

6.4 Shearing Checklist

Farm Brand:..... Start Date:..... Est. Days:..... No. of Mobs:..... Est. No. of Sheep:.....

Item	OC	WC	Item	OC	WC
Pre Shearing Flock/Mob Detail					
Have the number of sheep in each mob been provided?			Staffing		
Do the mobs conform to normal mob (husbandry) concepts?			Are there enough adequately trained wool handlers?		
What identification (e.g. ear tag), has been applied to different mobs?			Are staff aware of their roles and responsibilities in the shed?		
Do mobs need to be separated based on Mulesing Status?			Has the Woolclasser held a wool handler team meeting?		
Have the sheep been crutched within 3 months of shearing?			Are the skills of the wool handling team compatible with that of the shearing team (i.e. can the handling team manage the speed)?		
Are there any mobs that have run with Shedding Breed sheep?			Are all staff informed of the correct procedure for dealing with fly-struck sheep (e.g. raddle sheep and treat outside with flystrike liquid/powder)?		
Can mixed mobs be drafted into more uniform groups prior to shearing?			Are all staff (shearers, wool handlers) informed of the correct procedure for dealing with sheep (and wool) of different mulesing status (e.g. a mulesed sheep in a non-mulesed mob)?		
Will the mobs be presented in the recommended mob sequence?			Pigmented / Medullated / Stained Fibre Management		
Does the Woolclasser know the proposed mob sequence?			Has a black wool container been set up at the commencement of shearing?		
Are the sheep/wool dry enough for shearing and classing?			Are all staff aware of the correct handling procedure of black wool (i.e. throw black/brown spot in rubbish and then remove of entire fleece, bellies and locks an place in Black bin)?		
Have the sheep been "emptied out" prior to being run into the shed?			Have wool handling staff been instructed to remove all stain on the board?		
Workplace Inspection and Preparation					
Are the amenity areas clean (toilets/eating area/quarters)?			Is the wool presser familiar with the correct Bale Descriptions for pigmented, medullated and stained fibre?		
Is there a first aid kit?			Has the Woolclasser been informed of mobs that have run with Shedding Breeds?		
Is there adequate lighting for all work areas?			Wool Preparation and Handling		
Are there defined locations for items that will be used for shearing?			Are there sufficient bins available?		
Are the shed and yards clean and free of contaminants?			Is every bin (including Bin Code, if used), basket and butt clearly marked?		
Has all baling twine/string been removed from the shed/yards?			Are the wool handlers aware of the contents of each bin?		
Have all fertiliser/seed/feed bags and HDPE packs been removed from the shed?			Has the Woolclasser demonstrated and explained the required wool preparation standard to the wool handlers?		
Are all wool preparation areas non smoking?			Does the Woolclasser routinely review each line for uniformity?		
Have suitable bins been provided in the designated smoking area?			Pressing Bales		
Are there sufficient rubbish containers (that cannot be tipped over)?			Is each wool pack opened, shaken out and checked faults and/or contamination before use?		
Are brooms, paddles and sweeps in good condition?			Are the wool packs all made of Nylon?		
Are there enough wool contamination bins? (e.g. Skin Pieces, Brands, Black)?			Have the scales been checked against a known weight?		
Are there enough holders for wool bins/butts?			Is the wool presser familiar with the contents and Bale Descriptions of each bin/line?		
Has all plant been checked for safety and good working condition?			Has the wool presser been briefed on the correct use and number of fasteners (i.e. no side fastening)?		
Are there enough AWEX approved wool packs?			Does the wool presser know the minimum and maximum bale weights?		
Are there enough bale fasteners, stencil ink and/or marking pens?			Does the wool presser have access to newspaper for Bulk Class?		
Is there adequate newspaper/cardboard available for Bulk Class divisions?			Post Shearing Documentation		
Will On-Farm Fibre Measurement instruments be used during shearing?			Has the Specification been completed legibly and completely?		
Are all chemicals in the woolshed stored correctly?			Do all bales have a description and bale number, and have they been entered in the Wool Book and Classer's Specification.		
Pre Shearing Planning and Documentation					
Have discussions been held to establish any specific classing requirements?			Does the Specification match/balance the Wool Book (including BC bales)?		
Are the previous season's test results and Woolclasser's Specification available to the Woolclasser?			Has the Wool Book been updated with loading details?		
Has the wool grower/manager completed the mob detail of the National Wool Declaration prior to shearing and given it to Woolclasser?			Woolclasser's Own Checks		
Has/will the Woolclasser been informed of mob sequence, mob numbers and expected out-outs?					
Is there adequate shed stationery: Wool Book(s), Tally Book(s), Classer's Specification(s) and NWD(s)?					
The Woolclasser, the Stencil and Code of Practice					
Is the Woolclasser registered and holds a current stencil/stamp?					
Is there a Woolclasser's Code of Practice in the shed?					
Is the wool grower/manager/contractor aware that the Woolclasser's stencil is not to be applied to wool outside of the Code of Practice (e.g. wool not prepared by the Classer, poorly skirted, stain in fleece, mixed categories, wet wool)?					

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