - 2022 WETHERS available November 2023

These boys are all weaving quality fiber and will produce beautiful YG fiber next year.

All carry a pink tag, breed using A - Z genetics



6 – 2022 DOES available November 2023.

These young ladies are all weaving quality fiber and will become the mothers of future mohair producers. All carry a pink tag, breed using A - Z genetics.

15 – 2021/2020 does available

These girls are all pink tagged, the 2020 does have all kidded this year, some rearing twins.

All the girls have been breed using A - Z genetics



8 – 2019 does available January 2024

These does are all pink tagged, are all good mothers and rare good-sized kids. Does are all quiet and easy to handle and a good breeding size.

These girls are breed using A - Z genetics.

11 – 2018 does available January 2024

These does are all pink tagged and many produce and rare twins. They are big strong ladies that will provide beautiful kids going forward if given the chance.





Feeding weaned Angora kids - The effect of different feeds

Thursday, 26th April 2018

1. REPRODUCTION

- Chocolate maize,
- Lucerne,
- Milled lucern/maize
- Milled miliemeel

While pre-weaning growth rates of ram and ewe kids may be satisfactory, post-weaning growth rates, in kids that do not receive supplementary feeding after weaning, are often very poor. Kids that are weaned lose weight fast due to “weaning shock” and under normal Karoo conditions can take too long to regain their weaning mass.

Low kidding percentages of two-toothed ewes frequently obtained by farmers as well as the high mortality rate that can occur from weaning until first mating is often due to this poor growth. During this period the mortality rate is on average 12, 5 % which is appreciably higher than in other types of small stock.

The dramatic improvement in growth rates in these kids when supplemented shows the necessity for an effective supplementary feeding programme. This supplementary feeding should ideally be started before the kids (creep feed) are removed from the ewes so that they have already adapted to the diet.

The effect of ‘weaning shock’ and the effect of nutrition can be seen in the following trials. The effect of weaning and nutrition on the growth rate of kids is demonstrated in experiments

carried out when feeding weaned (removed from mothers) and un-weaned (left to graze with mothers until natural weaning occurs) kids. (1 & 2 below)

1. Feeding (80% milled lucerne and 20 % mealie meal)
- Un-weaned kids the average daily increase (ADI) of the un-weaned group was 33, 8 g
 - The weaned kids average ADI was 21,9 g .

2. FEEDING JUST LUCERNE HAY

- Un-weaned kids increased by 17,7 g per day
- The weaned kids ADI 9,6 g per day.

The daily gain of the un-weaned group on the lucerne/mealie meal ration was 54 % more than the weaned group. On the poorer ration (lucerne), the growth of the un-weaned group was 85% better than the weaned group.

For more details of this trial see Weaning and the first 18 months on the SAMGA website
https://www.angoras.co.za/page/weaning_and_the_first_18_months#46

3. FEEDING CHOCOLATE MAIZE COMPARED TO MILIEMEEL

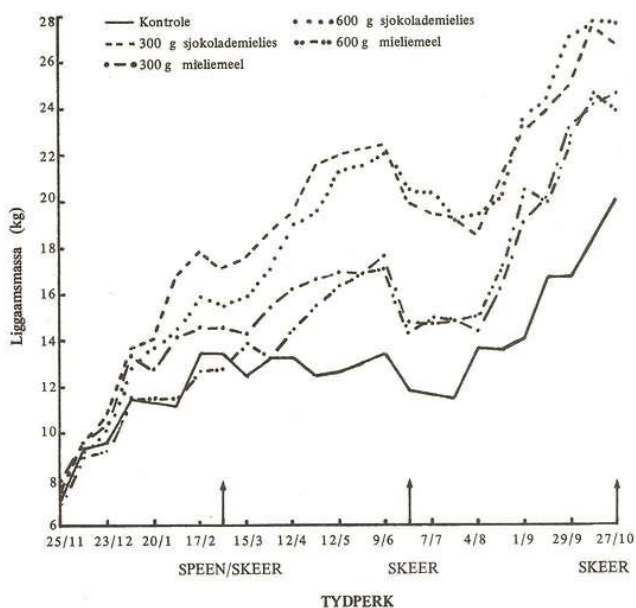
1. Effect on Body weight

Kids were fed from weaning to 13 months on the following supplementary rations

- 1 CONTROL no supplement
- 2 300 g sjokolademieliies (SM)
- 3 300 g mieliemeel & sout (MM)
- 4 600 g sjokolademieliies (SM)
- 5 600 g mieliemeel & sout (MM)

One of the problems when supplementing feed while on the veld is that the kids do not utilise the veld as much. To determine the optimum amount of supplementation was the reason for the number of different rations in the trial.

Growth curve of the kids on the different feed below:



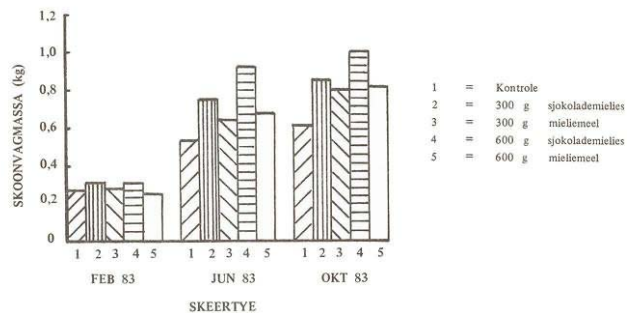
Figuur 1 Die gemiddelde groeikurwes van die verskillende groepe kleinbokkies (twee-weeklikse geweg) vanaf vier weke na geboorte tot en met die derde skeertyd.

After weaning the groups receiving supplementation growth outmatched the control group, in fact the control group lost weight (13.4% loss or 1.8kg)

- At shearing the SM-group weighed more than the others. There was not much difference between the group that had double the amount chocolate maize.
- The SM (Chocolate mielies group was about 5.8kg heavier than the mielie meal groups and 8.6 kg heavier than the control.
- Note the effect of cold on the kids after shearing with all groups' weights declining. Only after 6 weeks did they start significantly increasing again.
- At a year old the average body weight of the control was 21 kg, the MM group 24kg and the SM (Chocolate mielies) group was 27kg.

Feeding 300g chocolate mielies is the most effective feeding supplement to achieve effective growth.

1. Effect on mohair production



Figuur 2 Die gemiddelde skoonvagnissa van die kleinbokkies in die verskillende groepe tydens skeertye.

- At weaning there is no significant difference in mohair production.

Second shearing:

- At the second shearing the control group produced 0.22kg and 0.39kg less mohair than the 300g and 600g chocolate mielies group.
- The 300 g SM-group produced 0,11 kg more clean mohair than the mielie meal group.
- The 600g chocolate mielie group produced 0.17kg and 0.28kg more mohair than the 300g SM and 600g MM group.

Conclusion

- The both chocolate maize group produced more mohair. The 600g produced the most hair.
- The 300g chocolate maize group was the best weight gain

Reference

DIE EFFEK VAN ENERGIEBYVOEDING AAN JONG GROEIENDE ANGORA BOKKIES
P D Grobbelaar en C M M Landman *
Afdeling Diereproduksie
Landboukollege Grootfontein



Growth Rate of Angora Kids

NUTRITION

Text Extracted from research by Gretha Snyman, Grootfontein Agricultural Development Institute

The relatively poor growth rate of Angora kids, compared to other small stock breeds, is well known and many young ewes do not reach this target weight at first mating age.

Data from 12 Angora goat studs (over 16 000 kids' data collected)	
TRAIT	AVERAGE
Birth weight (kg)	3.2
Weaning weight (kg)	17.6
ADG:birth to wean (g/day)	113
8 month weight (kg)	22.9
ADG:wean to 8mo (g/day)	40
12 month weight (kg)	20.7
ADG:8mo to 12mo (g/day)	9
16 month weight (kg)	24.6
ADG:12mo to 16mo (g/day)	30
Body weight before mating (kg)	26.9
Body weight at scan (kg)	30.6
Number of kids scanned	0.78
Number of kids born	0.73
Number of kids weaned	0.58

BODY WEIGHT and GROWTH RATE

1. Birth to 8 months of age of Ram kids.

STUD	BIRTH WEIGHT (KG)	WEANING WEIGHT (KG)	ADG:BIRTH TO WEAN (G/DAY)	8 MONTH WEIGHT (KG)	ADG:WEAN TO 8MO (G/DAY)
Average	3.28±0.04	17.7±0.3	114.4±2.3	26.8±0.5	61.5±3.3

2. Birth to 8 months of age Ewe kids

STUD	BIRTH WEIGHT (KG)	WEANING WEIGHT (KG)	ADG:BIRTH TO WEAN (G/DAY)	8 MONTH WEIGHT (KG)	ADG:WEAN TO 8MO (G/DAY)
Average	2.92±0.04	15.3±0.3	97.8±2.3	18.8±0.5	27.5±3.2

3. Body weight and ADG from 12 to 16 months of age of ewe kids

STUD	12 MONTH WEIGHT (KG)	ADG:8MO TO 12MO (G/DAY)	16 MONTH WEIGHT (KG)	ADG:12MO TO 16MO (G/DAY)
Average	20.7±0.3	9±2.4	24.6±0.7	30±2.7

4. Body weight from 18 to 21 months of age and reproductive performance of young ewes

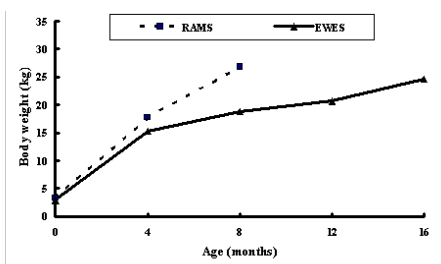
STUD	18 MONTH WEIGHT (KG)	21 MONTH WEIGHT (KG)	NUMBER OF KIDS SCANNED	NUMBER OF KIDS BORN	NUMBER OF KIDS WEANED
Average	26.9±0.4	30.6±0.4	0.79±0.04	0.73±0.04	0.58±0.04

- Average birth weight was 3.20 kg and ranged from 2.55 kg to 3.39 kg among the studs.
- Average weaning weight of kids was 17.6 kg and varied between 13.7 kg and 22.7 kg for the various studs.
- Average 8-month body weight of kids was 22.9 kg and ranged from 16.5 kg to 32.3 kg.
- Average 12-month body weight of ewe kids were 20.7 kg average, with a range between 14.3 kg and 27.4 kg.
- Average 16-month weight of ewe kids was 24.6 kg, ranging from 17.0 kg to 29.9 kg among studs.
- Average daily gain (ADG)
- Birth to weaning 113 g/day
- Weaning to 8 months 40 g/day
- 8-12 months 9 g/day
- 12-16 months 30 g/day
- Respective weights for 18-month body weight of ewe kids were 26.9 kg average, with a range between 20.9 kg and 35.0 kg.
- Average 21-month weight of ewe kids was 30.6 kg, ranging from 24.8 kg to 37.1 kg among studs.

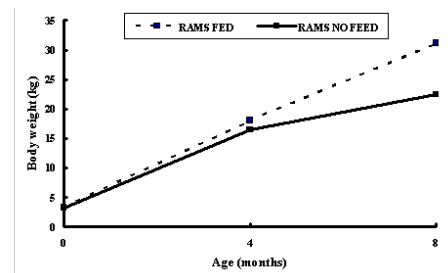
After 8 months old in some flocks, the kids showed an increase in body weight, while other remained constant or some even lost weight. Where ewe kids were run on pastures, they maintained a steady growth rate of ± 32 g/day from 8 to 12 and from 12 to 16 months of age. In comparison, the ewe kids run under veld conditions without any supplementation, lost on average 2 g/day between 8 and 12 months of age.

From 12 to 16 months of age, the latter ewe kids gained 28 g/day.

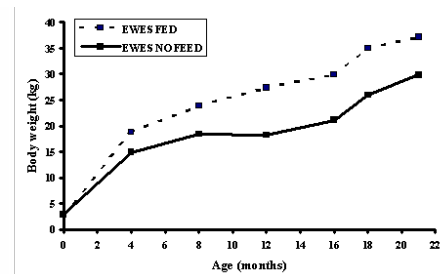
- 15 % kids weaned by the young ewes in one stud which had the lowest body weight at 18 months of age (20.9 ± 0.3),
- compared to the ewes in a stud which weaned 84 % kids and had the highest 18-month body weight (35.0 ± 0.2 kg).
- Furthermore, ewe kids run under veld conditions without supplementation, weaned on average 53% kids, compared to the kids in pasture raised kids in a stud which weaned 84% kids. The importance of a sustained level of adequate nutrition of ewe kids after weaning is emphasized through these results.



Growth curves of ram kids from birth to 8 months of age and of ewe kids from birth to 16 months of age



Growth curves of ram kids in studs where ram kids received supplementary feeding after weaning and in studs where ram kids received no supplementation



Growth curves of ewe kids in studs where ewe kids received supplementary feeding after weaning and in studs where ewe kids received no supplementation

CONCLUSIONS

- It is evident that pre-weaning growth rate of ram and ewe kids is satisfactory, but post-weaning growth rate of those kids (ram and ewe) that did not receive supplementary feeding after weaning, is unacceptable.
- The effect of different pre-weaning treatments did not seem to be carried over to body weights at later ages, nor did it affect first kidding performance.
- The poor growth rate of especially ewe kids after weaning till 12 months of age is a serious problem that should be addressed, as it directly influences the reproductive ability of the young ewes, which was again evident from the poor reproductive performance of the young ewes in some of the studs.

Also see WEANING and the FIRST 18 MONTHS on the SAMGA website https://www.angoras.co.za/page/weaning_and_the_first_18_months#46

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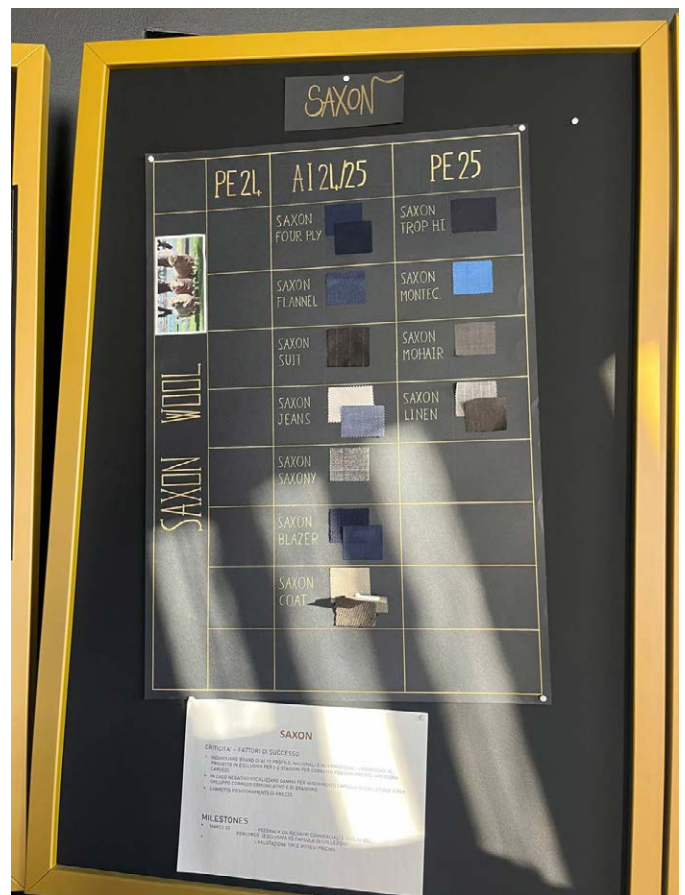
Natural Fibre connect (NFC) conference which you can join after the event online or follow on social media. We have included a snapshot from the facebook page to give you an insight into the pre-conference mill tours.

NFC Preconference Mill tours

Vitale Barberis Canonico

Second day of pre conference activities road to the main event, we visited Vitale Barberis Canonico, this 350-year-old mill will open its historical doors for NFC pre-conference attendees and delegates to discover the magic behind their fusion of contemporary Italian and traditional British style.

Another amazing journey with the Natural Fibre Connect Community.



It's begun!

With the main #NaturalFibreConnect conference now underway, it is highly recommended that all attendees download and login to the official event app ahead of the conference. The app is your one-stop solution for all conference-related information and interactions. Here we will communicate any last minute changes and updates - so it really will become your essential conference companion!



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1. Download "MyHub by Eventify" on either the App Store or from Google Play.
2. Once downloaded, open the app and search for "Natural Fibre Connect 2023".
3. Login using the email address you used when registering for NFC.
4. The app will send a verification code to your email inbox - simply copy and paste the passcode to access the app.
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Separately Frances Van Hasselt Zegna tour on Mohair South Africa facebook page.

Embarking on a journey through the harmonious blend of artisanal craftsmanship and modern technology at the Zegna Mill in Piedmont, Italy! From the heart of this historic textile town,



Frances van Hasselt had the privilege of witnessing Zegna's entire production process — from hand-picking raw materials to the finishing touches. Naturally, this included Mohair, our cherished and luxurious natural fibre with a rich Zegna legacy!

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Mohair Australia Ltd AGM Formal Notice and Details

AGM Date – Thursday 23 November 2023

AGM Time – 4.00pm AEST

AGM Venue – Lazy Lizard Restaurant

Located in The Gateway Motor Inn 146-152 East Street Narrandera NSW 2700

Join us for dinner at the Lazy Lizard Restaurant afterwards with

Guest Speaker – Danielle Chiel from KOCO (Knit One Change One) international knitwear.

RSVP FOR CATERING by the 20th November 2023.

mohair@mohair.org.au Attention AGM RSVP.

RSVP for Zoom on member letter.

Agenda, proxy documentation and financial papers will be sent to MAL members.

GICA - PIC NOTICE

Producers need to ensure when selling goat(s) the purchasers have a PIC (Property Identification Code) number – even if only one or two!

Cheers, Nick

To the MAL Board,

On Wednesday 11th October I counted the ballots for the MAL Board nominees. Wouter Ypma was present as scrutineer. The successful candidates are listed below:

Nick Gorrie
John Hoornweg
Sue Bell
Susan Jordan
Don Murphy.

Sincerely,

Jo Collins

Returning Officer

SAVE THE DATE
SATURDAY 13TH JANUARY 2024



Dulark Angora Stud and invited guest vendors

Lynndon Grove Angora Stud - Lynne and Don Carter

Tagora Angora Stud - Susie Paterson

Kunkala Angora Stud - Joseph Keates

**More details to follow and sale catalogue out
in December 2023.**

Yours sincerely, Nick Gorrie

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NO KIDDING: This is the best goat curry you'll ever try

There is nothing quite like watching someone discover the joy of goat. I'm not kidding, goat is delicious!

Spice it up!

Bibina is the perfect place to purchase your goat meat, as you have access to all of spices, herbs, rices and other ingredients that will perfectly suit your dish. Whatever style curry you decide on (there are so many to choose from) the specialist aisles at Bibina make it easy to grab what you need.

Keep it moist

Low and slow is the rule with goat.

This dish will take hours but once the onions and spices are cooked out you can practically just whack it in the oven. It will take at least four hours but slow cooking is all about gently bringing out the flavour.

INGREDIENTS

- 1kg diced goat
- 1 large onion
- 2 tsp fresh garlic
- 3 tsp fresh ginger
- 4 green cardamom pods
- 1 tsp coriander seed
- ½ tsp cumin seed
- 1 tsp turmeric
- 1 clove
- 1 tsp ground allspice
- 1 tsp chilli powder (or to your taste)
- 2 small cinnamon quills
- 1 tsp garam masala
- 400 ml coconut milk
- 300ml water
- 400g diced tomato
- Natural yoghurt to marinate and/or serve with



INSTRUCTIONS

1. Toast the spices (except the turmeric, bay leaf and one cinnamon quill) off in a dry pan until fragrant, then blend together in a spice grinder or mortar and pestle (or mix together if using ground spice).
2. Heat a little vegetable oil in a large pan and slowly cook the onion until it starts to soften and then add the garlic, ginger and spices, including the spare cinnamon quill, bay leaf and turmeric.
3. Cook the onion and spice mix for a few minutes then add the tomatoes. Stir to release all of the delicious bits from the pan and cook, stirring, for five minutes.
4. Season the goat with salt and pepper and add it to the pan, cooking it in the spice/tomato mix for a few minutes then add the water and coconut milk. If you wish to transfer to a covered casserole dish in oven it can be cooked at 150c. Check after a couple of three hours. If continuing on the stovetop, add 200ml water to it and let the curry gently simmer away. Make sure the pan has a lid on it and give it a stir from time to time and if you need to, add more water. To pump up the flavour add an extra teaspoon of garam masala just as the goat turns tender.
5. Cook until the goat is tender and gravy is nice and thick. Taste and adjust seasoning if needed. Serve with some minted yoghurt and rice or some naan or roti.

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