



U.S. CERTIFIED
PREMIUM WOOL CLIP
 GROWER DECLARATION AND CHECK-LIST



Limited to wool and dual purpose breeds of sheep where table skirting and classing by a Certified Wool Classer will improve the marketability of the wool clip. Volume of wool must be sufficient to allow for classing.

ANIMAL WELFARE AND HANDLING

I agree to manage and work with all crew members to ensure that all personnel handling sheep will take proper care of animals. The U.S. sheep industry does not condone nor support the actions of anyone that results in the abuse of sheep either intentionally or unintentionally. Rough handling of animals that might result in the injury of a sheep is an unacceptable maneuver during the shearing process or anytime when sheep are handled. *Sheep Care Guide:* www.sheepusa.org/IssuesPrograms_AnimalHealth_AnimalCareWelfare

Growers will self-certify that they produce an above average clip by adopting the following rules (check all that apply):

- When possible, use a certified sheep shearer or shearing crew and provide name below.
- Make efforts to Minimize Wool Contamination including poly and colored fibers.
- Sort Sheep prior to shearing by wool type and package the wool and off-sorts separately.
- Prepare wool in Bellies Out manner to reduce contamination in fleece lines. Includes the removal of tags, urine stain, leg wool, topknots and sweepings and packaging this lower valued wool separately from fleece wool and belly wool.
- Keeping obvious differences separate, and not packaging them together such as:
 - Different Breed/Wool types (Wool, Meat, Carpet, Colored)
 - Different Wool Lines (Fleece, Belly, Tags)
 - Differences in Staple Length/Staple Strength (short and tender wool)
 - Other obvious differences when economically practical (lambs and yearling wool)
- Use only new and approved non-contaminating wool packaging materials.
- Will not allow wool to be contaminated by neglect or carelessness.
- Label wool packs (end-flaps only) and bags properly to identify:
 - Grower Name
 - Wool Description
 - Bag Number
- Maintain a written record of the wool clip produced by:
 - Shearing date
 - Individual bale or bag
 - Total production
 - Prices received for all wool
- Notify Marketing Agency of Actions taken to produce a Certified Premium Clip and file necessary forms and documentation.

In addition to adopting the ten requirements above, participants agree that (check all that apply):

- Wool is exclusively from white-face wool sheep that have been sheared prior to lambing or crutched within 90 days of shearing to reduce the amount of stained wool and colored fibers.
- Fully table skirted wool.
- Wool is classed by a Certified Wool Classer.
- Baled in new Nylon Wool packs and labeled According to the ASI Code of Practice.
- Fleece lines properly sampled, tested and described for marketing including:
 - Core test for Average Fiber Diameter, Yield, Vegetable Matter
 - Grab Sampled and tested for Staple Length and Staple Strength

I _____ certify that the above are true statements. _____
 (Grower Signature) (Date)

 (Print Name) (Grower Address, Telephone, E-mail)

 (Certified Shearing Crew Name, Address, Telephone, Email)