

6.4 Shearing Checklist

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

Item	WG*	WC#	Item	WG*	WC#
Pre Shearing Flock/Mob Detail			Staffing		
Has the number of sheep in each mob been provided?	Y/N	Y/N	Are there enough adequately trained wool handlers?	Y/N	Y/N
Do the mobs conform to normal mob (husbandry) concepts?	Y/N	Y/N	Are staff aware of their roles and responsibilities in the shed?	Y/N	Y/N
What identification (e.g. ear tag) has been applied to different mobs?	Y/N	Y/N	Has the Wool Classer held a wool handler team meeting?	Y/N	Y/N
Can mixed mobs be drafted into more uniform groups prior to shearing?	Y/N	Y/N	Are the skills of the wool handling team compatible with that of the shearing team (i.e. can the wool handling team manage the speed)?	Y/N	Y/N
Do mobs need to be drafted based on Mulesing Status or shearing interval?	Y/N	Y/N	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)?	Y/N	Y/N
Have the sheep been crutched within 3 months of shearing?	Y/N	Y/N	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)?	Y/N	Y/N
Are there any mobs that have run with Shedding Breed sheep?	Y/N	Y/N	Pigmented / Medullated / Stained Fibre Management		
Does the Wool Classer know the proposed mob sequence?	Y/N	Y/N	Has a black wool container been set up at the commencement of shearing?	Y/N	Y/N
Will the mobs be presented in the recommended mob sequence?	Y/N	Y/N	Are all staff aware of the correct handling procedure of black wool (i.e. throw black/brown spot in rubbish bin and then remove the entire fleece, bellies and locks and place in the black bin/butt)?	Y/N	Y/N
Are the sheep/wool dry enough for shearing and classing?	Y/N	Y/N	Has wool handling staff been instructed to remove all stain on the board?	Y/N	Y/N
Have the sheep been "emptied out" prior to being run into the shed?	Y/N	Y/N	Is the wool presser familiar with the correct Bale Descriptions for pigmented, medullated and stained fibre?	Y/N	Y/N
Workplace Inspection and Preparation			Has the Wool Classer been informed of mobs that have run with Shedding Breeds?	Y/N	Y/N
Are the amenity areas clean (toilets/eating area/quarters)?	Y/N	Y/N	Wool Preparation and Handling		
Is there a First Aid kit?	Y/N	Y/N	Are there sufficient bins and/or butts available?	Y/N	Y/N
Is there adequate lighting for all work areas?	Y/N	Y/N	Is every bin (including Bin Code, if used), basket and butt clearly marked?	Y/N	Y/N
Are there defined locations for items that will be used for shearing?	Y/N	Y/N	Are the wool handlers aware of the contents of each bin or butt?	Y/N	Y/N
Are the shed and yards clean and free of contaminants?	Y/N	Y/N	Has the Wool Classer demonstrated and explained the required wool preparation standard to the wool handlers?	Y/N	Y/N
Has all baling twine/string been removed from the shed/yards?	Y/N	Y/N	Does the Wool Classer routinely review each line for uniformity?	Y/N	Y/N
Have all fertiliser/seed/feed bags and HDPE packs been removed from the shed?	Y/N	Y/N	Pressing Bales		
Are all wool preparation areas non-smoking?	Y/N	Y/N	Is each wool pack opened, shaken out and checked for faults and/or contamination before use?	Y/N	Y/N
Have suitable bins been provided in the designated smoking area?	Y/N	Y/N	Are the packs all made of Nylon and approved by AWEX (have AWEX pack label)?	Y/N	Y/N
Are there sufficient rubbish containers (that cannot be tipped over)?	Y/N	Y/N	Have the scales been checked against a known weight?	Y/N	Y/N
Are the brooms, paddles and sweeps in good condition?	Y/N	Y/N	Is the wool presser familiar with the type of press(es) being used?	Y/N	Y/N
Are there enough wool contamination bins (e.g. skin pieces, brands, black)?	Y/N	Y/N	Is the wool presser familiar with the contents, bale descriptions and bin code of each bin/line?	Y/N	Y/N
Are there enough holders for wool bins/butts?	Y/N	Y/N	Has the wool presser be provided with a list of bin codes?	Y/N	Y/N
Has all plant been checked for safety and good working condition?	Y/N	Y/N	Has the wool presser been briefed on the correct use (i.e. no side fastening) and number of bale fasteners (i.e. 4 on bottom flaps and 5 on top flaps)?	Y/N	Y/N
Are there enough AWEX approved wool packs?	Y/N	Y/N	Does the wool presser know the minimum and maximum bale weights?	Y/N	Y/N
Are there enough bale fasteners, stencil ink and/or marking pens?	Y/N	Y/N	Does the wool presser have access to newspaper for Bulk Class?	Y/N	Y/N
Is there adequate newspaper available for Bulk Class divisions?	Y/N	Y/N	Post Shearing Documentation		
Will On-Farm Fibre Measurement instruments be used during shearing?	Y/N	Y/N	Has the Specification been completed legibly and completely?	Y/N	Y/N
Are all chemicals in the woolshed stored correctly?	Y/N	Y/N	Do all bales have a description and bale number, and have they been entered in the Wool Book and Classer's Specification?	Y/N	Y/N
Pre Shearing Planning and Documentation			Does the Specification match/balance the Wool Book (including BC bales)?	Y/N	Y/N
Have discussions been held to establish any specific classing requirements?	Y/N	Y/N	Has the Wool Book been updated with loading details?	Y/N	Y/N
Are the previous season's test results and Wool Classer's Specification available to the Wool Classer?	Y/N	Y/N	Items that require Attention		
Has the wool grower/manager completed the mob detail of the National Wool Declaration prior to shearing and given it to Woolclasser?	Y/N	Y/N		Y/N	Y/N
Has/will the Wool Classer been informed of mob sequence, mob numbers and expected out-outs?	Y/N	Y/N		Y/N	Y/N
When using electronic Wool Classing documentation, is the latest software loaded and are all devices on site, e.g. smart phone, tablet, laptop, internet connection (if available) and power cables.	Y/N	Y/N		Y/N	Y/N
Is there adequate shed stationery: Wool Book(s), Tally Book(s), Classer's Specification(s) and NWD(s)?	Y/N	Y/N		Y/N	Y/N
The Woolclasser, the Stencil and Code of Practice				Y/N	Y/N
Is the Wool Classer registered and holds a current stencil/stamp/card?	Y/N	Y/N		Y/N	Y/N
Does the Wool Classer have his/her stencil/stamp/card in the shed?	Y/N	Y/N		Y/N	Y/N
Is there a Wool Classer's Code of Practice in the shed?	Y/N	Y/N		Y/N	Y/N
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 or non-skirted wool, stain in fleece, mixed categories, wet wool)?	Y/N	Y/N		Y/N	Y/N