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breeders of angora goats &  
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## National Presidents Letter

August 2025

Welcome. I hope you have all survived the cold weather. This winter has been particularly tough on the animals because it has been cold and wet in our region. We have had to feed more to supplement than last year. A lot more! Today was the first feeling of Spring with some much needed rain due later this week. I hope the season is improving for you as you come into one of the most important times in the calendar – kidding.

Putting together the newsletter is a good chance to review what has happened in the last while and what is upcoming for the mohair industry in Australia. Technology is changing the way we do things. I have picked out some of the key snippets from the socials, gateway, markets and industry events so you can read and look at the photos whilst having a cuppa through your kidding season.

Finally, please join us for the National AGM at the Huon Hill Pub in Wodonga. All the details are included inside. Margaret Nicholls is organising a mohair industry reunion on Saturday the 29th November 2025 at the same venue, Huon Hill. All are welcome. So, join us for a MAL lunch on the 29th by RSVP and stay for dinner or the night at the Guest Apartments at your own expense.

**Yours sincerely,**

**Nick Gorrie**



# Call for nominations for the National Executive Board

Dear Member,

Are you passionate about the mohair industry? Do you want to represent fellow breeders? Do you want to make a business out of mohair and Angora Goats?

We are calling for nominations to the National Executive Board of Mohair Australia Ltd. The form is linked below in the blue box.

"The National Executive shall comprise of 5 persons elected from the membership the election for the five (5) persons pursuant to sub-Article 11.2.1 shall be carried out by the last day in September and thereafter the last day of September of an election year, by the returning officer nominated by the outgoing National Executive in a manner determined by the National Executive and set down in a ByLaw."

This form must be lodged with the Returning Officer by 5pm on Friday 5th September 2025.

If you cannot open the link do not hesitate to contact us on email [mohair@mohair.org.au](mailto:mohair@mohair.org.au) and we can email it to you directly.

King regards,  
Mohair Australia Ltd

## Join us for **MAL AGM & Reunion** Mohair Australia Ltd **National Annual General Meeting (AGM) Notice**

Friday 28th November 2025 @ 6pm,  
followed by Mohair industry reunion awards  
& lunch on Saturday 29th November 2025 from midday.



### Huon Hill

8 REID STREET, WODONGA VIC 3690

Huon Hill is your local pub for delicious meals near you, sporting events, live entertainment, function rooms and event spaces ideal for any occasion! Located in the heart of Wodonga, a 10-minute drive from Albury and a quick stroll across the glass skywalk from Quest.

# MOHAIR AUSTRALIA LIMITED

## By-law No. 12

### Recording Identification of Individual Stud Animals

#### Ear Tag Identification Only of Herd Book Registered Animal/s

- 1 The Ear Tag used MUST be compliant with State Regulations.

NLIS Compliant Electronic Ear Tag MUST be used, meaning it must have printed on it the Breeders P.I.C. number, together with the goats registered Prefix or Herd Tattoo number and the Animals Identification Number.

*Important Note: Check your state requirements for the mandatory NILS Electronic Ear Tags for GOATS*

#### Ear Tags (Secondary Ear Tags)

- 2 Any additional ear tags can be used by the Breeder if they wish to, would contain the Breeders additional information they may wish to identify the individual animal on farm MUST be placed in the OPPOSITE EAR to the NILS Electronic Ear Tag.

#### Tattooing

- 3 This format is Optional (not compulsory)
  - If tattooing is your preferred option to be used
  - When tattooing a suitable pain relief to be used

If a Breeder decides to Tattoo they are still required to place an NLIS tag as follows:

NLIS Compliant Electronic Ear Tag MUST be used, meaning it must have printed on it the Breeders P.I.C. number, together with the goats registered Prefix or Herd Tattoo number and the Animals Identification Number.



# AgriFutures Stakeholder Summit

## An insight from Harrison Berry

In July, Ben Farmer, Rodney Lush and I represented Lucerne Australia at the 2025 AgriFutures Stakeholder Summit in Canberra. The gathering was designed to create connections, encourage collaboration and build leadership across Australia's rural industries. There was a very diverse attendance, from Rice Growers to the Mohair industry, Rural Women's Award Finalists, representatives from the Department of Agriculture, Fisheries and Forestry, the AgriFutures team and 40+ Horizon Scholars (emerging leaders studying Ag or STEM at university).

There were a few presentations covering topics such as "How AI is reshaping rural industries" (there are a few years left before the world becomes The Matrix) and "Changing global trade scenarios" (Trump and his tariffs). The catering on offer was exceptional, but the real substance was having genuine conversations. There were lessons learnt in sharing challenges between industries and having new contacts to call upon.

There was a lot of interaction with the Horizon scholars and despite feeling old, it was great to see smart and enthusiastic young people just as passionate about agriculture as they were about the evening put on. It was also a good opportunity to make them aware of the Pasture Seed industry and encourage them towards a career in it.

It was noted that some industries had a disconnection between the growers, researchers, and Agrifutures, which had led to poor RD&E outcomes for their levies and industry. It is a key objective for to maintain a strong relationship with the Pasture Seeds Advisory Panel and AgriFutures team to continue delivering valued and relevant RD&E projects from levied funds & government contributions. Lucerne Australia's presence and input was well received.

Whilst visiting parliament we met the National Farmers Federation CEO, Troy Williams (who after speaking with the attendees coincidentally happened to resign a few days later) and he had some fitting words "If you want anything to change, you need to show up and be a part of it, that's how you make it happen". This event will more than likely be held again next year and if you're in the position to go, I encourage attending.

After the Agrifutures Summit I touched based with Thomas and he provided a very insightful email back which I have included below.

Hi Nick,

Thanks for sending that through. It is good to see smaller industries talking to each other at event like this.

In this area around Keith, lucerne (irrigated seed and pasture), cover cropping and grazing go together very well. A lot of these guys focus on Lucerne seed for the export market which returns very well ( but can be very risky and unreliable), as well as pastures/fodder and buy trade in stock (sucker lambs, wethers or breeding ewes) as needed as an additional enterprise to graze over summer.

Angora goats fit perfectly into these kind of enterprises, particularly with lucerne pastures and irrigation filling the feed gap over summer allowing for good Kid growth from a late winter/ spring kidding. There is also less veg contamination in fleeces through good weed control and ground cover in lucerne stands.

Rodney is well known and respected locally and has had a lot of experience across a range of fields. He was involved with aspects of animal breeding on Kirra in the 90s and would remember the scale of the Aust. mohair industry as it was in those days and the number of local producers involved.

The younger guys are best placed to consider Angoras as an alternative. They are more open minded and willing to look at alternatives if they see it as worthwhile, this probably fits into a more Regenerative/holistic way of thinking which is catching on with my age bracket as pressure is now coming from private and public sectors. Of course it has to return financially. I picked up this vibe at Lucindale Field Days as well.

Numbers regarding profitability of Angora Goats as a Mohair and Meat enterprise would go a long way with them. They want tangible evidence and results. Even a thorough up to date gross margin analysis under an RMS Angora enterprise compared to



Merino Sheep enterprise would help. This should come from an industry body i.e Mohair Australia.

If they can see that kid mohair returns better than lambs wool with the same shearing costs, and there is a meat value, then they may be more inclined to buy in angora wethers rather than sucker lambs to graze over summer.

They would also want to be sure that they are going to get paid on time, as they would with trading prime lambs or selling surplus breeding ewes on Auctions Plus or through an agent. The first signs of uncertainty through delays and holdups and they'd be less likely to stick with it. The Lucerne seed export market has a reputation as being very unreliable in filling contracts. Throw seasonal variability into the mix, it can be a boom or bust game. That is something they are used to entering overseas markets such as the Middle East.

The other factor is of course shearing, and nowadays the cost of it. That is probably the biggest draw back to somebody seriously considering running Angoras commercially. This problem is not isolated to Angoras, but all fibre animals and partly why people are turning to shedding breeds or cattle in traditional wool growing areas. The younger guys, unless they have a passion for fibre animals, seem less inclined to want to do the hard work involved with shearing when they know they can get better returns from beef cattle or cropping.

Shearing Merinos, for example, is now costing up to \$10.50/head and likely to continue to rise when you factor in shed hands, classing, super, work cover etc.

They will be doing the numbers on this and wondering if it's even worth it for all the work. This is where the demonstration of consistent high returns through high quality superior fibre, as is being done through the GT and the Fibre Group will be critical. As farms increasingly change hands between generations, the younger ones will be making the decisions on the enterprises they want to run.

I also note AWI does a course called 'Life Time Ewe' which gets a small group of producers together in an area to look at the effect of nutrition and management on their own stock for their local environment. I know merino guys in this area who have done this and they have got a lot out of it. It also creates a network of like minded producers who can share knowledge, information and resources. Something like this could work with

mohair, as we have been seeing in enterprises such as GT and Grant's. Perhaps Agrifutures or DAFF could facilitate a project like this for Mohair.

Another barrier here is the 'traditionalist' stigma, as smaller enterprises under the name of 'diversification' such as angora goats, emus, Deer, olives etc have been tried in this area years ago with varying degrees of success. Most were labelled by traditionalists as a 'fad' that eventually died out.

At the end of the day Sheep (merino, X-Breds), cattle, dry land cropping (cereals, oilseeds) and lucerne for seed and legume based pastures seem to always prevail in this area and look set to continue into the future.

I do, however, see huge opportunity for mohair production here, the animals do very well in our Mediterranean climate and graze complimentary with sheep and cattle with existing farm infrastructure. It has been done before and returned very well for those that did it properly and were innovative enough to develop their properties for mohair production. Herds of 1,000 to 2,000 animals were common.

With today's improved kemp free genetics, superior mohair quality, Regenerative practises and 'HM mohair Brand' I see a big opportunity for Angoras to be run as a profitable commercial operation as is being demonstrated by GT.

The Lucerne Australia group has some very well educated, tidy and wealthy generational operators who manage their farms well and would be considered 'best practise' for this area. Some are almost co-operate structures now with the capacity to run large numbers.

I'm probably not saying anything new, but these are all the factors that serious prospective commercial producers in this Keith area will be considering.

Ultimately, as with anything in farming, if they are passionate and keen enough to stick with it for the long run, there is no reason why they could not be successful with Angoras.

Cheers,

Thomas



# AI ChatGP

## How to set up an stud angora stud in Australia example of AI

At the recent Agrifutures Summit there was a presentation on AI. I plugged into ChatGP the question - How to set up an Angora goat stud in Australia. This is what it gave me back. Perhaps the old way of finding out things is being challenged.

### AI Overview

To set up an Angora goat stud farm in Australia, you need to focus on securing appropriate land with good fencing, selecting quality animals, ensuring proper mohair production through regular shearing and care, managing flock health with regular drenching, and preparing for climate conditions by providing shelter and controlling predators. Joining industry groups like Mohair Australia can provide valuable resources, while the Meat & Livestock Australia's "Give Goats a Go" hub offers comprehensive information on all aspects of goat farming.

### Property Planning & Land Management

- **Land Suitability:**

Angoras thrive in Australia's dry climates, particularly in areas with rainfall between 250-600mm per annum.

- **Secure Fencing:**

Goats are known for their ability to push through fences, so ensure your property is secured with robust, goat-proof fencing to prevent them from straying and to protect your neighbours' properties.

- **Shelter:**

Provide shelter from cold winds and rain, as angoras lack the insulating fat layer of sheep and their mohair is not naturally waterproof.

- **Predator Control:**

Implement a predator control strategy, possibly using guardian animals such as alpacas or sheepdogs.

### Animal Selection & Breeding

- **Genetics:**

Focus on selecting animals with strong genetics for robust frames, well-structured legs and feet, and high-quality fleece traits.

- **Breeding Objectives:**

Your breeding program should focus on improving fleece weight, yield, and quality while also considering the health and fertility of the animals.

- **Meat Production:**

Select animals with traits that add value to the meat commodity market for culls and young animals.



## Mohair Production & Care

- **Shearing:**

Angoras are typically shorn twice a year, and the process is similar to sheep wool, but requires a clean shed and proper equipment.

- **Fleece Quality:**

Regularly assess and manage your flock to ensure it produces high-quality mohair, which is the primary income source.

## Flock Health & Management

- **Internal Parasites:**

Implement a strict drenching program to manage parasites, especially before winter and during periods of summer rain.

- **Pasture Management:**

Implement sustainable grazing and pasture management practices to minimize worm contamination for susceptible animals like pregnant does and weaners.

## Industry Engagement & Resources

- **Industry Groups:**

Join organizations like Mohair Australia to network with experienced producers and stay informed about industry best practices and market requirements.

- **Government Resources:**

Leverage resources such as the Meat & Livestock Australia (MLA)'s "Give Goats a Go" hub, which offers a comprehensive toolkit for establishing a successful goat production system.

- **Goats hub | Meat & Livestock Australia - MLA**

'Going into goats' guide This information package includes 12 free, downloadable modules that explain the essential processes for ...

Meat & Livestock Australia

Stock Journal

- **Getting Started - Australian Mohair Marketing Organisation**

Angoras are ideally suited to Australia's dry climate areas. Good breeding and imported genetics have produced a hardy animal that...





# Sydney Royal Easter Show 2025

## Angora goats and mohair fleeces

### Major Awards

### 2025 GOATS - ANGORA RESULTS

Note: Results for each class are displayed as follows: Award, Catalogue Number, Exhibitor, Exhibit

#### CLASS: S238 - Grand Champion Mohair Fleece

Winner	4	MS AMANDA STATHAM WEST WYALONG NSW 2671 WILLOW GLEN ANGORAS
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#### CLASS: S239 - Reserve Grand Champion Mohair Fleece

Winner	20	MS AMANDA STATHAM WEST WYALONG NSW 2671 WILLOW GLEN ANGORAS
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#### CLASS: S242 - Kid Champion Angora Doe

Winner	52	NARRANDERA HIGH SCHOOL NARRANDERA NSW 2700 IAS SARAH ANGORA 198755 0112
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#### CLASS: S243 - Reserve Kid Champion Angora Doe

Winner	55	DEBBIE SCATTERGOOD BUNGENDORE NSW 2621 CULLBOOKIE SUNBEAM ANGORA 198676 CBE 6490
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#### CLASS: S246 - Kid Champion Angora Buck

Winner	73	NARRANDERA HIGH SCHOOL NARRANDERA NSW 2700 IAS JUDD ANGORA 198767 0115
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**CLASS: S247 - Reserve Kid Champion Angora Buck**

Winner	61	NARRANDERA HIGH SCHOOL NARRANDERA NSW 2700 IAS LIAM ANGORA 198763 0113
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**CLASS: S250 - Junior Champion Angora Doe**

Winner	101	DEBBIE SCATTERGOOD BUNGENDORE NSW 2621 CULLBOOKIE GIZELLE ANGORA 198671 CBE 6244
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**CLASS: S251 - Reserve Junior Champion Angora Doe**

Winner	99	DEBBIE SCATTERGOOD BUNGENDORE NSW 2621 CULLBOOKIE FALLINA ANGORA 198275 CBE 6314
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**CLASS: S254 - Junior Champion Angora Buck**

Winner	105	DEBBIE SCATTERGOOD BUNGENDORE NSW 2621 CULLBOOKIE FRASIER ANGORA 198685 CBE 6375
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**CLASS: S255 - Reserve Junior Champion Angora Buck**

Winner	103	DEBBIE SCATTERGOOD BUNGENDORE NSW 2621 CULLBOOKIE CONTENDER ANGORA 198686 CBE 6391
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### CLASS: S258 - Senior Champion Angora Doe

Winner	117	DEBBIE SCATTERGOOD BUNGENDORE NSW 2621 CULLBOOKIE FRIDA ANGORA 197506 CBE 5492
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### CLASS: S259 - Reserve Senior Champion Angora Doe

Winner	114	DEBBIE SCATTERGOOD BUNGENDORE NSW 2621 CULLBOOKIE FEDERICA ANGORA 198692 CBE 6119
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### CLASS: S262 - Senior Champion Angora Buck

Winner	119	NARRANDERA HIGH SCHOOL NARRANDERA NSW 2700 ILLOURA ANGORA STUD JYE ANGORA 198177 IMS 076
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### CLASS: S263 - Reserve Senior Champion Angora Buck

Winner	121	MR NICK GORRIE & MRS KATE GORRIE SPRINGRANGE NSW 2618 DULARK GRAND 3171 ANGORA 197184 DUL 3171
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### CLASS: S267 - Champion Angora, Any Sex, School's Competition

Winner	73	NARRANDERA HIGH SCHOOL NARRANDERA NSW 2700 IAS JUDD ANGORA 198767 0115
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Grand Champion Junior



Grand Champion Kid

**CLASS: S268 - Reserve Champion Angora, Any Sex, School's Competition**

Winner	119	NARRANDERA HIGH SCHOOL NARRANDERA NSW 2700 ILLOURA ANGORA STUD JYE ANGORA 198177 IMS 076
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**CLASS: S269 - Grand Champion Kid Angora Goat**

Winner	73	NARRANDERA HIGH SCHOOL NARRANDERA NSW 2700 IAS JUDD ANGORA 198767 0115
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**CLASS: S270 - Grand Champion Junior Angora Goat**

Winner	101	DEBBIE SCATTERGOOD BUNGENDORE NSW 2621 CULLBOOKIE GIZELLE ANGORA 198671 CBE 6244
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**CLASS: S271 - Grand Champion Senior Angora Goat**

Winner	117	DEBBIE SCATTERGOOD BUNGENDORE NSW 2621 CULLBOOKIE FRIDA ANGORA 197506 CBE 5492
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**CLASS: S272 - Best Angora Goat In Show**

RAS of NSW Award of Excellence Medallion for Best Angora Goat in Show.

Winner	117	DEBBIE SCATTERGOOD BUNGENDORE NSW 2621 CULLBOOKIE FRIDA ANGORA 197506 CBE 5492
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**CLASS: S279 - Most Successful Angora Goat Exhibitor**

Winner		DEBBIE SCATTERGOOD BUNGENDORE NSW 2621
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**CLASS: SWC005 - Most Successful School**

Winner		NARRANDERA HIGH SCHOOL NARRANDERA NSW 2700
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# Results of 2025 Australian Sheep Breeders Show – Bendigo

## Angora/Mohair Section

GRAND CHAMPION

***DULARK ANGORA STUD***

CHAMPION BUCK

***DULARK ANGORA STUD***

RESERVE CHAMPION BUCK

***MALLEE PARK ANGORA STUD***

CHAMPION DOE

***MALLEE PARK ANGORA STUD***

RESERVE CHAMPION DOE

***NARRANDERA HIGH SCHOOL***

CHAMPION FLEECE

***NARRANDERA HIGH SCHOOL***

RESERVE CHAMPION FLEECE

***MALLEE PARK ANGORA STUD***

There were 3 Exhibitors:-

Dulark Angora Stud

Mallee Park Angora Stud

Narrandera High School





# Narrandera High School Angora show team

## Sydney Royal Show 2025

On Sunday the 12th of April at 11:45 pm, the NHS Agriculture Angora show team set off to compete at the 2025 Sydney Royal Show. Arriving at 7:30am on Monday we bumped into the Paddington Pavilion and settled the Angoras into their new home for the week. We also helped all the other exhibitors in unloading their animals and setting up their pens. Once settled the boys competed in the pig paraders competition and organised our mohair fleeces for Judging. This year we helped the Alpacas' as well as reintroducing Angora goats to the parade after a more than a 10 year absence. This was a spectacle with Dogs, Horses, Cattle, Sheep, and Pigs. It was a thrill to be acknowledged by the ring announcers in front of the crowd.



After a delicious meal at the Cattleman's Cafeteria we set off to find our accommodation. This year we stayed at an Air B&B at Gilford, and whilst it was much closer to the showgrounds, it was a little more cramped than our regular accommodation. At 10pm it was light out and time to recharge the batteries as Tuesday was to be a 5:30 start for the Judging of all the Stud Animals.

Rise and shine, stripy shirts on, and on the bus early, we arrived at the show grounds at 6:15. Prior to breakfast the pens were cleaned, the animals fed and watered and made ready for competition. A huge thanks to Mrs Taipaleti for having our breakfast ready so that we had the energy required to make it through our second big day.







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A massive day of Judging in the open and school Stud Angora Show ring. The students and their animals were rewarded with many placings culminating in Grand Champion Junior Buck and Grand Champion Senior Buck and, in the open classes, Champion School Buck and Doe, Champion in Sires Progeny, Group of three Angoras and many, more.

Possibly the biggest highlight for the day was the time spent with Dr Harry from Better Homes and Gardens. Dr Harry spent most of the day with the team asking lots of questions and recording footage that will go to air on Better Homes and Gardens in June. The team also spent hours interacting with the public, and answering any and all questions asked by the many visitors. The public took the time to time to meet all the animals enjoying finding out the individual animal's names and personalities. A special mention to Jessica Wright who was interviewed live on the ABC radio Statewide Drive radio programme, and Alexa Appleby who was interviewed on channel 7 TV News.

On completion of judging and after dinner we all went to the main arena to watch the nights entertainment. This included Camp Drafting, Country vs City K9 wall climb Challenge, The Chicken Run, Aussie Stockman vs American Cowboy, Bison Stampede, Yard dog demonstration, Freestyle MotorX and a coerce the fireworks to finish the night.

Wednesday started well as we had developed a sound routine that set us up for a good start to the day. After tending to the animals and having breakfast we all helped set up the show ring for the production classes in which the animals are shorn, fleeces classed and assigned a dollar value. To do this the floor had to be covered in plastic, pens and shearers stands positioned along with a set of animal scales. Competition commenced with the some of the team assisting the stewards in collecting and recording animals in their groups, whilst others assisted the shearers in removing the mohair and presenting it to the Judge for assessment.

The final results for the production classes were very pleasing with several first places as well as a few third places. Data is yet to be released but when available it will be posted on the schools Facebook page.

Judging of the schools' weather was also conducted with our teams being awarded first and second places, with Muirfield High School in third place and James Ruse High School in fourth place.



In the individual led wether competition Narrandera was place 1st and 3rd, with Muirfield 2nd.

The day's events concluded with the exhibitor's dinner where the major prizes were awarded. This saw the team named the Most Successful School after been successful in the Schools Wether Presentation in which they were awarded first place, with Muirfield 2nd and James Ruse 3rd.

After the presentations the team had an hour and a half to catch some rides down Sideshow alley. Luckily it was a quieter night at the show and most managed to take make it onto a few rides before it was time to board the bus again and return to our accommodation.

Thursday morning came all too quickly and we repeated our morning ritual to get ready for the Youth Paraders, and the Led Wether Paraders competitions, whilst beginning preparation for departing late in the day.



In the paraders competitions competitors were placed into their heats from which they needed to be placed in order to make the finals. Results in the Led Wether Final: 1st Jessica Wright, 3rd Gemma Hugo, 4th Lucy Gooden with Zanthé Richardson Highly Commended. In the youth Paraders Final: 1st Peter Skarlis, 2nd Jessica Wright, 4th Gabrielle Walsh, 5th Gemma Hugo and Highly Commended to Lucy Gooden.



A huge thanks to Mrs Taipaleti for accompanying us on this adventure. Without her assistance it would have been a greatly diminished boys only adventure. Meg's assistance in the bus driving was a very small part of the larger role she created to make this trip a truly enjoyable and memorable experience for the whole team.







# Narrandera High School

## Sydney Royal Angora Wether Competition

The Sydney Royal Angora School Wether Competition is designed to give student an opportunity to prepare and show angora goats in a dedicated schools competition held at the Sydney Royal Easter Show. The schools need to source three angora wethers, six months prior to the show and then prepare the animals for competition. In the six months leading up to the Show students need to monitor the growth and development of the wethers and provide the required feed, husbandry and management for the animals. What follows is a summary of all that the student in the stage 5 Agriculture classes at Narrandera High School did from October 2024 through to April 2025.

The Angora Wether Production Competition began at Narrandera High School upon the arrival of six, Angora wether hoggets (12 months old) in the last week of October 2024. Our wethers were selected from a group of Willow Glen wethers at West Wyalong. The wethers were part of the Willow Glen SRS (Soft Rolling Skin) Stud owned by Ms Statham.



After unloading the animals, they were weighed. Their weights were recorded alongside their ear tag number. The drenching rate was calculated from the weight of the heaviest animal and the wethers were drenched for the control of internal parasites. Q drench was selected and administered to the animals as an oral drench.

Narrandera High School Angora Wether - Team Data 2025									
Tag Number	Name	12/10/24	13/12/24	20/1/25	22/2/25	14/3/25	9/5/25	9/5/25	Weight Gain
		Live Weight	Live Weight	Live Weight	Live Weight	Live Weight	Live Weight	Micron	
1897	REMI	29	33	37	44	49	55	29.5	26
1715	VINCENT	30	37	43	49	56.5	60	30.1	30
1903	JAMAHL	30	35	37	44	50	54	29.1	24
1929	FRANK	32	37	41	43	47.5	53	30.2	21
1924	WOBBY	30	33	36	41	45.4	50	29.3	20
1874	JOHNY	35	40	44	49	55	59	28.9	24
	Average	31.0	35.8	39.7	45.0	50.6	55.2	29.5	24

Lick feeder providing Lupins for protein and Barley for energy. A buffer was also added. Cereal hay was provided Ad Lib in an all-weather hay rack. The animals had access to green feed at all times. This shows them in a crop of Phalaris and Lucerne.

The wethers spent the vast majority of their time in the paddock where they have access to pasture, hay and grain.

When raining they move into the shearing shed so that they don't get cold and wet.

Large trees also provide shelter during the hot summer months.

The wethers were added to the stud flock, and they were run as one group. The costs associated with the husbandry practices are given as a mob basis.

3.5 tonnes of Barley @ \$300/tonne	\$1050
7 bags of cracked lupins at \$28/bag	\$ 266
7 bags of vita min buffer at \$47/BAG	\$ 327
2l Drench	\$ 65
2l External parasite control	\$ 180
Total Costs	\$1888 or <b>\$75.50/hd</b>

Experience from previous competitions suggests that the wethers will cut and average of 2.8kg of B length Stylish Fine Fine Young Goat Hair (BSFFYG) valued at \$45/kg. (AMMO last Port Elizabeth Sale). Total fleece 2.8kg x \$45 = \$126/hd

We also expect to receive \$3.50/kg dressed weight from the sale of the wethers to the Wodonga Abattoirs. Total carcase value is 65kg/hd x 48% dressing percentage x \$3.50 = \$109.20

Total Income = Fleece \$126 + Carcase \$109.20 = **\$235.20/wether**

**Return / wether = Return - Costs**  
**= \$235.20 - \$75.50**  
**= \$159.70 / wether**

*This only included variable cost. (Gross Margin) The cost of labour and capital were not included in this budget.*





## Results

In the judging of the teams of three wethers We were awarded first and second places, with Muirfield High School in third place and James Ruse High School in fourth place.

In the individual led wether competition Narrandera was place 1st and 3rd, with Muirfield 2nd.

The students were also required to give a presentation to the Judge outlining the all they has learnt during the previous six months. The team relied on what they had learnt in the field as well as what they had discovered in their researching into the Mohair Industry. In School Wethers Presentation we were awarded first place with Muirfield in second pace and James Ruse in third place.

The results from the Sydney Royal are outlined below. The wether's were weighed prior to shearing so that an estimation could be made on the carcase weight. The mohair shorn had the stain removed and recorded. A description was given to the fleece from which a fleece value could be calculated.

Exhibitor	Exhibitor Number	Description	Fleece Weight	\$/kg	Fleece Value	STN	Value	Total	Live Weight	HSCW kg	Carcase Value	Total Value	Rank	Group Value	Rank
Narrandera Gold	175	CSFFK	2.19	49	\$107.31	0.3	\$1.50	\$108.81	46	18.88	\$52.87	\$161.68	3	\$488	1
	175	BFYG	3.22	31	\$99.82	2.45	\$2.45	\$102.27	55	22.05	\$61.75	\$164.02	1		
	175	BFYG	3.51	31	\$108.81	1.85	\$1.85	\$110.66	46	18.28	\$51.19	\$161.85	2		
Narrandera Maroon	176	BFFYG	2.73	26	\$70.98	0.65	\$0.65	\$71.63	51	20.7	\$57.96	\$129.59	9	\$403	3
	176	BFFYG	2.8	26	\$72.80	1	\$1.00	\$73.80	48.6	19.16	\$54.90	\$128.70	8		
	176	BFYG	2.8	31	\$86.80	1.75	\$1.75	\$88.55	50	20.15	\$56.41	\$144.96	4		
Muirfield High	177	BFYG	2.76	31	\$85.56	2.85	\$2.85	\$88.41	42	16.63	\$46.56	\$134.97	6	\$406	2
	177	BFYG	2.81	31	\$87.11	2.6	\$2.60	\$89.71	42	16.8	\$47.04	\$136.75	5		
	177	BFYG	2.47	31	\$76.57	0.95	\$0.95	\$77.52	49.8	20.27	\$56.76	\$134.28	7		

The values calculated reflected the budgeted value with the exception of the BFFYG description that was valued at \$26/kg, this was less than the stronger description of BFYG that was values at \$31/kg.

## Evaluation

The Schools Angora Wether Competition has been the perfect introduction to the Mohair Industry. The students have had the opportunity to learn about the how to care for the animals, monitor their growth and development and then research links to the rest of the industry associated with the processing of the fibre once it has been produced and sent off for processing.





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Article From The Land - Thursday July 24, 2025



The grand champion Angora with Grace, 13, and Nick Gorrie, Dulark stud, Springrange, and the judge John Hoornweg, Violet Town, Victoria. Picture by Andrew Miller.

## Mohair worth a second look

THE top Angora goat at this year's Australian Sheep & Wool Show is a "fine example" of why fleece producers should look to include the breed in their operation.

That's according to judge John Hoornweg, Violet Town, who said mohair had a bright future. He picked a buck from Dulark Angora stud, Springrange, as his grand champion of the breed.

Dulark stud principal Nick Gorrie said he was a really nice buck. The Gorrie family run about 1000 goats, producing four tonnes of fibre a year for export to South Africa.

"It's hard work, but the prices are good," he said.

He said mohair fleece is processed in South Africa before being sent to Italy for high-quality suiting and Chi-

na for knitted garments.

Mr Hoornweg said Angora kid fibre was making 5500 to 6000 cents a kilogram.

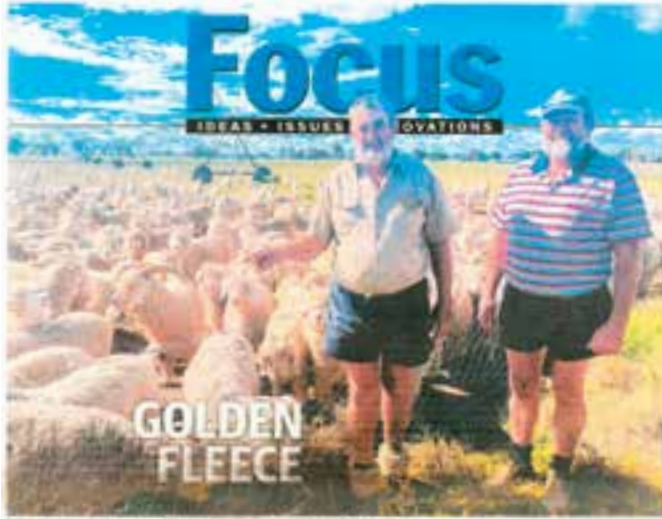
"That kid fibre will be blended with a 14- to 16-micron wool to make the best suits in the world," he said.

"When you are comparing that to 16-micron [Merino] wool, you are way in front."

■ Full ASWS report starts p76.



## Article From The Weekly Times - Wednesday May 7, 2025



**A** quest to produce world-leading fibre has led one family across the globe to run Angora goats and ultrafine Merinos in southern NSW.

Elite fibre producers GT and Werner Ferreira leave nothing to chance when it comes to producing mohair and ultrafine wool, even if it means moving continents.

And that includes running the goats and sheep under pivot irrigation to ensure even nutrition, healthy animals and consistent fibre that meets the highest standards.

They are also keen to radically shift the reputation of Angora goats, from hobby farm realm to commercial status, either alongside another farming enterprise or as a stand-alone



### From paddock to Paris, two brothers have crossed the globe to spin gold from goats, writes **FIONA MYERS**

operation. Brothers GT and Werner were running an Angora goat and cropping enterprise across 12,500ha in South Africa, but first began looking at transferring their operation to Australia in about 2005.

After a series of years leasing country and agitating their Angora goats across NSW, they eventually were able to buy two farms in their preferred location between Corowa and Howlong in southern NSW, to-

talling some 200ha, about four years ago.

It ticked the boxes in terms of climate and it could provide feed year round thanks to irrigation.

It was the next stage in a process that resulted in 250 embryos exported from their own flock in South Africa, harvested from the very best of their Angora goats there, to act as the nucleus of their mohair operation in Australia.

### VOLUME WORKS

The sheer number of goats running in paddocks, and some running alongside their ultrafine Merinos, have raised eyebrows in the district, but GT said the figures well and truly stacked up.

"We like to show how the returns from Angora goats compare to other livestock enterprises," GT said.

"At the moment, our flock is young overall, with about two-thirds young animals and one-third older animals, which affects the average cut per head across the flock.

"An ultrafine Angora goat is the equivalent of 0.8 dry sheep equivalents, is shorn twice a year, and produces a total of 3.5kg of mohair, with an income of \$138.

"As the flock gets older, the kilograms cut increases but the value decreases."

So for one DSE unit (rounding 0.8 up to 1) each Angora goat produces an income of \$172.50.

Using DSEs was one way to compare returns, GT said - a lactating cow rated at 15 DSE would need to earn \$2588 to create the same income as one goat.

"Fibre efficiency means more goats can be run per hectare," he said.

"Angora goats produce fibre more efficiently than any other livestock, meaning they produce large quantities of fibre per unit of body weight, plus or minus 250mm staple length per annum," GT said.

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### Brothers weave Angora into mainstream

The Ferreira brothers are not kidding when they say they are fans of Angora goats.

And their love affair with the goat's fibre, mohair, is truly global.

GT and Werner Ferreira

(pictured) moved their goat operation from South Africa to southern NSW, bringing elite genetics to establish their flock. The elite portion of their mohair ends up in some of most expensive suits

in the world, and the remainder is highly sought after from spinners in Europe.

The level of potential returns made sheep and cattle, and GT is keen to shift the radar when it comes to how

Australian farming views running Angora goats.

"It's been largely a hobby farm enterprise but we have the figures to show that it is anything but," GT said.

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# Mohair masters spinning gold from goats

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## FARM TO FASHION

The Ferreira brothers already had strong relationships with the fashion industry, shipping fibre direct to top making plants in Europe to be used in some of the best known brands.

Some of their mohair has gone into limited edition suits and super knitwear ranges.

These relationships, built on trust and reliability of supply, reward the Ferreras for their efforts financially, earning up to \$80/kg greasy for the better kid lines and averaging \$42/kg greasy including fleece, locks and stains across the whole clip.

And it's this strong link with those retailers and their consumers which feeds back into management decisions made with their goats and sheep.

"These buyers, they want the best quality mohair, or a mohair/wool blend, and they want to know there is a consistent supply, year-in-year-out," GT said.

"It's why we decided to buy a property that could be irrigated - if we say that we cannot supply one year because of a drought, they will just lose faith in you as a supplier and it's as simple as that."

"Irrigation is to make us more resilient in terms of supply."

Buying a smaller, more productive block also meant lower overheads and less labour than a more extensive property similar to the one they used to run in South Africa.

When the Ferreras bought their country, it had been used for cropping, and their radical revamp has seen the installation of two pivot and sprinkler systems and more on the way with the aim to get 95 per cent of the farm irrigated.

The country was laser levelled with a fall of 70mm per 100m, to maximise water and land efficiency and minimise water logging and allow maximum pasture growth.

Initially crops were planted and undersown with lucerne, but the goal was always to move towards a permanent multi-species pasture which offered both winter and summer grazing.

Those pastures still include lucerne, but also winter and summer dominant species of endofeet and fescues, plantain, clovers, chicory and prairie grass.

That goats like weeds is well known, and this is an added benefit to producing fibre with very low if any levels of vegetable matter.

This in turn means spraying is not required anymore, further cutting down the costs of production.

High quality feed, with good nutritional value, alongside good water, are two of the key pillars for elite mohair production, GT said.

And while the pasture offers consistent quality and volume, the goats' diet is boosted with protein, fed as lupins, at key times like the final trimester of pregnancy, to aid with follicle development, at between 60-100 days of foetus development.

Does are also fed lupins during mating season to stimulate ovulation, and body weight is managed to increase weight just before mating to boost conception rates.

## FINE TUNING

The properties also needed to be refenced. Hinge joint was not suitable for goats, with young kids able to move through fences and older goats becoming caught sometimes. They opted for netting, which makes sure the goats stay in their right paddock.

The fine tuning does not stop in the management of the animal welfare and feeding of the goats either.

At shearing, each fleece is carefully skirted to remove any stain (though this is limited by crutching every three months) and classed into its type.

But when it comes to the high value kid shearing, the fleece is tracked through its electronic identification tag back to the animal, with the information used to help with classing decisions.

Each fleece is then individually tested using laser scanning to be able to provide parcels of fibre to processors with specific characteristics.

And when you are selling your fibre into limited edition suits, which some buyers of the mohair were, GT said it was critical to be able to clearly differentiate and stand by the parcel of fibre that was being offered.

The fibre is sold direct to the users, and while the brothers are not keen to divulge exactly the cost of doing so, they said it may surprise some how cost effective it was.

"We will say that it is less than 25 per cent of the fibre value," GT said.

The individual testing of each fleece and then recording this against individual goats has also assisted in the classing process. Extensive records are kept on every goat, and with a clear record of performance and selection of elite performers,



Outanbeyan shearer David Little shears kids at the Ferreras brothers' property near Corowa, NSW

**'Angora goats produce fibre more efficiently than any other livestock, meaning they produce large quantities of fibre per unit of body weight'**

ers, the brothers said they were continually increasing the quality of their own flock.

They also are conscious of other aspects that generate profitability, like mothering ability and fertility.

Kidding rates are at about 140 per cent, and does (females) which twin are put into

pens for a short time (24-48 hours) to ensure they mother up properly before being released.

It's a practice that means losses are very low, losing less than 1 per cent of all kids, which is just down to management. But overarching every selection decision is a top

down approach. Those who buy the fibre are clear in their specifications for micron and colour, and the Ferreras breed goats that can deliver this.

It was a request for a wool/mohair mix that encouraged them then to run ultrafine wool sheep, and running with goats ensures low vegetable matter in the wool clip too.

The Merino wool tests at about 12-14.5 micron with a comfort factor of 100 per cent and an average length of 90-95mm. This wool is then blended with mohair.

They are not mulshed with an average adult body weight

of 60-65kg. The only time the Ferreras are super conscious of running goats and sheep is at shearing. The shed is cleaned intensively between goat and sheep shearing to ensure there is no crossover of mohair and wool.

There's more than 2000 goats and more than 1200 sheep running on the Corowa farms, but the brothers are not keen to brag about the title as the biggest pure Angora mohair producers in Australia.

What they are keen to promote is that goats are a commercial option, and say the numbers stack up.



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## From Stock & Land - July 27, 2025



## Australian Mohair News





# International News

## Pitti Immagine Filati

The MAL Board were cordially invited to attend the Pitti Immagine Filati in Florence Italy, after an informative Zoom meeting with Mohair South African Board members, who had for the first time set up an Exhibit at the 2024.

Charlie and I coordinated our family visit to coincide with the event 2025.

Held from the 1-3rd July 2025, it is the leading trade event showcasing yarns for the knitting sector. Italian and International yarn manufacturers present their latest innovations.

Pitti is an old surname associated with the event.

Filati is Italian for Yarn.

It was held in the Fortezza da Basso, A fourteenth century Fort in Florence

We were warmly received by Lauren Moore, Head of Communications and Sustainability MSA.

The Mohair South Africa Display was located in the Institutional Area of the Show.

Two South African Spinners and 12 Italian Spinners were included in the display, incorporating mostly Mohair in their products.

Sophie Stellar, Internationally recognised knitwear designer showcased the versatility of Mohair. "Inspired by their African origins but modernised to feel contemporary today for any age or wearer. Colour and lustre like this are two of the hero qualities mohair is famous for alongside it's unbeatable sustainable credentials."





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Sustainability, promotion of responsible farming practices and regenerative farming practices were a constant theme throughout the show. Many Exhibitors proudly displayed their environmental certifications.

Many natural fibres were on display, including Mohair, Cashmere, wool, Alpaca and Linen and many of the displays incorporated multiple natural fibres. We were surprised by the number of cashmere companies as cashmere is a very small industry within Australia.

The venue was quite extensive and we enjoyed spending time observing the wheeling and dealing behind the scenes between buyers, designers and manufacturers. Even though we were not any of the above we were welcomed in to look at products, because we were Mohair farmers from Australia!

The Pitti Filati showcases the up and coming trends and collections by leading Italian and International mills.

The Knitclub was a display of the technical and creative ingenuity of the mills.

Education is also a feature of the Event.

Mohair South Africa representatives maintaining the display, which focused on 'From the Farm to the Brand' were on hand to educate the manufacturers on the actual farming of Angoras and allow them to understand where their product Mohair begins. Samil and Stucken representatives were also on the stand to offer technical yarn information to visitors

The Event itself gives opportunities to up and coming young designers and a competition was organised by "Feel The Yarn" to promote collaboration between young designers from International Schools specialising in Knitwear.

On Day 2, we attended a presentation by Spin 360 and Mohair South Africa, The Future of Natural Fibres. The program covered key challenges and strategic opportunities.

A spotlight on the South African Mohair Industry, referring to their collaboration with Spin 360. Spin 360 is a consulting firm specialising in sustainable innovation and development. They have aided in the South African mohair producers to become RMS accredited. Approximately 85% of farmers are now RMS accredited.

An open discussion followed, presented by a number of participants, including Lauren Moore, Evert Vermeulen CEO at Samil, Anthony Kirsten CEO at Stucken. A touring group of Australian sheep farmers organised by Fox and Lillie wool brokers were in attendance and their tour guide Darcie Kuhl spoke eloquently on the challenges for Australian producers in regard to regenerative farming, as the country is so diverse and the sheep breeds also play a huge part in management.

There are a lot of innovative ideas coming from South Africa, these ideas can only benefit the Australian Mohair Industry in moving forward progressively together.



## SYBOKHAARMARKVERSLAG - MOHAIR MARKET REPORT

VEILINGSDATUM • SALE DATE  
19/08/2025  
KATALOGUS • CATALOGUE  
2025 W10



Mark/Market Ind

-5%

VOLGENDE VEILING /  
NEXT SALE

09/09/2025

USD \$ 17.67

RMS Premie/ Premium  
3%

### MARKANALISE

Die eerste veiling van die 2025-winterseisoen het op 19 Augustus 2025 in Port Elizabeth plaasgevind, met 'n aanbod van 154 435 kg, waarvan 87% verkoop is.

Om die eerste veiling van die seisoen te kwoteer, is altyd uitdagend as gevolg van die groot variasie in samestelling van een seisoen na die volgende. Op hierdie veiling was die lengte van die sybokhaar ook korter as die norm. 'n Groot gedeelte van die aanbod het uit sterk Grootbokhaar bestaan wat mededinging tussen kopers gedemp en druk op die mark geplaas het. Onsekerheid is verder versterk deurdat die Europese mark nog gesluit was vir hul somervakansie. Gevolglik het die gemiddelde markaanwyser met 5% gedaal in vergelyking met die vorige somerseisoen-veiling, en gesluit op R307.87/kg.

#### Hoogste BIN-prys by OVK en Publieke Veiling:

OVK se BIN's het goed gevaar, met die hoogste BIN-prys van R750/kg wat behaal is vir 'n 25.3 mikron BSFFK-baal. Hierdie BIN het bydraes van die volgende produsente ingesluit: CA Lategan, HJ Nel, Noorsveld Hoenders (Edms.) Bpk, Pierre van Schalkwyk Trust en Ansius Joubert Familie Trust. Die koper was VBC.

#### Hoogste Produsent-baal op die OVK-veiling:

Noorsveld Hoenders (Edms.) Bpk van Jansenville het die hoogste prys behaal deur 'n 23.4 mikron BSFFK-baal met 'n skoonopbrengs van 84.3%, teen R705.10/kg te verkoop. Ons is trots op ons produsente en waardeur hul lojale ondersteuning.

### MARKET ANALYSIS

The first auction of the 2025 winter season took place on 19 August 2025 in Port Elizabeth, with 154 435 kg on offer, of which 87% was sold.

Quoting the first auction of the season is always challenging due to significant variation in composition from one season to the next. On this sale, the length of the mohair was also shorter than the norm. A large portion of the offering consisted of strong adult mohair, which dampened competition among buyers and placed downward pressure on the market. Uncertainty was further amplified by the European market still being closed for their summer holidays. As a result, the average market indicator decreased by 5% compared to the previous summer season auction, closing at R307.87/kg.

#### Highest BIN Price at OVK and Public Auction:

OVK bins performed well, with the highest BIN price of R750/kg achieved for a 25.3 micron BSFFK bale. This BIN included contributions from the following producers: CA Lategan, HJ Nel, Noorsveld Hoenders (Pty) Ltd, Pierre van Schalkwyk Trust, and Ansius Joubert Familie Trust. The buyer was VBC.

#### Highest Producer Bale at the OVK Auction:

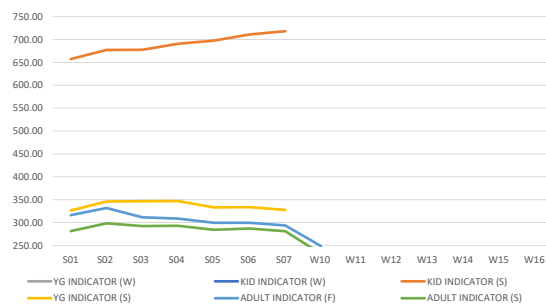
Noorsveld Hoenders (Pty) Ltd of Jansenville achieved the highest producer bale price, selling a 23.4 micron BSFFK bale with a yield of 84.3% for R705.10/kg.

We are proud of our producers and sincerely value their loyal support.

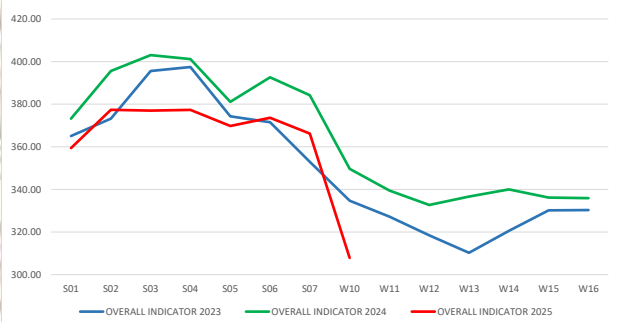
### VEILINGSRESULTATE / AUCTION RESULTS

OVK		NASIONAAL / NATIONAL			KOPER / BUYER	%
					SUEDWOLLE	1%
AANBOD / OFFER	VERKOOP / SOLD	% VERKOOP / CLEARED	PRYSBEWEGING / PRICE MOVEMENT	MARKAANWYSER / MARKET INDICATOR	STUCKEN	50%
608	591	97%	-5%	R 307.87	CONNACHER	6%
KLEINBOKKIES / KIDS	Winter	98%	0%	R 574.80	VITALE BARBERIS CANONICO	3%
	Summer				SAMIL	29%
JONGBOKKE / YGOATS	Winter	86%	-7%	R 285.46	MOSENTHALS	8%
	Summer				LOOT LOTTER FAMILIE TRUST	0%
GROOTBOKKE / ADULTS	Fine	80%	-4%	R 248.44	OTHER	0%
	Strong	86%	-4%	R 231.53	PASSED-IN	3%

Cape Mohair Market Trends for Various Age Groups for Summer and Winter 2025



Cape Mohair Market Trends in ZAR comparing 2023, 2024 and 2025



OVK bied voorskotte op vesel wat by ons gelewer word, asook produksielenings. Skakel gerus die OVK Veselkantoor in Port Elizabeth of u Tegnieise Veldbeampte vir meer inligting. Vind ook meer uit oor die opwindende nuwe kommissiestruktuur op vesel bemark deur OVK. Produsente word ook herinner aan die lojaliteitskema van OVK, waar boere beloon word met 37.5 sent vir elke kilogram vesel wat deur OVK bemark word. / OVK offer advances on fibre delivered in PE, as well as production loans. Please contact OVK Fibre's office in Port Elizabeth or your Technical Field Officer for more information. Please enquire about OVK's exciting new commission structure on fibre marketed by OVK. Producers must also bear in mind that OVK's loyalty scheme awards farmers 37.5 cents per kilogram on fibre marketed by OVK.

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## Hoogste pryse op die veiling/Highest prices at the auction

SOMER KLEINBOKKIES / SUMMER KIDS (23 - 27 µ)  
WINTERKLEINBOKKIES / WINTER KIDS (24 - 30 µ)  
SOMER JONGBOKKE / SUMMER YOUNG GOATS (27 - 34µ)  
GROOTBOKKE / ADULTS (30 - 40 µ)



19 August 2025

Somer Kleinbokkies / Summer Kids (23 - 27 µ)					Winterkleinbokkies / Winter Kids (24 - 30 µ)				
OVK BIN	R705.50	/kg	23.2	µ	OVK BIN	R750.00	/kg	25.3	µ
NOORSVELD HOENDERS: JANSEVILLE	R705.10	/kg	23.4	µ	OVK BIN	R710.10	/kg	23.1	µ
OVK BIN	R705.00	/kg	22.4	µ	OVK BIN	R707.00	/kg	23.8	µ
PS DANCKWERTS: ALBANY	R700.10	/kg	22.8	µ	OVK BIN	R690.00	/kg	24.2	µ
NOORSVELD HOENDERS: JANSEVILLE	R700.00	/kg	22.1	µ	OVK BIN	R689.10	/kg	26.2	µ
Winter Jongbokke/ Winter Young Goats (27 - 34µ)					Grootbokke / Adults (30 - 40 µ)				
KENNETH BIGGS TRUST: JANSEVILLE	R318.10	/kg	28.8	µ	SNYWYK BOERDERY BK:SUTHERLAND	R283.20	/kg	31.0	µ
KAROO FINE FIBRE:BEAUFORT WES	R315.10	/kg	29.4	µ	OVK BIN	R266.00	/kg	32.0	µ
SP STEYNBERG BOERDERY:ABERDEEN	R310.00	/kg	29.6	µ	SNYWYK BOERDERY BK:SUTHERLAND	R265.10	/kg	29.8	µ
HJ NEL:ALBANY	R305.10	/kg	30.0	µ	HJ NEL: ALBANY	R260.20	/kg	32.7	µ
DIE SCB TRUST ALBANY	R300.10	/kg	30.0	µ	PK STEYNBERG:GRAAFF- REINET	R260.00	/kg	31.3	µ
					JG BEKKER-SMITH: VICTORIA WES				
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## MOHAIR - MARKET MOVEMENT



W10

19/08/2025

S07  
10.06.25

W10  
19.08.25

Beweging Movement

Algeheel / Overall		R366.19	R307.87	-5%
KLEINBOKKIES	(S)			
KIDS	(W)		R574.80	0%
JONGBOKKE	(S)			
YOUNG GOATS	(W)		R285.46	-7%
GROOTBOKKE	(F)	R293.59	R248.44	-4%
ADULTS	(S)	R281.14	R231.53	-4%
US \$ / ZAR		17.88	17.67	1.0%

### OVK-Aanbieding / Offering:

'n Totaal van 608 bale is aangebied waarvan 97% verkoop is. A total of 608 bales were on offer of which 97% were sold.

### Gemiddelde prys behaal tydens OVK veiling / Average price achieved during OVK auction:

R282.17/kg

\* OVK se veilings gemiddeld word bepaal deur alle bokhaar wat verkoop was op die veiling maw. LOX, STN en SAAD ingesluit. (MSA se mark indikator sluit LOX, STN en SAAD uit) \* OVK's auction average is determined by all mohair that was sold at the auction ie. LOX, STN and SEED included. (MSA's market indicator excludes LOX, STN and SEED)

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## MOHAIR MARKET REPORT

B01/25 | 19 August 2025



R 11.43



R 17.65



R 20.61



R 23.84



R 2.45

Average market indicator RMS

R 364.75/KG -3.0%

Highest Price Achieved

Average market indicator RMS WITH OUTSORTS

R315.71/KG 0.0%

PJ Marx, Wolmaransstad R 750.10/KG

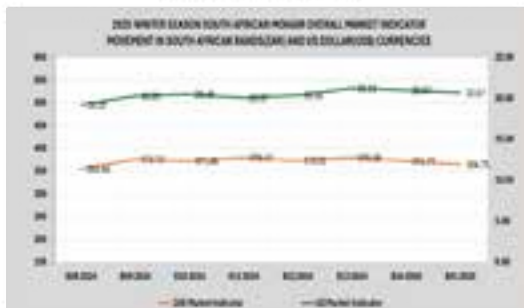
### PRICE MOVEMENT PER MICRON

Microns	RMS	Non RMS
20/22μ	696.00 -4.2%	0.00 =/ 0.0%
23c	708.33 -1.1%	0.00 =/ 0.0%
24μ	718.10 -2.3%	680.93 +3.9%
25μ	663.26 -7.3%	660.00 +7.7%
26μ	630.66 +1.5%	616.00 +1.8%
27μ	525.55 +9.8%	515.10 =/ 0.0%
28μ	390.00 +1.6%	362.77 =/ 0.0%
29μ	300.41 -7.3%	292.50 =/ 0.0%
30μ	297.78 -2.2%	0.00 =/ 0.0%
31μ	277.59 -2.0%	264.43 =/ 0.0%
32μ	257.41 -4.6%	200.00 =/ 0.0%
33μ	248.00 -5.5%	238.90 =/ 0.0%
34μ	240.15 -6.4%	232.50 =/ 0.0%
35/36μ	234.34 -6.2%	0.00 =/ 0.0%
37/40μ	230.53 -3.9%	229.10 =/ 0.0%

### PRICE MOVEMENT

1. Kids	R 586.27	-1.0%
2. Young Goats	R 290.04	-2.9%
3. Adults	R 256.54	-5.5%
4. Average	R 360.25	-3.1%

### USD INDICATOR



### BUYER PARTICIPATION

1. Stucken	42.1%
2. Samil	37.9%
3. Mosenthals	9.6%
4. Connacher	6.9%
5. VBC	2.8%
6. Loot Lotter Familie Trust	0.5%
7. Suedwolle	0.2%
8. Standard Wool SA	0.0%

### BROKER PARTICIPATION

HQF	53.5%	OVK	46.5%
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The first sale of the 2025 winter selling season began on a subdued note. While demand for mohair finer than thirty-two microns was steady, there was little interest in the stronger (adult) mohair. This softer demand for adult mohair destined for China is largely a result of the significant U.S. import tariffs on Chinese goods. There is currently a large supply of strong mohair, with both the Cape and Lesotho clips showing increases. Notably, recent sales have seen solid demand for Lesotho mohair. This bottleneck of supply will improve later in the season, and then there should be an improvement in price. However, there was also good news. The magnificent winter kid bale of Petrus Marx of Wolmaransstad fetched the best price of the day at R750.10/kg! This was for a super-style, B-length, 26-micron bale with a clean yield of 91.4%. Close on his heels was Fourie de Jager from Cradock with a price of R740.10/kg for his super-style bale of 23.4 micron. The total clip of Fourie De Jager sold for more than R450/kg average! Congratulations to these top farmers. The next sale is going to be big, and there will be a lot of pressure on the market because of the quantity. It will be offered at the Mohair Exchange on the 9th of September 2025.

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R 11.43



R 17.65



R 20.61



R 23.84



R 2.45

Average market indicator RMS

R 364.75/KG -3.0%

Highest Price Achieved

Average market indicator RMS WITH OUTSORTS

R315.71/KG 0.0%

PJ Marx, Wolmaransstad R 750.10/KG

### <25.4 µ

FRF De Jager Boerdery	23.4 µ	R 740.10 / KG
The House of Fibre Binning	23.5 µ	R 718.10 / KG
The House of Fibre Binning	23.3 µ	R 718.10 / KG

### 25.5 - 27.4 µ

PJ Marx	26.0 µ	R 750.10 / KG
FRF De Jager Boerdery	25.5 µ	R 695.00 / KG
The House of Fibre Binning	25.9 µ	R 660.00 / KG

### 27.5 - 29.4 µ

The House of Fibre Binning	28.2 µ	R 390.00 / KG
The House of Fibre Binning	28.2 µ	R 370.00 / KG
JW Nel & Son	27.7 µ	R 369.30 / KG

### 29.5 - 31.4 µ

Argyll Trust	29.7 µ	R 310.00 / KG
JW Nel & Son	30.2 µ	R 310.00 / KG
E Meyer	30.2 µ	R 308.10 / KG
The Lands Boerdery	29.7 µ	R 308.10 / KG
Fanie Marx Familie Trust	29.6 µ	R 308.00 / KG

### 31.5 - 32.4 µ

The House of Fibre Binning	31.6 µ	R 300.00 / KG
Bergplaas Pa & Seun	31.9 µ	R 283.00 / KG
Marfa Farming (PTY) LTD	31.5 µ	R 280.10 / KG

### 32.5 - 34.4 µ

Bergplaas Pa & Seun	33.0 µ	R 258.00 / KG
The House of Fibre Binning	32.9 µ	R 258.00 / KG
The House of Fibre Binning	32.9 µ	R 255.10 / KG

### 34.5 - 36.4 µ

Bergplaas Pa & Seun	35.5 µ	R 253.10 / KG
P en J Le Roux Boerdery	35.1 µ	R 250.10 / KG
The House of Fibre Binning	34.5 µ	R 250.10 / KG
The House of Fibre Binning	34.7 µ	R 250.00 / KG
Witmos Estates (PTY) LTD	35.6 µ	R 250.00 / KG

### 36.5 - 38.4 µ

Bergplaas Pa & Seun	36.9 µ	R 241.00 / KG
WA Porter	37.3 µ	R 237.10 / KG
The House of Fibre Binning	36.6 µ	R 230.10 / KG



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## Producer Communication Shearer Training June 2025

This project has been initiated and planned by AMMO, and funded by Agrifutures. There have been two components, the first being training 'on the go' in Queensland conducted by Graham Dau. The second component was a training session hosted by Nick Gorrie of Dulark Angoras where the training was delivered by David Lillis and ably supported by Anthony Thompson.

This training was shearing shed based & designed for Angora goat farmers with basic shearing skills looking to improve their mohair harvesting skills of their own flocks.

Training involved one on one coaching of small groups receiving tips from experienced angora shearer trainers across two days. The training covered Practical & Theory content.

The training included the following subject matter:

- Catch & drag techniques
- Animal holding skills, hand & foot placement
- Handpiece maintenance
- Comb selection
- Sharpening techniques (Grinding)
- Fleece handling & care
- Shearing board management

The photos below tell the story:



Adjusting hand set



Positioning the Animal



Technical Discussion



Creating a video for the Records

The concluding remarks were that this should become a regular AMMO event, and alternated with classing training.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the office regarding any further queries.

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## Producer Communication August 2025

### A2025 Sale Progress

The container arrived in Coega a few weeks late and was finally released last week. On unpacking, it was discovered that a number of bales had been damaged. I have reconciled the bale numbers with the load list, and there does not seem to be any immediate trend or pattern related to damaged bales. There is no early indication of damage to the fibre, but Luane is keeping an eye out for damage.

We are in the process of interrogating the supply chain from the Australian and South African side simultaneously, and will communicate learnings/actions once we have an idea of the detail. In the meantime and as a proactive step, we should revisit the packing of mohair in preparation for the A2026 sale. We have assessed what worked well for the A2025 receival, understanding that there were producers who had pressed bales prior to receiving the A2025 packing instructions.

#### **Packing Standards for the next sale – AMMO A2026**

1. **AMMO Part bales:** To be combined into full bales at Narrandera  
Recycled wool packs are acceptable  
Bales to be clearly marked with black marking pen  
Copy of consignment note/contents list under the inner flap  
Minimum 4 bale clips securing the outer flap
2. **AMMO 'producer lot' bales:** Packed on farm by producers  
New wool packs only  
Bale weight between 180kg and 200kg  
Bales to be clearly marked with black marking pen on the label only  
Copy of consignment note/contents list under the inner flap  
Minimum 5 bale clips securing the outer flap
3. **Fibre Group bales**  
Recycled wool packs are acceptable  
Bales to be clearly marked with black marking pen  
Copy of consignment note/contents list under the inner flap  
Minimum 4 bale clips securing the outer flap

**Note:** a copy of all consignment notes are to be emailed through to the office. These will be reconciled with bales received.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the office regarding any further queries.  
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## Producer Communication August 2025

### AMIDRIP HM Case Study Tour

A group of 12 AMIDRIP participants attended the Case Study Tour held in Braidwood and Burrigate between 6<sup>th</sup> and 8<sup>th</sup> August 2025. This tour came about through participant request to visit enterprises that had successfully implemented Holistic Management within their enterprises.

Participants had completed the Holistic Management training and implementation mentoring as well as Ecological Outcomes Verification (EOV) baseline establishment.

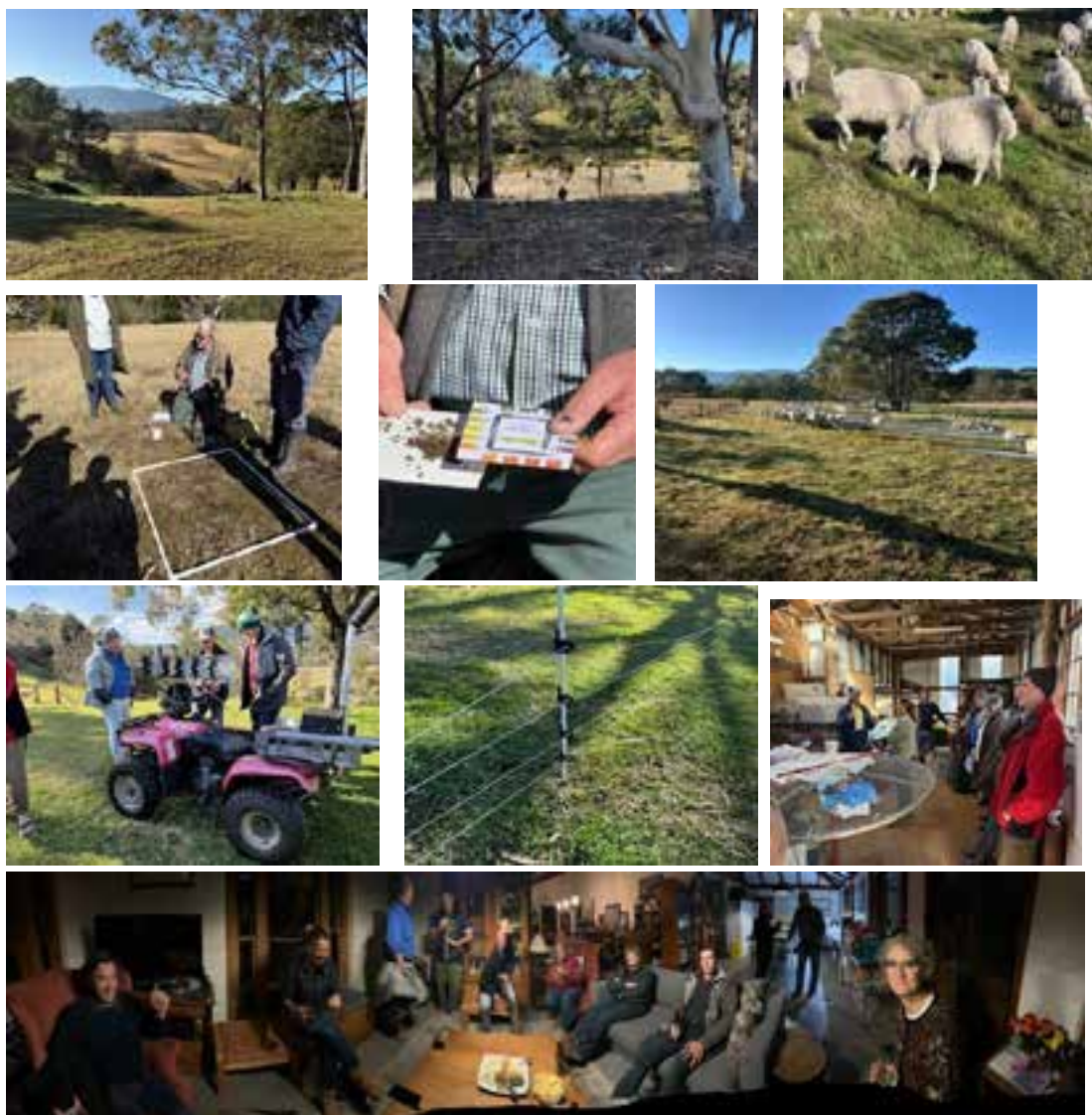
The case study tour included a combination of presentations and discussions as well as hands on site visitation where open discussion with the landholder took place.

The following photos provide an indication of engagement and learning that took place:





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The AMIDRIP project has taken a huge amount of time to setup and project manage, and it is encouraging to witness the commitment amongst participants to implement drought resilience initiatives on their land bases.

I have received very positive feedback from the representative from the Federal Drought Fund, who attended the farm tour at Jillamatong near Braidwood. I have also received a number of positive reflection from participants.

Please do not hesitate to contact me or the office regarding any further queries.  
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IN LOVING MEMORY

# *Dorothy Valerie Ross*

27 FEBRUARY 1937 – 30 MARCH 2025



Vice President, Keith McKendle presents Valerie Ross, Wilton Park Angora Stud with the Rick Garner Memorial Trophy for Best Doe - Wilton Park Fun Fure



Joe David Ross Texas with champion doe Wilton park fanfare at Australasian show (Seymour) 1999 held by Brian Ross. John gillett holding reserve champion doe.



The successful exhibitors from left to right are Val Ross with Champion Kid Wilton Park Volapra, Associate Judge, Nick Gierie, Brian Ross with Champion Doe Wilton Park Chimes, Judge Di Booby and David Sinclair with Champion Buck Silvermist Diamond, Champion School Exhibitor Ginnawean Aida, Winner of Junior Judging Competition, Julia Murphy

## Goat Curry in a Hurry (Instant Pot Recipe)

### INGREDIENTS

- 2 pounds (approx 1kg) bone-in goat or lamb pieces (shoulder or leg)
- 2 tablespoons oil of choice I like avocado oil
- onions diced
- 1 ½ inch knob fresh ginger minced
- 3 cloves garlic minced

### SPICES

- 4 whole cloves
- 4 cardamom pods
- 1 bay leaf
- 1 tablespoon coriander powder
- 2 teaspoons salt adjust to taste
- 1 teaspoon ground cumin
- 1 teaspoon garam masala
- 1 teaspoon paprika
- 1 teaspoon turmeric
- ¼ - ½ teaspoon cayenne adjust to taste
- 2 14 ounce cans organic diced tomatoes
- ½ cup water
- ½ pound potatoes leave whole, optional



### INSTRUCTIONS

1. Press the sauté button on the Instant Pot, and add the oil and goat meat to the pot. Once the outside of the meat begins to brown, add the onion, garlic, ginger and spices. Stir-fry for 2-3 minutes.
2. Pour in the diced tomatoes, water and potatoes if using.
3. Secure the lid, close the pressure valve and cook for 45 minutes at high pressure.
4. Allow the pressure to release naturally.
5. If you'd like for the dish to have a thicker consistency, press the sauté button to reduce or boil off extra liquid.

#### Notes

- If you'd like to make this using my onion masala, use 1 cup of onion masala and omit the onion, ginger, garlic, and tomatoes.

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